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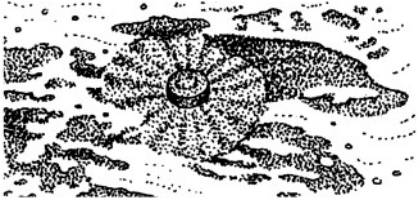
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November 2024

Dear Saints,

I suppose we are all aware of the very popular sayings, groans or self-talk; when we are stuck or find ourselves robbed of our ability to change situations in complicated and sometimes painful relationships or settings, we would say to ourselves or be advised by family or friends, to "just let go" or "just move on, it is not worth it." Or "forgive, forget and move on". Or "try not to think about it." We are advised that because we cannot it change the past, let us move on as it is what it is; there is nothing we can do about

My present personal favourite; "I am too old for this, ... really, I am too old for this, ... when are we going to learn, ... never!"

Does the above contradict what is expected of us as Christians? A people who are encouraged to stand in the midst of life, a life that has a living past, a vibrant present and a life-giving future. A life full of unexpected twists and turns, a life built on a relationship with a God who is always the same yet ever-changing?

As followers of Christ, we are encouraged to remember to hold on to what is right and true to do good, as that is what God expects from us and has revealed to us in nature through God's love for us in Jesus Christ our Lord and God's love for the world through us loving our neighbours as ourselves.

We are particularly reminded to look at the example of those who are martyred for the sake of and because they refuse to believe that the whole created order does not belong to God and, therefore, that we all have or should have equal access to its benefits. We are to remember those who were willing in all their lives to witness God's purpose for us, which is to live in God's righteousness. Those who connected with God's holiness in such a way that it became evident to all who had eyes to see. (All Saints- Sunday 3 November)

We are also encouraged to remember our loved ones. To deal with our sense of loss. To be comforted knowing that God understands our need to mourn and yet reminding us that remembering is also celebrating the lives of our deceased loved ones. (All Souls Sunday 10 November)

We are further reminded to remember the folly which has become part of our perpetual need to group ourselves over and above other people and groups and how
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Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque on the church's side wall. The plaque was covered with names and seemed to fascinate the seven-year-old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally asked, "Which service, 9 or 11 o'clock?"

Say that again?

A woman telephoned her Bank and spoke to the official who looked after her holdings. "I want to make some changes," she said.

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Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Nelly who was baptized at St. Mary's. We welcome Nelly into the fellowship of faith.

Prayer for peace in the world

Please continue to pray for peace in the world.

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. Please also continue to bring non-perishable food items for the food bank collection in church.

The "Our Daily Bread" charity have the following prayer request for this week.

"Pray for the work of our partner Oleg Usatiuk in Kyiv who provides pastoral and spiritual support to soldiers and their families in his work as a military chaplain."

Confirmation There will be a confirmation service on 23rd November in Rotterdam. The chaplain has begun confirmation classes. Please pray for the two confirmation candidates Nelly and Hennie.

Shoebox action This year we are again taking part in the shoebox action. The idea is that we decorate and fill shoeboxes with items for children. The shoeboxes will be taken to children in Africa, Eastern Europe, or in a refugee camp, to give to them at Christmas. There is a pile of empty shoeboxes in the Hut. Inside each shoebox you will find the a leaflet explaining which items are suitable to be placed in the box. Please bring the decorated and filled shoeboxes back to church by Sunday 10th November 2024. This is so that the boxes can be taken to the collection point in time for delivery to the children. Details of the shoebox action can be found via the following link: <https://schoendoosactie.nl/>

Forthcoming dates:

- Sunday 3rd November 2024: All Saints' Day
- Sunday 10th November 2024: Remembrance Sunday combined with All Souls' Day (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)
- Saturday 23rd November 2024: Confirmation at 14:00 at St. Mary's Rotterdam
- Sunday 24th November 2024: Christ the King
- Sunday 1st December 2024: Advent Sunday

This year we are combining **All Souls' Day** (when we remember our faithful departed) with **Remembrance Sunday** (when we remember those who have died in wars and armed conflicts since the First World War). Please send the names of those people you would like to be mentioned on 10th November, during the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, to Simone

Poppies

Poppies are now on sale in the Hut in preparation for Remembrance Sunday.

Chaplaincy Briefing

The October issue of the Chaplaincy Briefing, from the Diocese in Europe is now available
Simone Yallop

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>

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The official needed more details. "Are you interested in Conversion or Redemption?" he asked.

"Good heavens", came the reply. "I must have got the wrong number. I wanted the Bank of England, not the Church of England."

