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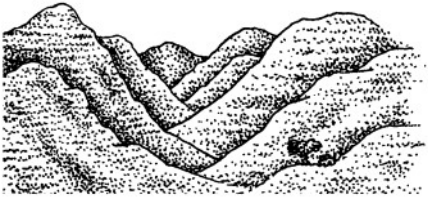
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February 2025

The Chaplain Writes

Dear Saints,

As mentioned in our December edition, 2025 is the 1700th year since the construction of the Nicene Creed. This creed takes us straight back to the Bible and particularly to the beginning of the gospel of John, where the writer opens his witness or his proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ; he states that this man, Jesus, was none other than Godself; the Incarnate God; God in our midst in flesh and blood.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him, not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ... And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

So if the Bible is so clear, at least from John's perspective, why was a creed like the one birthed in Nicea needed?

This is how our bishop, Robert Innes, answers that question in his January 2025 letter to the diocese:

"Over the course of the first four centuries of the Church's life, 'orthodox' teachers of the faith were clear that since God created human life, only God could save human life, and that only by assuming human flesh himself could God save humanity. There was seen to be an intimate connection between the person and nature of Christ and the reality of human salvation.

There are, of course, many other ways of conceiving of who Jesus is. In the first centuries after Christ, it was common for people to think Jesus was a spiritual being who only appeared to be human, or that he was an angelic being of some kind. In our own time, it is common for people to see Jesus mainly as a great religious prophet or a moral exemplar.

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St Mary's Chapel News



Who?

A Sunday school teacher asked her class: "What was Jesus mother's name?"

A child answered: "Mary!"

The teacher then asked: And what was the name of her husband?"

Another child answered: "The Verge".

Confused, the teacher asked "Where did you get that?"

The child replied: "You know, they are always talking about the Verge'n Mary."

What?

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to the church service:

And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied: "Because people are sleeping."

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PROGRAMMA

11:00 UUR JA-WOORD
Grate kerk, Kerkplein | Harderwijk

16:00 UUR Receptie
Achterin de Kerk

U kunt parkeren bij de kerk, de dienst is ook online bij te wonen. Neemt hiervoor contact op via de mail

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Voor 15 februari

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Tenue du ville

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WIJ ZEGGEN JAI

ARIANNE JONATHAN

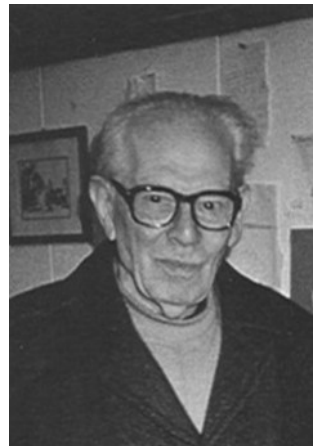
Wij trouwen 24 maart 2025 om 10:00 in besloten kring in het gemeentehuis te Utrecht

31 maart 2025

Wilt u voor het aangezicht van God, en in de aanwezigheid van vrienden en familie, elkaar het ja woord geven. Hiervoor willen wij U van harte uitnodigen. Na afloop vindt er een receptie plaats.



Louw Talstra, 25th Anniversary as Mary's organist



When our former organist Norman Walker, (here on the right) passed away on January 6th, 2000, the organist's role at St. Mary's was initially shared by three people, one of whom was Louw Talstra. This means that by January 2025, Louw will have been playing the organ for most of our services at St. Mary's for 25 years.

To celebrate this event, Churchwarden Jeanet presented Louw with a bouquet of flowers as a token of our Congregation's appreciation for this long-term

commitment.

During a short as hoc speech, Louw thanked the Congregation for being so patient with him and singing so well and, in this way, supported him while playing the organ. He also recalled an event for which he had played the organ during a special service in 1998. Then, as Norman had forgotten his glasses, Louw was asked by the warden Liesbeth Oosterhof to set himself down at the organ and play for a hymn he had never seen while the service was underway.

Congratulations and our grateful thanks to Louw.



...are you late with your 'Vicar's Letter' again, dear?

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.

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Why

A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertiliser. A little boy, playing in front of his house, saw him and called:

"What've you got in your truck?"

"Fertilizer," the farmer replied.

"What are you going to do with it?" asked the boy.

