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February 2017

Thoughts for February

Valentines' Day reminds us of the importance of expressing our love to those close to us. But how can we go beyond simply flowers and a card? Jesus says: '*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another*' (John 13:34). How can we express love in our everyday relationships like Jesus?

Listening

We need to listen to others, just as Jesus did. He asked questions of people and waited for them to process their answer. How well do we listen to others? When with somebody, do we find ourselves already thinking of what we want to say before they've finished speaking. Listening takes time; you can't rush it!

Touching

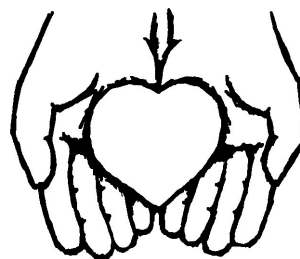
Jesus reached out to touch the untouchables in his world, including lepers, the sick and children. One survey has suggested that we all need at least 8-10 meaningful touches a day to maintain emotional health! A warm handshake, touch on the arm or hug can be of real value. Of course, it should be appropriate touch – helpful for the other person not just for ourselves.

Speaking

Jesus' conversation was always full of grace and truth (John 1:14). Do we speak words of grace, by offering comfort, giving encouragement or expressing care and concern? However, we should also be ready to speak words of truth, in asking for forgiveness, seeking reconciliation or addressing conflict.

Where is the challenge for us in expressing love this Valentine's Day?

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Twente News

Romance, marriage and all that stuff - the way children see it....

How do you decide whom to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the crisps and dip coming. - *Alan, age 10*

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - *Kirsten, age 10*



Seder Supper

The Seder Meal is the traditional meal served at the Jewish Passover to commemorate the liberation of the Hebrew slaves. The Seder Supper in turn, is a Christian version of the Passover, linking to the Last Supper. There will be more information in next month's magazine. All who are

interested can read about the Seder Supper in the Church cookbook.

This year there will be a Seder Supper held in the Hunting Lodge on Maundy Thursday. There will be a bring and share meal after the ritual meal. The more people that come to share the experience, the more successful will be the evening.

The Social Evening

On the 18 February, there will be a Social Evening held in the Schöppe, courtesy of Jonneke and Arjen. The address is Oude Borculoseweg 7, 7475NE, Markelo, which you will need for the Sat Nav.

The evening will begin at 17:00 with drinks and snacks. Afterwards the first part of the film 'As it is in Heaven' will be shown. There will then be a break for a bring and share meal, and then the second part of the film will be shown. It should be a great evening.

Forthcoming Dates

18 February - Social in the Schöppe

26 March - Book Sale

02 April - Annual General Meeting

Special Services

1 March - Ash Wednesday

9 April - Palm Sunday

13 April - Seder Supper (Hunting Lodge)

14 April - Good Friday Service

16 April - Easter Sunday

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Food Bank

A reminder that there is a large plastic container in the hut for Food Bank contributions. Your donations of non-perishable food will go to those less fortunate in our community. A list of suggested products is placed by the box.

Magazine Contributions

St Mary's Magazine has a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed and in touch with each other. In these constrained financial times, financing the magazine is proving to be difficult. An annual contribution of just €15 per annum will help to ensure that you will continue to receive your copy.



"To think we grumbled when the Church used unintelligible archaic language!"

Please remember, that with the New Year, we need to ask readers to pay for their 2017 magazine. Last year, nearly two thirds of the magazine costs were covered by reader's payments. This year, it would help the survival of the magazine if contributions covered all the costs.

Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Churchwardens before the Service.

If you know of anyone who is sick or in



What is the right age to get married?

23 is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.
Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married.
Freddie, age 6

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.
Derrick, age 8

What do you think your mum and dad have in common?

Both don't want any more kids.
Lori, age 8

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say, if you listen long enough. - *Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)*

Do what we can to help...

Several women in the church prayer group were visiting an elderly friend who was ill. After awhile, they rose to leave and told her; "We'll do what we can to help. We promise to keep you in our prayers."

"Thank you," she said. "But, really, I can do my own praying. The thing I can't do is the dishes in the sink in the kitchen...."

Bye bye

I like long walks, especially when taken by people who annoy me.

