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September 2024

Dear Saints,

We are nearly at the end of Summer! In most of Western Europe, life seems to wind down to a relaxed stroll during the Summer months. Not so at St Mary's. For us, it is one of the busiest periods of the year. It starts towards the end of Spring when baking, scones, cakes, jam, stalls, posters, deep freezers, helpers, volunteers and some other very practical and mundane things become central to our conversations. Yes, we are accelerating our preparation mode, firstly for the

annual Summer Teas and secondly for the Castle Fair. We are always looking for ways to be our best selves as we move toward these two communal events, which have fundraising, outreach, and worship elements.

Two weeks ago, we had the last of the six weeks of summer teas on Sunday afternoons. Reflecting on the Summer Teas 2024, we echo the psalmist's words, "Give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is gracious, for God's mercy endures forever."



Summer teas 2024

Elke zondag van 7 juli tot en met 11 augustus van 13.00 tot 16.30 Elgengebakken cakes, koffie en thee. Kapel open voor bezichtinging en info, Evening prayer om 16.00 uur.





Firstly, all the preparation paid off, as we made nearly € 1500 for this effort, which is a record for us. Secondly, we had literally dozens and dozens of people every week stopping for a cup, a bite, and a chat. Last but not least, despite a slow start, both Evening Prayer and Evensong services were well attended, with some record numbers attending the services. We, therefore, thank God for honouring our efforts.

The coming two weeks are hectic for us as we make our final arrangements for the Castle Fair. God is faithful, and I trust that God will bless all our efforts. Let us pray for oodles of energy, love and laughter for all who make the Fair possible.

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Visit

A bishop visited a primary school in his full episcopal attire – with his mitre, robes and bishop's crook or crozier. A little lad's mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop's visit to his school. The little boy replied: "It was great – now I know what a real crook looks like!"

Church Notices that didn't quite make it...

A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Sale.

A sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar's speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.

The Rector is on holiday this month. Local clergy will be celebrating with us all the Sundays that he is away.

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Forthcoming News

Castle Fair

14 September 2024

If you can help on the day before in setting up and/or on the day itself, please put your name on the list on the notice board in the hut.

Prayer for the charities that we support.

Please continue to pray for the charities we support:
"Our Daily Bread", working in Ukraine, "Young Achievers",
working with young people in Namibia, and the food bank
in Goor.

A Word from Wales

On Friday evening at 07:00pm, 23 August, I attended an extraordinary service, or maybe that should be, an event, at St Deiniol's Church called 'Pimms and Hymns'. Over the previous month, the congregation were invited to add their favourite hymn to a list placed on the church notice board. These were counted up, and the top fourteen hymns were arranged into two lists of five hymns and one of four. The reason for the last part containing only four became apparent at the event.

On arrival, participants were given a hymn book and a choice of Pimms or orange juice. Pimms, by the way, is gin mixed with fruit juice. With nearly a hundred people gathered, the rector opened the service with a brief introduction to a service dedicated to the simple enjoyment of the glorious range of hymns the Anglican church has accumulated over its four hundred years plus of history. Then, the huge pipe organ began, and we all stood to sing. We all sat at the end of the hymn and sipped our drinks while the following hymn was announced. By the fifth hymn, most of us had given up on standing. Not, I hasten to add, due to the effect of the Pymns, but more to do with ageing knees.

There was a short break after the fifth hymn before we launched into the second set of five hymns. The toilets at St. Deiniols are about as far from the church as they are at St Mary's Chapel. Hence, after the second set of five, there was another short break. At the end of the remaining four hymns, the fifth song was Calon Lan, the unofficial anthem of Wales, sung at all the national rugby matches. Except for me, everyone there could pronounce the words and that glorious song was sung at full, joyous

volume. I am not ashamed to admit that I had tears in my eyes at the beauty of the sound. Going out afterwards, I heard many people remarking how much they enjoyed themselves and asking if it could be repeated next year. Maybe an idea for the Chapel?

Here is the first verse of Calon Lan to try.