What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar to talk about the day's importance. He asked, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?"

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: "He's the one you can move diagonally."

When children tell Bible stories

(real-life efforts that didn't quite make it...)

* St John, the blacksmith, dumped water on Jesus' head.

* Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.

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* Jesus ruled that "a man doth not live by sweat alone."

* It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

* The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

* One of the opossums was St Matthew, who was also a taximan.

As for those signs found outside churches:

* Church car park sign... This is for MEMBERS ONLY.

Trespassers will be baptized!!

* No God - No Peace.
Know God - Know Peace.

* Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!

* Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

* Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten

On why the C of E should never combine parishes

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages.

I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term - which in this village is measured in centuries - it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the 21st century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building.

The threat of the closure of St Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage - not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so *like* to have a church not to go to.

The church of St Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19th century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894.

(Although it must be conceded that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.)

Meanwhile St Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mothers' Union.



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The church of St Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



How to avoid back pain.

When you spend long hours in your car, like going to church on Sunday mornings, but also on a train (a plane would also be a possibility, but church-going is slightly overdone, I would say), it's easy to develop neck cricks or back spasms that can actually interrupt your listening to the sermon and spoil your pleasure in singing the hymns. So whether you are driving or just along for the ride, it's healthiest for your back if you sit at about a 105° angle - leaning slightly back - rather than at a straight 90° angle. You should also adjust your seat so your knees are slightly higher than your back and hips if driving. This relieves pressure on your back and hips. If you're a passenger, do the same by either moving your seat or putting your feet up on a small bag.

If your journey, flight, train or bus ride, is longer than an hour, or you tend toward neck pain, roll a blanket or sweater to about the diameter of your clenched fist. Tuck it lengthwise behind your neck while you're seated to maintain the area's natural curve. You can do this in a hotel, too, if the pillows aren't comfortable. There are pillows in the church, but I fear you would disappear from the priest's sight because the pews' backs are too low.

You may have learned to drive with your hands at 10 and 2 (clock positions). However, dropping your hands to the 8 and 4 positions is better for your neck and shoulders. Better yet, use your car's armrests for support if you have them. It is also essential to save your arm muscles, for it is very

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Commandments are inscribed.
'For fast relief,
take two tablets.'

* When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'

* A singing group called 'The Resurrection' was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the minister fixed the outside sign to read, 'Resurrection is postponed - due to snow.'

* Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

* Weight Watchers will meet in the church lounge at 7pm next Wednesday. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

* Thursday at 10am, there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become little Mothers are welcome to meet our new minister in the vicarage...

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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

November 3 2024

10:30 Eucharist	All Saints
Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden Jeanet Luiten	Intercessor: Elisabeth vd Heide
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Arthur Cass	Wisdom 3.1-9 or Isaiah 25.6-9 Psalm 24. 1-6
Diane Wesselink	Revelation 21. 1-6a
Gospel	John 11. 32-44

November 10 2024

10.30 Eucharist	Remembrance Sunday/All Souls
Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden Jeanet Luiten	Intercessor: Lea Meijnen
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Louw Talstra	Jonah 3. 1-5,10 Psalm 62.5-end
Jaccolien Molenaar	Hebrews 9. 24-end
Gospel	Mark 1. 14-20

November 17. 2024

10:30 Eucharist	2nd before Advent
Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden: Jeanet Luiten	Intercessor Jeanet Luiten
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Erica Bonting	Daniel 12.1-3 Psalm 16
Joyce Wigboldus	Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25
Gospel	Mark 13.1-8

November 24 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Christ the King

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Jan de Beij

Readings

Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Lea Meijnen

Revelation 1. 4b-8

Gospel

John 18.33-37

December 1 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Advent 1

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Diane Wesselink

Readings

Jeremiah. 33.14-16

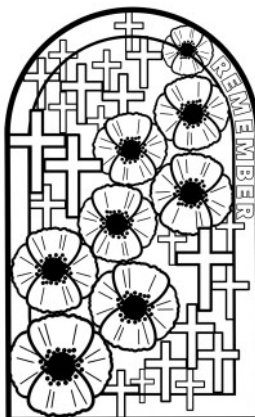
Psalm 25.1-9

Rita Kizito

1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end

Gospel

Luke 21. 25-36



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Children's Kitchen Terms

BOIL: The point a parent reaches upon hearing the automatic "Yuck" before a food is even tasted.

CASSEROLE: Combination of favourite foods that go uneaten because they are mixed together.

DESSERT: The reason for eating a meal.

EVAPORATE: Magic trick performed by children when it comes time to clear the table or wash dishes.