"Put it on strawberries", answered the farmer.

"You ought to live here", the boy advised him. "We put sugar and cream on ours."

Hearing

A tiny lady was the guest preacher. A few minutes into her sermon, she paused and said:

"Can you all hear me at the back?"

A kind voice replied: "We can hear you fine. But sadly, we can't quite see you."

Visit

The new vicar was doing the rounds to meet his parishioners. At one house where he knocked, a woman inside called out: "Is that you, Angel?"

The vicar hesitated and then called back:

"No, but I'm from the same department."

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Bishop

A vicar was expecting his Bishop to come for lunch. He told his small son to be very polite to the visitor and to address him as 'My Lord.' As they all sat down, the Bishop smiled at the little boy and asked him how old he was. The little boy gulped and said: "My God, I'm seven."

Cow and choir

From a Cambridgeshire local newspaper in January 1900: 'WANTED - a steady respectable able man who can look after a garden, milk a cow, and sing in the church choir.'

Chocolate

A lovely heart-shaped box of chocolates was received on Valentine's Day by a young student from her new boyfriend. On the enclosed card was the inscription: 'To Helen, with all my allowance.'

Experience

"Dad," asked little Ted, "what

On the peculiarities of ordination candidates.

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was pretty happy to see the young person from your church whom you are encouraging to get ordained - even though we did not entirely see eye to eye.

When I answered the door to someone dressed in a T-shirt, jeans and trainers, I assumed he was the gardener. Only after I had given him the wheelbarrow and shown him where the spades were did I find out who he really was. His assurance that this is how Jesus would dress were He to visit in person again jarred somewhat. I think a three-piece suit and stout pair of brogues would be far more likely. We agreed to differ.

I was interested to hear that he was a church musician. Wanting to know if he sang tenor or bass or even played the organ, he told me that he was the drummer in the worship band and provided backing vocals. I felt obliged to comment that I was unsure how that would fit with Mattins, but he told me that he had never heard of that Service and had only attended Mega Rock Praise. Since I suspected Cranmer would not have written it, we moved on.

I had hoped we may have been on safer ground when I asked him whether he preferred early perpendicular or Victorian Gothic. Still, as he had apparently only ever worshipped in your converted cinema, he could not offer any opinion. His reaction to my offer to show him around our late Norman church prompted him to tell me that he believed all churches should be closed and people should gather in each other's homes, like the early Christians.

In a last despairing attempt to find common ground, I asked him if he had ever preached. He was slightly apologetic to admit that he had done so very rarely, as he found writing an hour-long sermon took such a long time. When I mentioned that I did not think I had ever exceeded eight minutes in my entire life, he gave me such a look of withering astonishment that with heroic Christian charity, I did not beat him over the head with the Bible he was carrying.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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Jesus Calls Us

I talked with a friend about my fears, the awful things I see and hear in the papers and on the TV. I fear these things will happen to us all and are expected to happen soon. He sent me the following words; I share them with you because they worked for me.

The disciples were locked in the room out of fear for those outside. Jesus came and stood in their midst. He said: "Peace." And their fear disappeared.

In our fear, Jesus comes and says: "Peace".

When the storm rages around us, Jesus says: "Be calm."

When our spirits are troubled and threaten to destroy us, Jesus says: "Be still."

When death presses in on every side, Jesus comes to the tomb and says: "Arise."

When our hearts are hungry, Jesus blesses the bread and says, "Eat."

In the middle of our fears, Jesus says: "Peace."

Fear locks us inside.
Jesus calls us outside.

Fear immobilises us.
Jesus calls us to walk.

Fear separates us from one another.
Jesus calls us together.

Fear plunges us into darkness.
Jesus calls us into the light.

Do not be deceived. Nothing is taken away from you. You still must make the choice to live. The promise is that when you make this choice, you will discover you have never been alone.

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Quotes

Look back, and remember He was with you. Stand still, and realise He is with you. Walk forward, and trust: He will be with you always. - *Margaret Silf*

The self-sufficient do not pray, the self-satisfied will not pray, and the self-righteous cannot pray. - *L Ravenhill*

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does a man's better half mean?"

"Usually," his father said, "she means exactly what she says."

Wedding dress

When my sister Andrea married, she asked to wear our mother's wedding dress.

The day she tried it on, Mother's eyes welled with tears.