Off to the vet

In his younger days our golden retriever Catcher often ran away when he had the chance. The vet's surgery was about a mile down the road, and Catcher would usually go there. The nursing staff knew him and would call me to

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Letter from St James the Least of All –

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to

Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...

**On the perils of the Plough Service and the Lamb**

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Your plans to devise special Services that will involve local industry does you credit, although I cannot imagine what a church decorated with bathroom suites, double glazing frames and airplane wings will look like. Were we to do something similar in this parish, we would have to devise suitable symbols for merchant bankers and property developers. Perhaps wads of banknotes among the flower arrangements may look rather splendid. Our practice is, naturally, to continue with more traditional ways.

We have just had our annual blessing of the plough and new-born lamb. We always have a packed church - mainly of parishioners hoping to see the lamb ruin the Rector's surplice. The only disconcerting part is to be upstaged by the wretched animal as it bleats piteously throughout my carefully crafted sermon, which becomes lost as the congregation wonders if the poor creature may be

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hungry, or is missing its mother.

The plough always comes from Colonel Wainwright's garden. It stands ornamentally by his lake for eleven months of the year and then rotates round four of our local churches for their services in January. It must be the best blessed, least used plough in the county.

At least this year, I got several of our local farmers to carry it into church. Last year our Verger pushed it up the aisle, accidentally ploughing a perfect furrow along the red Axminster. The sight may have looked all very well in a field, but was not appreciated in the nave. It did, however, provide a worthy project for our Ladies' Guild. They will be much occupied over the coming months knitting tea-cosies and making jam for sales of work before we can replace it.

Our only other occasion when we have animals in church is the Summer Pets Service. Invariably one escapes and our hymn singing gradually disintegrates as the younger members of the congregation try to catch over-enthusiastic dogs chasing cats and rabbits up and down the aisles.

The only true disaster happened some years ago, just after we had restored the organ, adding that splendid trumpet stop. Our organist decided to start the service with a brilliant trumpet fanfare. The drama of the introduction was somewhat spoiled by all the animals in the building simultaneously relieving themselves, out of shock.

Our team of cleaning ladies were much occupied that week - and the congregation, for once, raised no objection when I used lots of incense at the following Sunday's service. So good can come out of evil, after all.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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come pick him up. One day I called the vet to make an appointment for Catcher's yearly vaccine. "Will you bring him," asked the receptionist, "or will he come on his own?"

And if love should die....

While we were working at a men's clothing store, a customer asked my colleague to help her pick out a tie that would make her husband's blue eyes stand out. "Ma'am," he explained, "any tie will make blue eyes stand out if you tie it tight enough."

Definition of old

Grandchildren don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother.

Unhappy in love

I think my girlfriend's hallucinating. She keeps telling me she's seeing other people.

Archdeaconry Report Part 2 of 3

In the evening Bishop Robert reflected on how much we are globally connected these days, on the dangerous rise of populism, the fear of immigration, the fear of losing political control, Brexit and its result (only one person in the House of Bishops voted pro-Brexit!). Brexit might be considered a wake-up call for the European Union. In that regard the bishop quoted the prophet Jeremiah (preaching to Jerusalem when the Babylonians were at the gates) that first things will be worse before they get better (salvation is on the far side of exile). He mentioned a gentle decline of the Church: the average age in the church pews is now over 60. He outlined the differences between the Western and Eastern European chaplaincies, and the hopeful establishment of new churches in Krakow (Poland) and Istanbul. On a lighter note he described a recent meeting of 25 bishops with a leading businessman (Mr. Kevin Kaiser) which was very stimulating. It became clear that the bishops felt that a rhythm, or rule of life is all-important for a good Christian life. Bishop Robert also spoke about an occasion, that he recently attended, when Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby commissioned pairs of Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops, from all over the world, to take part in united mission in their local areas. At that event, as a special sign of respect, a replica of the staff of St. Augustine of Canterbury was presented by the Pope to Archbishop Justin. (Fourteen centuries ago, Pope Gregory sent St. Augustine to take the Gospel to England.)