Calon lan yn llawn daioni Tecach yw n'r lili dlos Dim ond calon lan all ganu Canu'rdydd a chanu'r nos



Magazine Payments

St. Mary's Magazine plays a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed on what is going on in their church and the chapel community. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the magazine, issued ten times a year, an annual donation of €15 will help to cover printing costs. If you cannot pick up your copy in the chapel and want to have it posted to you, we need to ask for an additional donation of €20 to cover postage.

Payments Due

With the start of the new year the call has to go out again for those people who receive a paper copy, to make their annual donation. During 2020, Lub Gringhuis took over the job of arranging the printing. With some skilful home printing and costing the magazine for the covered its costs. With Lub's skilled management and your prompt donations, the magazine will survive.

Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercessions, or who is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact one of the Churchwardens or the Chaplain, before the Service. Alternatively, if you want to have someone included in the intercessions you could contact the Intercessor via the Prayer Request Tool on the Chapel Website. The Chaplain, the Wardens and the Intercessor will simultaneously receive your message via this tool. The link below will take you directly to the Prayer Request. http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%

20readings/prayers%20requests.html 5

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Don't allow anxiety to kill you. Let the church help.

Don't miss the Young Wives' Victorian evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.

Cucumber

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. "Sorry, mum," he confessed. "I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer."

Not all

Dear Vicar: I know that God loves everyone, but He has never met my sister. Love Peter (aged 7)

Unseen

A small girl greeting her father on his return from a journey by air and learning that he had flown above the clouds, asked if he had seen God. "Well, no," said her father, "you can't see God like that because He doesn't have a body."

"Oh," she said, with pity and disappointment, "only head and legs?"

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(Continued from page 5) Bible sense Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks. When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel. Later he looked it up: 'And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down."

Golf

"I play Second World War golf," one clergyman confessed to another. "You know - out in 39 and back in 45."

Permission

Extract from an official letter notifying residents of a new boundary road: "It is hoped to take the new by-pass through the old cemetery, provided we can get permission from the various bodies concerned."

Egg

What did the egg in the monastery say?

On the impossibility of keeping silence in church

The Rectory
St James the Least

On why you should never replace your hymn books

My dear Nephew Darren

I am surprised you are considering buying a new set of hymn books for your

church. I had assumed everything you sang would be projected on to one of those screens which are invariably placed to obscure the altar.

In my - fortunately limited - experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but from another edition, which will contain either one verse too many or one too few. Should the hymn run to two pages, then the turnover always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started, so that the congregation is faced with the snap decision of either trying to sing two lines at double time, or just to join in late, making a nonsense of the words.

When we decided to change hymn books some years ago, the reverberations made the consequences of that little event in Sarajevo seem insignificant. The proposal was to move from Hymns Ancient and More Ancient to the more recent version: Hymns Ancient and Slightly Less Ancient.

Colonel Wainwright said he would be happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies those they sang at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thines' or 'wouldsts'. The basses in the choir wanted hymns they knew the tenors found difficult and those who couldn't read music wanted more hymns sung in unison. When a rumour started that the books may contain hymns written in the last 50 years, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village.

Eventually we reached a perfect compromise: doing something which made no change whatsoever. Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. She put a note on the front of every copy that if the page for the hymn they wanted was missing, they should share with the person sitting next to them - an experience which will be almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace. Yet another decision has

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thereby been deferred for a Church Council to make some time next century. Harmony reigns once again.

Your loving uncle

Eustace



Strangers

On my way to the shops or church, I drive past the entrance gate of a factory. Before the gate, a man usually stands there, shabby-clothed and with hair uncombed, looking at something in an invisible distance. Sometimes, I wave at him, and he seems disturbed, not understanding why I am waving. But sometimes, he grins at me, which I translate to be a smile. And very rarely, he waves at me.

The weather can be very hot or cold, or it can rain, but he stands there and looks into an invisible distance for me. And I don't know how long he has already stood there, but his hair has become grey, and his face is wrinkled.

One day, I was not going to the shops in my car, but I was walking. I decided not to pass him in silence but to greet him. He looked at me, gave me a grin, and said nothing. So I passed him without saying more because I was afraid to disturb his peaceful watching toward the faraway emptiness.