"You're not losing a daughter," I reminded her in a time-honoured fashion. "You're gaining a son."

"Oh, forget about that!" she said with a sob. "I used to fit into that dress!"

Lion

A Sunday school teacher told her youngsters about Daniel and the Lion's Den. To illustrate the lesson, she drew a picture of Daniel standing, brave and confident, with a group of lions around him.

Suddenly, one little girl started to cry. The teacher said, "Don't cry. The lions are not going to eat Daniel."

Snuffling back the tears, the girl replied: "That's not what I'm crying

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

February 2 2025

10:30 Eucharist	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Celebrant and Preacher	Revd. . Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden Jeanet Luiten	Intercessor: Lea Meijnen
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Erica Bonting	Malachi 3.1-5
	Psalm 24.7-end
Ilonka de Beij	Hebrews 2.14
Gospel	Luke 2.22-40

February 9 2025

10.30 Eucharist	4th before Lent
Celebrant and Preacher	Revd. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden Jeanet Luiten	Intercessor: Joyce Wigboldus
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Diane Wesselink	Isaiah 6. 1-8
	Psalm 138
Patrick Saridjan	1 Corinthians 15. 1-11
Gospel	Luke 5.1-11

February 16. 2025

10:30 Eucharist	3rd before Lent
Celebrant Preacher	Revd. Jacqueline Williams Simone Yallop
Duty Warden: Jeanet Luiten	Intercessor Simone Yallop
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Elizabeth v d Heide	Jeremiah 17.5-10
	Psalm 1
Joyce Wigboldus	1 Corinthians 15. 12-20
Gospel	Luke 6. 17-26

February 23 2025

10:30 Eucharist

2nd before Lent

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Arthur Cass

Readings

Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-end

Psalm 65

Louw Talstra

Revelation 4

Gospel

Luke 8.22-25-

March 2 2025

10:30 Eucharist

Next before Lent

**Celebrant
Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams
Simone Yallop

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Jaccolien Molenaar

Readings

Exodus 34. 29-end

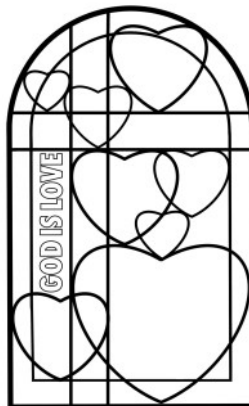
Psalm 99

Louw Talstra

2 Corinthians 3. 12-4.2

Gospel

Luke 9. 28-36



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about. That little lion, over in the corner, isn't going to get anything to eat."

Boots

My young daughter needed new boots. When her friend arrived in a lovely pair of new boots one morning, I asked where she had got them.

"At the store," she answered.

"Which one?" I asked patiently.

She appeared confused and then looked down at her boots. "Both of them," was her reply.

Father

My family was at the dinner table when my five-year-old daughter startled us all by telling my three-year-old son:

"Dad is not your real father."

My son retorted: "Yes, he is!"

"No, he's not," she insisted.

"God is your heavenly father." Then, pointing to my husband, she added: "That's only our homely father!"

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Eric Liddell

From Olympic star to Japanese internment prisoner

Eighty years ago, on 21st February 1945, Scottish athlete Eric Liddell died. An Olympic gold medallist in 1924 at Paris, he had withdrawn from the 100m heat because it was held on a Sunday and had entered the 400m instead. The story is featured in the film *Chariots of Fire*.

Liddell died in a Japanese internment camp in China, aged 43. He wrote to his wife on the day he died, saying he was suffering from a nervous breakdown brought on by overwork. Still, he was also malnourished and had an undiagnosed brain tumour. Five months after his death, the camp was liberated.

Liddell was born in China to Scottish missionary parents and attended boarding school at Eltham College in South London. He is remembered as an outstanding all-round athlete "entirely without vanity." He later attended the University of Edinburgh, which awarded him a posthumous degree last year in recognition of his contribution to sport and humanity.

Originally intending to run in the 200m at Paris, Liddell discovered en route that the heats would occur on a Sunday. So, he switched to the 400m - and won in an Olympic record time of 47.6 seconds.

"God made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure," he said.