FRUIT: A natural sweet that is good for you, not to be confused with dessert.

REFRIGERATOR
A costly and inefficient room air conditioner when not being used as an art gallery.

SODA POP:
Shake 'N Spray.

TABLE LEG:
Percussion instrument.

And finally...
An atheist has no invisible means of support.

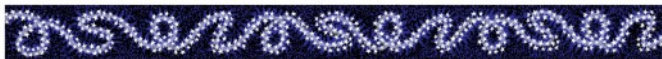
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awkward if your hymnal slips out of your cramped fingers and drops on the floor with a loud thump. To fetch it up, you have to lay flat on the bench on your stomach to pick it up again.

Another thing is recommended if you are bringing a rolling suitcase. (The sermon may be so long you are falling asleep). Push the suitcase in front of you - like a shopping cart (but with one hand, if you like) - rather than pulling it behind you. This is much gentler on your back, shoulder and arm muscles. When the church door is left open, a cool air stream may be straight into your neck. A cold air draft can tighten muscles and create neck pain later on. Blankets in the church are available, so don't hesitate to ask for one.

On the long car drive home, your back is idle enough that fluids creep into the discs. As fluids enlarge discs, they become more vulnerable to injury. So, if you log many kilometres, don't jump out of the car and immediately hoist your luggage or pick up your grandkids. Instead, take a few minutes to walk or do gentle stretches to reduce the fluid buildup. Simple moves - but your body will thank you for them the week before the next service or vacation.

@Erica Bonting



The remarkable usefulness of Allen keys

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

We all need practical skills, and they are not always easily gained.

I seem to spend a lot of time assembling flat pack furniture of one type or another. The trick is to look and sound as though you know what you are doing, even though any skills are gained through trial and error. It is surprising how many household projects require an Allen key, which if you have not seen one, is an L shaped rod with a hexagon end which fits into an identical sized recess in the top of a screw. You can use the longer or shorter arm depending on the job needs extra force or speed.

The idea of a hexagon socket screw was probably thought of as early as the 1860s to 1890s, but such screws were not widely manufactured until around 1910. In 1909-1910, William G. Allen also patented a method of screw heads which had a hexagonal recessed die. The key that he lent his

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name to fits nicely into the head of the screw, is cheap and easy to use.

When you are called on to do some DIY, especially after someone has had a go, the best thing is to refer to the instructions and keep all your Allen keys together in one place so you can easily find them. They come in different sizes.

Bibles come in different sizes, languages, modern and old. They also fit into the hand nicely, are easy to use and contain important instructions on how any and all of us should live.
© David Pickup, a solicitor, considers how things work

All Saints' Day - the Feast Day of all the Redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, resulting in All Saints' Day standing out with a prominence that it had never had before. This feast day began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th-century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries, devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection. The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

*He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom forever I must be...*

*As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet...*

*The heavenly hosts, a world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?**

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

*(Maurice Frost (ed.), *Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern* (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.

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The way Bernard Shaw believed in himself was so very refreshing in these atheistic days when so many people believe in no God at all.
(I Zangwill)

Have you heard about the agnostic dyslexic insomniac who lay awake at night wondering: "Is there a Dog?"

People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

A sexton is a man who minds his keys and pews.

Dear Paddy, The Vicar here thinks very highly of your father. He's given him a job so important that he has five hundred men under him. He's cutting grass in the churchyard.

I'm not C of E. I'm from the Methyated church.

Tractors

A little girl was watching her daddy repair his tractor. She asked her mother, "What happens to old tractors when they finally stop working?"

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Sighing, her mother answered:

"Someone sells them to your father, dear."

Cabinet

My granddad always said, "When one door closes, another door opens." Lovely man. Terrible cabinet maker.

**Somebody tell the Pope!
In the Year of 1981:**

Prince Charles got married
Liverpool F.C. were crowned
Champions of Europe
Australia lost the Ashes
tournament
The Pope died

In the Year of 2005:

Prince Charles got married
Liverpool F.C. were crowned
Champions of Europe
Australia lost the Ashes
tournament
The Pope died
So, if Prince Charles ever decides to remarry, will somebody please warn the Pope...?

Nobody's Perfect

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that disconnect makes us agents of death. We are reminded that even at our worst, God calls us to choose life. (Remembrance Day Sunday, 10 November)

We are a people of The Way on the way, on a journey of discovery, change and transformation, living the life! "I came that you may have life and have it to its fullest" and "I came to save sinners". (All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Day).