It was Canon Meurig Williams' last Synod in Belgium as Archdeacon of North West Europe. He will be Archdeacon of France, in fact he has already been appointed. His successor is The Revd Canon Dr. Paul Vrolijk, who is at present Canon Chancellor and Senior Chaplain of Holy Trinity, Brussels and will remain so whilst being Archdeacon of the Benelux. We are very sad to take our leave from Meurig Williams, who has visited St. Mary's on several occasions during the past few years and proved to be a real support and friend. However, France is not far away and he will continue to be the Bishop's Chaplain based in Brussels. We wish him all good luck in his new assignment. Canon Paul Vrolijk is his worthy replacement. After a career in science and having lived all over the world, he was ordained in 2004 and worked in Aquitaine, France, before he was appointed in Brussels. We have great confidence in his capacities and wisdom.

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The business meeting on the Saturday morning began according to the usual agenda recording apologies for absence, approving the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting. In the item on finance the treasurer, David Sayers, presented the audited accounts for 2015. Financially the Archdeaconry is doing well. The accounts were accepted and the treasurer was discharged for the year 2015. With regard to the budget for 2017 the treasurer informed us that there are two unforeseen items that have to be taken into account. Firstly a safeguarding training programme for 120 people. Secondly the additional administration costs for the new Archdeacon. (In the past few years there were no administration costs because the Archdeacon was also the Bishop's Chaplain.) The treasurer proposed to take the safeguarding training costs from reserves and to cover the administration costs for the Archdeacon by asking participants to pay to attend Synod next year (as was done in the past before we had a Bishop's Chaplain as Archdeacon). The budget was approved although later during the meeting a motion was passed requesting the Diocese to consider covering the safeguarding costs instead of the Archdeaconry.

The Mission Working Party requested approval for a new framework for the next three years. Their initial aims to produce a book in Dutch about the Anglican Church and the translation of Common Worship liturgy are completed and there are new challenges they would like to work on. These include finding ways of explaining the Gospel in our contemporary culture today, ways to use technology and training to resource mission in our various locations and how to encourage a sense of community and belonging to the Anglican family. The motion was approved unanimously.

An interesting report on his experiences in attending the General Synod and Diocesan Synod was given by Tjeerd Bijl (General Synod representative). This was followed by a report on the Anglican Centre in Rome (www.anglicancentreinrome.org) given by Ann Turner our Diocesan representative. The Anglican Centre is the permanent presence in Rome of the Anglican Communion. It is a place of learning and of hospitality and wishes to make itself known to our congregations. After 'Any Other Business' we were informed that next year the Archdeaconry Synod will be held on 5-7th

Forthcoming Services

5th February	Officiant & Preacher	Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	Chalice	n.a.
	Brenda Pyle	Isaiah 58. 1-12
	Louw Talstra	1 Corinthians 2.1-12
	Gospel	Matthew 5. 13-20
Fourth Sunday before Lent		
10:30 am Morning Prayer		

Forthcoming Services

12th February	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Geoffrey Allen
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Everhard Ottens
	Chalice	Count Alfred
	Patrick Saridjan	Deuteronomy 30. 15-end
	Els Ottens	1 Corinthians. 3. 1-9
	Gospel	Matthew 5. 21-37
Third Sunday before Lent		
10:30 am Sung Eucharist		

Forthcoming Services

19th February	Officiant & Preacher	Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	John Bestman
	Chalice	n.a.
	Linda ten Berge	Genesis 1. 1-2.3
	Fred Schonewille	Romans 8. 18-25
	Gospel	Matthew 6.25-end
Second Sunday before Lent		
10:30 am Morning Prayer		

Forthcoming Services

26th February	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Geoffrey Allen
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Dina Vincent
	Chalice	John Bestman
	Jan de Beij	Exodus 24. 12-end
Sunday next before Lent	Victor Pirenne	2 Peter 1. 16-end
	Gospel	Matthew 17. 1-9
10:30 am Sung Eucharist		

Forthcoming Services

1st March	Officiant and Preacher	Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
	Intercessor	Lea Meijnen
	Chalice	n.a.
	Vivian Reinders	Joel 2.1-2,12-17
Ash Wednesday	Louw Talstra	2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10
	Gospel	John 8.1-11
20:00 Evening Prayer		

First Sunday of the month - Church money for sale in the Hut

Forthcoming Services

5th March	Officiant & Preacher	Simone Yallop
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
	Intercessor	Fred Schonewille
	Chalice	n.a.
	Jeanet Luiten	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
Lent 1	Arjen Haffmans	Romans 5.12-19
	Gospel	Matthew 4.1-11
10:30 am Morning Prayer		

The following words of Martin Luther King, twentieth-century North American civil rights worker, seem to be particularly appropriate on which to ponder at the beginning of another New Year.