He returned to China the following year and stayed there until his death, apart from two furloughs to Scotland, during one of which, in 1932, he was ordained a minister of the Congregational Union of Scotland. He then continued his selfless missionary work, mainly as a teacher, in China, where he married Florence Mackenzie, a China-born Canadian. Their daughter Heather died in 2023.

When Scotsman Allan Wells won the 100m gold medal in Moscow in 1980, he dedicated his victory to Eric Liddell.
Tim Lenton looks back on a much-loved Olympic runner.



The Love of Wisdom of Natural Things

Dr Ruth M Banciewicz, Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

A scientist was invited to speak at the Dewsbury Women's Institute some time ago. He talked about his research on polymers, hoping that the women of this Yorkshire mill town would connect with his desire to develop new fibres.

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One person in particular, Betty, who had worked in a mill since age 15, listened as if her life depended on it and peppered him with questions afterwards. She had always been interested in how things work, but until that day, she had not found anyone to answer her questions. She was told to get on with her job whenever she asked about the processes they used in the mill.

From the outside, science can seem a closed speciality, hemmed in by intimidating jargon. However, when McLeish described science as 'the love of wisdom of natural things', he realised he was opening a door. He was moved to see that Betty was not the only person who shed a tear when her questions were finally taken seriously, confirming that her enquiring mind was indeed probing in the right direction - only 50 years too late.

Hearing about people like Betty reminds me that science is a very natural activity for anyone to be involved in. McLeish is convinced that there is a future in 'science therapy'. In his book *Faith and Wisdom in Science*, where this story appears, he asks the question, "If a reintroduction to the activity of representing both inner and outer worlds in paint, music and drama can help to heal minds, what hope might there be for a participation in a gentle and contemplative science in restoring a broken or misunderstood relationship with the physical world?"

This story inspired me to run several hands-on science activities with adult audiences in churches. I have extracted DNA from strawberries with a midweek group for older people, organised hands-on exhibits to liven up lectures or discussion events, and even had groups extracting DNA from their cheek cells.

Every time I lead activities like these, I find that grown-ups are grateful for the opportunity to try science themselves. I love helping church-based groups, in particular, reconnect with science and celebrate what they see. Science is not just for children and professionals—it is for everyone to enjoy and explore the world God made.



With Valentine's Day in mind...

Marriage requires falling in love many times - always with the same person. - Anon

Marriage is like twirling a baton, turning handsprings, or eating with chopsticks; it looks so easy till you try it.

- Helen Rowland

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Car-ride

A teenager who had just received her provisional licence offered to drive her parents to Church. After a hair-raising ride, they finally reached their destination.

The mother exited the car and said quietly but fervently, "Thank you!"

"Anytime," her daughter replied.

As the woman slammed the car door, she said, "I wasn't talking to you. I was talking to God."

No news

A traveller was marooned in a small town because of a landslide caused by heavy rain. It fell in torrents for three days. Looking out the restaurant window, he finally remarked to the waitress: "This is like the flood."

"The what?"

"The flood. Surely you have heard about the great flood, Noah, and the Ark?"

"Sorry, sir," she replied. "I haven't seen a newspaper for four days."

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Daddy

The policeman asked a vicar he had found pacing outside the vicarage at three o'clock in the morning: "What are you doing here?"

Vicar: "I forgot my key, officer, and I'm waiting for my children to come home and let me in."

Taste

A woman wasn't feeling well and went to A&E. The nurse asked her: "Have you experienced a sudden loss of taste?"

"No," admitted the woman sadly. "I've always dressed this way."

Those notices which didn't come out quite right...

Notice in health food shop window:
Closed due to illness.

Spotted in a safari park:
Elephants, please stay in your car.

In a Laundromat:
Automatic Washing Machines. Please remove all your

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It was to put proper limits around what could be understood as properly 'Christian' beliefs about Christ that ecumenical councils of bishops from across the Christian world - from India to Britain - meeting in Nicaea in 325 and again in Constantinople in 381, agreed on the text we call the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, or the Nicene Creed for short. The specific issue at stake was whether Christ existed eternally and is fully divine (as favoured by Alexander of Alexandria and Athanasius), or whether he was a created being (as favoured by Arius). The agreement on Athanasian orthodoxy has since been a defining feature of Christian belief, in both the Eastern and the Western Church, for the last 1700 years."