Over the years, he has stood there in the rain and snow or in the burning sun. I have seen people, who I think are workers from the factory, standing next to him and sharing their lunch with him.

And always when I pass him, I wave with my hand, and I don't care if he waves back or not. But he gives me a good feeling. I can not precisely determine why that is happening, but it makes me happy. In the periods he is not standing there, I miss him and pray he is not ill.

When I was a child, we lived in a small village, and you greeted everyone you passed, knowing them or not. "Moi." That also gave me a good feeling. I still look in the streets at the people who pass me and sometimes nod my head or smile. And very often, I get a smile or nod back., which also, gives me a good feeling. Try this out yourself, and let me know how that works for you.

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"Out of the frying pan and into the friar."

Last words
The Seven Last
Words of the
Church: "We never
did it like that
before."

Eating out
After the fall in
Garden of Eden,
Adam was walking
with his sons Cain
and Abel.

As they passed by the ruins of the Garden of Eden, one of the boys asked, "Father, what's that?"

Adam replied, "Boys, that's where your mother ate us out of house and home."

Where?

The poster in the bus shelter read:
Where will you be on Judgment Day?

The graffiti below read: Still waiting for the Stafford bus.

Children's understanding of the Bible can have a charm all its own...

A deacon is a mass of inflammable material.

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Forthcoming Services

If you are unable to come to church on the day that you are on duty, please swop with someone else and let the wardens know

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10:30 Eucharist Trinity 14

CelebrantRevd. Jacqueline WilliamsPreacherLay Minister Simone Yallop

Duty WardenIntercessor:Jeanet LuitenJoyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Erica Bonting Song of Solomon 2. 8-13

Psalm 45. 1-2, 6-9

Joyce Wigboldus James 1, 17-end

Gospel Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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10.30 Eucharist Trinity 15

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty WardenIntercessor:Jeanet LuitenSimone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Jan de Beij Proverbs 22. 1-2, 2-8, 9, 22,23

Psalm 19. 1-6

James 2, 1-10, [11-13],14-17,

Gospel Mark 7. 24-end

September 15 2024

10:30 Eucharist Trinity 16

Celebrant Revd. Jacqueline Williams
Preacher Simone Yallop

Duty Warden:Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor

Lea Meijnen

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Linda ten Berge Proverbs 1. 20-33

Psalm 19

Rita Kizito James 3. 1-12

Gospel Mark 8. 27-end

September 22 2024

10:30 Eucharist Dedication Festival

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty WardenIntercessor:Jeanet LuitenJoyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Patrick Saridjan Proverbs 31. 10-end

Psalm 1

Arthur Cass James 3. 13- 14,3, 7-8a

Gospel Mark 9. 30-37

September 29 2024

10:30 Eucharist Healing Service

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty WardenJeanet Luiten

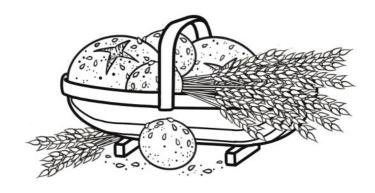
Intercessor:
Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Eliza Hannan Genesis 28, 11-18

Psalm 122

Louw Talstra 1 Peter 2. 1-10
Gospel John 10. 22.29



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The Pharisees
fasted in public,
but in private
they devoured
widows' houses.

Today wild beasts are confined to Theological Gardens.

The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so St Paul got stoned

Iran is the Bible of the Moslems.

Miscellaneous observations on daily life...

The secret to a clean kitchen is simple. Don't cook. Ever.

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Microchips: What's left at the bottom of the bag.

The inventor of the doorbell obviously did not own a dog.

Legal Humour When lawyers get married, they don't say 'I do', they say, 'I accept the terms and conditions'.

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Faithful to Scripture, Faithful to Science:

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Alister McGrath is well-known as a theologian, but he started out as a scientist. After becoming a Christian as a student, he wanted to learn about his new faith, so he studied theology at the same time as completing his PhD in molecular biophysics. He has not lost touch with science but has continued to write and speak about how science and Christian faith work together. In this extract from a recently released interview, he shares his experience of being a scientist and a Christian.