So, in these weird and oh-so-wonderful moments, let us rejoice and give thanks to God for Nellie as she came to profess her faith in God's life-giving grace through her Baptism into the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

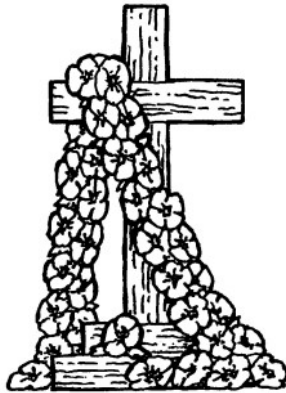
Let us celebrate with James Keuben and his family as he is ordained into the priesthood on the 9 November.

Last but not least, let us celebrate with Hennie and Nellie as they prepare themselves to publicly acknowledge the gift of the Holy Spirit in their lives through the laying on of hands and the anointing of oil by the bishop at their Confirmation on 23 November.

God is active in our midst; let us celebrate.

Yours in Christ, as always,

Revd Jacque



Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 10th November, and Remembrance Day on Monday 11th.

Remembrance - and Gratitude

This year's Remembrance includes several significant dates from past wars.

2024 marks the 110th anniversary of the start of World War I.

2024 marks 80 years since D-Day. The Normandy Landings of 6th June were the largest seaborne invasion in history. The beginning of the Allied invasion of Normandy led to France's liberation and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front.

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2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy, the bloodiest battle of the Italian Campaign, when Allied forces finally broke through the Germans' notorious 'Gustav Line' and freed Route Six and the way to Rome.

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the battles for Kohima and Imphal, where in northeast India, the Imperial Japanese Army was held off by much smaller numbers of British and Indian troops. In Kohima alone, the defenders held off a staggering 25 Japanese attacks over 14 days in appalling conditions. When Indian troops arrived to relieve the defenders, the Japanese encirclement was broken. Amongst the liberators was Havildar Major Rajindar Singh Dhatt of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps from the Punjab.

2024 also marks the 80th anniversary of Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands, when the Allies managed to free Eindhoven and Nijmegen but famously failed to capture the bridge at Arnhem. (The story is told in the film *A Bridge Too Far*)

As the British Legion says, "While D-Day was fundamental to the Allied victory, the Second World War was not won on any single day - or battle - and we will recognise and pay tribute to all who served from the British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and allied nations, such as those who served in the Battles of Monte Cassino, Imphal and Kohima, Operation Market Garden and the Scheldt.

This year, the British Legion also looks beyond the Second World War to Kosovo and Afghanistan.

It wants to pay tribute to those who served and currently serve in Kosovo 25 years after the deployment of the NATO peacekeeping force, KFOR, and to those who served in Afghanistan, as this year marks 10 years since the end of Operation Herrick.

@Parish Pump

With our Christian pilgrimage in mind

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to evaporate. - *Albert Schweitzer*

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away your ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer. - *Corrie ten Boom*

Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair. - *GK Chesterton*

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The preacher was sounding off from the pulpit. 'Nobody is perfect,' he said. 'Hands up anyone here who is perfect.'

There was no response from the congregation, so he tried again. 'Hands up anyone who is perfect.'

A little man towards the back slowly raised his hand.

'Are you telling me you're perfect?' asked the preacher.

'No, I'm speaking on behalf of my wife's first husband,' came the reply.

As Good a Reason as Any...

At a mass at which three nuns were taking their final vows, the presiding Bishop noticed two Jewish rabbis enter the church just before the service began. They insisted on sitting on the right side of the church.

After the service, the Bishop's curiosity got the better of him.

During the announcements, he welcomed the two rabbis and asked why they had chosen to be present when the three nuns were to become 'Brides of Christ'.

One of the rabbis slowly rose to his feet and explained: 'Family of the Groom'.

Young Sons

*A mother takes down a photo
And she holds it to her breast
Just has she'd done the child it shows
The little boy she'd washed and dressed.*

*She remembers how his hair felt
His soft scent still fills her nose.
And once again she curses,
the path her young son chose.*

*With boyish smile, and happiness
he'd picked the shilling and the gun
she remembered still the fear and dread
when he told her what he'd done.*

*Yet she'd smiled and waved him off
as only a loving mother could
If God was good, her smiling son
would return as young sons should.*

*But then fickle fate, it knows no God
it makes its judgments where it will
and IEDs they don't discriminate
about who they should maim or kill.*

*So young sons often come home
fulfilling all their mothers fears
Not with happy smiles and laughter
but, draped in flags and mother's tears.*

Bill Mitton



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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.

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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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