As a way of engaging the Nicene Creed this year we as a parish have the following programme:

1. Our parish theme for the year 2025 is taken from the first words of the Nicene Creed "We believe". This is followed by the reason why we believe, as per the famous phrase the French philosopher Descartes wrote when he worked in the Netherlands nearly 400 years ago: "I think, therefore I am". Archbishop Tutu said "I am because you are". Christ challenges us that we can only be when we love. So our theme is chosen: "We believe, therefore we love".
2. We have broken the Nicene Creed up into 12 sections; one for each month of the year. We will focus on each of the 12 parts in the respective months. In January it was "We believe in one God". In February it will be "The Father Almighty" and so on
3. We will follow the Diocesan study which centres around the Nicene Creed on Saturday mornings during Lent.
4. We will sing the Nicene Creed during our Sunday worship services. That is once we have familiarised

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ourselves with ancient and modern musical settings of the Creed.

I hope our faith will be deepened and our ability to live lives worthy of repentance, as John the Baptist encourages us to do. Please read the bishop's January 2025 letter to the Diocese, which can be found on our Diocesan Website. If you want a hard copy, please let me or Simone know.

I pray God's blessing on us this year and that we grow in number, faith and love.

Yours in Christ as always,
Revd Jacque



**17 February:
Janani Luwum, Archbishop & martyr of Uganda**

The Most Reverend Janani Luwum (d 1977) was the Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Boga Zaire when 35 years ago this month he was murdered by the dictator Idi Amin. At the time, the Church in Uganda was on the verge of centennial celebrations of its birth through the seed of the early Ugandan martyrs. So Luwum became the first martyr of the second century of Christianity in Uganda. A statue of him stands in Westminster Abbey, London.

Janani Luwum was greatly loved in Uganda. He was an exceptional leader with great personal godliness, a holistic vision, pastoral compassion and evangelistic fervour. Janani was born in 1922 at Mucwini in the Kitgum District of Uganda. He spent his childhood and early youth herding goats. Given an opportunity to attend a local school, he learned quickly and soon became a teacher.

Janani Luwum was converted to Christianity on 1 January 1948. He started at theological college in Buwalasi the following year, became a deacon in 1955 and was ordained a priest in 1956. He served in the upper Nile Diocese of Uganda and the Diocese of Mbale. He was consecrated Bishop of Northern Uganda in 1969 and Archbishop of Uganda in 1974, three years after Idi Amin came to power in a military coup. Millions in East Africa mourned his death.

Great eagles fly alone; great lions hunt alone; great souls walk alone - alone with God. - Leonard Ravenhill

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clothes when the light goes out.

Church Notices

This coming Sunday our special service will be gin at 11:00am.

When parking on the north side of the Church, please remember to park on an angel.

Jean will be leading a weight-management series Wednesday nights. She's used the programme herself and has been growing like crazy!

Volunteers are needed to spit up food for distribution.

This evening at 7:00pm there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Taxi!!!

Yesterday, I booked a private taxi for the airport. When I arrived at my destination, the driver gave me his business card for future bookings. Dr. Ramanand Tripathi PhD.

Wow! I was surprised and quizzed him, "Why are you driving with such a high qualification?" He replied, "Dr. is the short form of driver" Then what about your PhD?

"Pot Hole Dodger" he replied

First They Came

*First, they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist *

*Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist*

*Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist*

*Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew*

*Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me*

By Pastor Martin Niemöller

Note:

Pastor Martin Niemöller wrote the poem 'First They Came' to commemorate the Holocaust. During the First World War, Martin served as a distinguished U-boat commander. In the 1920s, he was ordained as a Lutheran minister. Initially, he supported the Nazi Party but later staunchly opposed them. In 1938, he was sent to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and later to Dachau. He was released by the Americans in 1945. Post-war, Pastor Martin Niemöller fervently supported the campaign for nuclear disarmament. In 1961, he was appointed President of the World Council of Churches. He died in Wiesbaden in 1984 at the age of 92 years.

On 27 January 2025, European leaders gathered with 58 survivors in Poland to mark the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz/Birkenau. The survivors spoke, and the leaders and the world listened. Tears were discretely wiped away. Fitting, therefore, that when candles to mark 80 years were laid out, kings, queens, presidents and prime ministers waited behind those few who had survived.

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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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