"I think my most vivid experience of wonder took place in the 1970s when I was on vacation in Iran. We were travelling on a bus in the middle of the night because it wasn't hot then, and the bus broke down. We found ourselves in the middle of this solemn black desert, and the night sky shone with a brilliance like I had never seen before. That just overwhelmed me, and it made me think there is something really wonderful here.

"Now, I was a Christian by that time, and I knew how Christianity could answer that, but it just struck me that sense of wonder has two possible outcomes. One is science—this universe is wonderful, what's it all about? But of course, it is also about religion, the deeper levels of things that science can't really engage. I think one of the things I have discovered over time is that maybe this sense of wonder both opens the gateway to science and to faith and that those two together can answer questions which they simply couldn't on their own.

"I think science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often, when you do answer them, they simply open yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer - they transcend its capacities to answer, and you might think of non-empirical questions like, 'Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is good, and how do I live a good life?'

"These are real questions, and they're good questions but not scientific ones. Psychologists tell us that we really need answers to those questions if we are to lead a fulfilled human existence. You find some scientists who say, 'Well because science can't answer them there are no answers to be given', but actually most realise that there are answers waiting to be discovered - it's just that science can't deliver them.

"Science fills in part of a big picture but there are parts of the picture you have to fill in from somewhere else. Science is part of the answer but only part, and faith supplements it, (Continued from page 10)

giving us a vision of life that is exciting and reliable, and also something that we can inhabit meaningfully."

Find more on wondersofthelivingworld.org



The Rt Reverend Timothy Dudley Smith 26 December 1926 - 12 August 2024

When I first came to St Mary's Chapel and embraced Anglicanism, my father's faith, I was fascinated by the Hymns of Common Praise. At the end of each hymn, there was the name of the hymnist and the dates of their life, if known. Here were the names of people I had known from history and others unknown to me yet fascinating. One of these names was Timothy Dudley Smith, whose name appeared at the end of so many of the hymns I loved, followed by the year of his birth, 1926. I mused about who he was and whether he could still be alive. Maybe I should have listened to the chaplain's carefully crafted sermon rather than browsing the hymn book.

At Hymns and Pimms, the Rector of St. Deiniols announced that Timothy Dudley Smith, the hymnist of several of the hymns we were to sing that evening, had recently passed away. When I returned home, I had to search the internet for Obituaries to learn more about the man. Below, I have placed the essential details. I urge you to read the many online newspaper obituaries on a fascinating man who served the Church of England and its music for most of his life. Yet, he claimed that he could neither sing nor write music.

Timothy Dudley Smith died on 12 August in Cambridge, where he retired in 2019. He was a priest, a bishop and a hymnist who wrote over 450 hymns. Browsing through Common Praise, you will find many beloved hymns such as 'Tell out my Soul' and 'Lord for the Years.

Born in Manchester to Phyllis and Arthur Dudley Smith. His father was a schoolmaster who instilled a lasting love for poetry in his son. Timothy Dudley Smith studied maths and theology at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He was ordained as a priest in 1951. He married June MacDonald in 1959, who sadly passed away in 2007. He is survived by their three children and four grandchildren. His son is an ordained priest in the Church of England.

Timothy Dudley Smith served as Archdeacon of Norwich from 1973 to 1981 and Bishop of Thetford from 1981 to 1991.

@Blair Charles

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What did the judge say to his dentist?
"Pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth."

Judge: "Where do you work?"
Defendant: "Here and there."
Judge: "What do you do for a living?"
Defendant: "This and that."
Judge: "Take him away."
Defendant: "Wait!
When will I get out?"
Judge: "Sooner or later."

First is the worst

A physician, an engineer and a lawyer are discussing their professions, trying to determine which has been around the longest.

The doctor says,
"The good book
states that Eve was
created from one
of Adam's ribs.
That would've
required the first
surgery. So doctors
were here first."

"Nope!" the engineer says. "It also said that God created the heavens and the earth before Adam and Eve. That required a ton of plans and engineering work,

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The lawyer laughs. "Sorry, guys. Lawyers were here long before all that. If you read a little closer, you'll see that it says, 'In the beginning, there was chaos."

The doctor and engineer share a confused look. "So?"
"Well," the lawyer replies triumphantly, "Who do you think created chaos?"

Cats and dogs Behind every cat that crosses the street, a dog says, "Go ahead, you can make it."

Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

Car Insurance
I renewed my car
insurance over
the phone today,
and as I was
about to hang up,
the woman on the
other end asked
if I had a pet.
I said, "Yes, I've
got a dog."

The coming of Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer

Some 75 years ago, on 1st September 1949, the Christmas song Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was released. It was sung by the American movie star and singer Gene Autry, nicknamed the "Singing Cowboy".

The song was adapted from a poem/story written by Robert L May for a children's colouring book: it was an assignment given to him by his employers, the Chicago-based Montgomery Ward retail group. It was published in 1939, and 2.4 million copies were distributed free in its first year.

May initially considered Rollo or Reginald for his 'ugly duck' reindeer but eventually settled on Rudolph. Concerned about making the reindeer distinctive, he looked out of his office window when a thick fog blocked his view. This gave him the idea for Rudolph's bright red nose, enabling Santa to see where he was going.

Robert May's four-year-old daughter was used as a sounding board while he created the story. Still, it was initially rejected, partly because of the unfortunate associations of a red nose with chronic drunkenness at the time. However, May's friend and colleague, Denver Gillen, drew a 'cute reindeer', which persuaded the managers to go for the idea.

The story-poem was turned into a song by May's brother-inlaw, Johnny Marks. Several famous singers rejected it, but Gene Autry took it on, and his recording reached No. 1 on the Billboard chart for pop singles in the week of Christmas 1949. It sold 2.5 million copies in the first year. Up to the 1980s, it was the second best-selling record of all time.

The United States Postal Service issued a series of postage stamps featuring Rudolph on 6th November 2014.

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9th September St Peter Claver - Compassion for slaves

Here is a saint for anyone with a social conscience. Claver was born in 1581 near Barcelona at Verdú, and at 20 became a Jesuit. He went as a missionary to New Granada. He worked to alleviate the terrible suffering of the slaves who arrived from West Africa, caged like animals. (It was said that you could smell the stench of a slave ship while it was still seven miles from shore.) Claver helped the poor wretches who survived long enough to reach dry land. He gave them food and medicine as well as spiritual comfort. He is said to have cared for and baptised 300,000 slaves. What a difference one life can make to thousands of people! @Parish Pump

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September, as you are aware by now, is Stewardship month. A time when we reflect on what good Stewardship is for us as individuals and as a chaplaincy. We have updated our parish information, of which you will receive both hard and soft copies.

The annual ecumenical service, when we pray for world peace, will this year take place at the Hofkerk on the 15th September, 2024. September is also the month when we celebrate the 37th year since the dedication of St Mary's Chapel. To intensify our experience, September has five Sundays this year when one of our services is also a healing service. So be prepared to be inspired and challenged by the Holy Spirit this month.

Yours in Christ as always,

Revd Jacque Williams



How are you? I hope you are well?

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers all those messages we get...

Everyone with me sends you greetings. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace, be with you all. Titus 3:15

I sometimes receive emails from complete strangers who ask me how I am and sometimes add that they hope I am well. The person adds a '?' although it is not a question (and I suspect they are not at all interested in my well-being but in my money!).

'How are you?' is usually just a way of saying 'hello'. No one really wants an answer, and definitely not a long, detailed answer! Curiously, we sometimes start a conversation with a question we do not wish to answer; other times, when we do want to know how a person is, we never quite get through to them.

It is easier to say, "Yes, fine, thanks, how are you?"- when we are not fine. Or we can throw the question straight back: "I am ok, what about you?." But sometimes, we all need to be able to say, "I am not doing ok. I need to talk," when we need to have someone to talk to.

I like it that nowadays, you can say a key phrase that sounds out a distress call. For example, victims of abuse can ask "Is so and so in?", in a pub or café and the staff will immediately know that that person needs help. There is also a silent hand signal that people in trouble can give, to alert others that they are in danger. This is also excellent and may have saved many lives.

Perhaps in church we also need a way of being honest in our replies, whether it is: "I am not doing well and I want to have a rant" or "I am worried but I am not ready to chat now".

Anyway, how are you? Do tell.

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She said, "Would you like to insure him too?" I said, "Don't be silly. He can't drive!"

Bag for Life
Why do supermarkets
charge the same for a
Bag for Life,
irrespective of how old
you are when you buy
it?

Karl Marx's Sister
Karl Marx is a
historically famous
philosopher, but no one
ever mentions his
sister, Onya, the
inventor of the
starting pistol...

Multiply
Noah opened the ark
and let all the animals
out, telling them to
"Go forth and
multiply!"
He began to close the
ark's great doors when
he noticed two snakes

still sitting in a dark

corner.
Concerned, he said to them: "Didn't you hear me? You can go now. Go forth and multiply."
"We can't," said the snakes sadly. "We're adders."

The Christening
A little girl caught the minister's attention while watching her baby brother being christened in church. She whispered, "Behind his ears, too, please."

Each in His Own Tongue

A fire-mist and a planet,
A crystal and a cell,
A jelly-fish and a saurian,
And caves where the cave-men dwell;
Then a sense of law and beauty
And a face turned from the cold—
Some call it Evolution,
And others call it God.

Like tides on a crescent sea-beach,
When the moon is new and thin,
Into our hearts high yearnings
Come welling and surging in—
Come from the mystic ocean,
Whose rim no foot has trod,—
Some of us call it Longing,
And others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite, tender sky,
The ripe rich tint of the cornfields,
And the wild geese sailing high —
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the golden-rod —
Some of us call it Autumn
And others call it God.

by William Herbert Carruth

An American educator and poet. William Herbert Carruth taught at the University of Kansas and Stanford University.

Born: 5 Apríl 1859, Osawatomie, Kansas, United States **Díed:** 15 December 1924 (age 65 years)

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Donations and Bequests

The policy of the Anglican Church Twente is to use donations and bequests to help fund significant development projects in the Chaplaincy, whether buildings, equipment, staff, or other major needs. As circumstances change over the years, it may not be possible to fulfil specific donor requests, so church members are encouraged to make donations and leave legacies for the general purposes of the Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy Council will discuss with donors or their executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church: for example, children & youth, music, buildings.

Donations or bequests can be paid into the current account of the Anglican Church Twente, ABN AMRO Lochem, IBAN: NL62ABNA0593634012.

Mission Statement

Founded in 1979, the Anglican Church Twente belongs to the Church of England's Diocese in Europe. The Church of England forms a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion of more than 80 million people

The Anglican Church Twente, based at St Mary's Chapel, Weldam provides a Christian ministry in the East Netherlands. Most of the congregation live in the towns and villages of the East Netherlands and across the border in Germany. Some come from further afield.

The Anglican Church Twente holds a service every Sunday at 10:30 am in English. The church offers Holy Communion to all baptized Christians, Sunday School to nurture and educate children in the Christian faith, and a warm welcome to people of all nationalities.

The main aims of the Anglican Church Twente are to:

- † Offer Christian worship by the rites of the Church of England in the English language.
- † Provide pastoral care to all who are in need of such help.
- † Promote a lively fellowship among those who attend the services.
- † Support outreach in Christian ministry wherever there is a need.

Stewardship

We are a self-supporting church and raise all income from our giving and stewardship. As God has blessed us, we thank Him by giving accordingly.

A Prayer for St Mary's

Almighty and everlasting God
Creator and ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
Hear our prayer for the St Mary's family.
Strengthen our faith,
Fashion our lives according to the example of your Son,
And grant that we may show the power of your love,
To all among whom we live.
Inspire us in our worship and witness,
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,
And bring us all to be of one heart and mind
Within your Holy Church
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit
One God, now and forever,
Amen.



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