"One day, youngsters will learn words they don't understand. Children of India will ask, "What is hunger?" Children from Alabama will ask, "What is racial segregation?" Children from Hiroshima will ask, "What is the atomic bomb?"

"Don't worry" is the most frequently repeated command in the Bible. There are 365 different occasions when the words "Do not be afraid" are used - one for each day of the year (not least, for the year that lies ahead of us).

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October 2017 again at the same venue in Drongen. We were also reminded that 2017 is an election year for Archdeaconry Representatives.

After the Archdeaconry business meeting the participants divided into two groups for the AGM of the Anglican Council for Belgium and the AGM of the Anglican Council for the Netherlands. We, of course, attended the AGM for the Netherlands at which Simone took the official minutes, which will be available on request. This meeting also followed the usual pattern with the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, matters arising, reports from the National Executive Committee, Finances and AOB. There was some discussion on safeguarding paperwork as well as the new safeguarding training that will be given to both the clergy and to those working with children. In May 2016 a resource and renewal day took place for wardens, treasurers and secretaries. Plans are underway for training days in 2017 (9th June for clergy and 10th June for PCCs) with, as guest speaker, the leadership expert Revd James Lawrence, who wrote the course 'PCC tonight'.

This year, as always, there were many opportunities for worship and fellowship at the Archdeaconry Synod. There were two services of Morning Prayer, two Eucharist services and two services of Compline (night prayer). The Eucharist on the Friday afternoon was very special because Bishop Robert presided and preached and also commissioned Canon Paul Vrolijk as the new Archdeacon of North West Europe.

On the Saturday morning Synod concluded with a Eucharist during which three languages were used (English, Dutch/Flemish and French).

After lunch we travelled home contentedly reflecting on an excellent Archdeaconry Synod.

Lent course 2017

Two years ago we held a Lent course based on the film *'The King's Speech'*. That course was written by Hilary Brand. This year we will do another of her Lent courses. It is called *'The Power of Small Choices'*.

The course looks at the power of the small choices we make on a daily basis and the role of faith in enabling or inhibiting choice. Within our lives lie a million small choices - any one of which could have huge consequences for ourselves, for those around us, and for the world.

This course looks at the power of the small choices we make on a daily basis. It encourages us to think about how our faith affects the freedom and responsibility we have in those choices. The course uses extracts from two very good, but quite different, films *'Babette's Feast'* set in a remote island community in Denmark and *'The Shawshank Redemption'* about the bleak situation of life in prison. These extracts highlight how choice can be exercised even in the most limited of circumstances.

There will be five sessions held on Saturday mornings during Lent from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Hut. It is possible to take part without having seen the films right through but it helps if you have. Therefore, on two Wednesday evenings, also in the Hut, there will be an opportunity to see the complete films. The dates of the sessions and the film evenings are given below.

- Saturday 4th March 2017 at 10:00: Session 1
- Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 19:30: Film evening *'Babette's Feast'* (to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 19:30: Film evening *'The Shawshank Redemption'* (to be confirmed)

Perhaps the name "Minnie Louise Haskins" may not mean an awful lot to most of us - yet many of us are very well acquainted with some of her words. They are taken from "God Knows" and they were quoted by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast of 1939:

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of Christ. That shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way.'

A Sign From Above

Spotted on a church noticeboard: "Love your enemies; After all, You made them."

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Grief

I had my own
notion of grief.
I thought it was the
sad time that
followed the death
of someone you
loved.

And you had to
push through it to
get to the other
side.

But I'm learning
there is no other
side.

There is no pushing
through.

But rather, there is
Absorption,
Adjustment,
Acceptance.

And grief is not
something you
complete, but
rather you endure.
Grief is not a task
to finish, and then
move on,
But an element of
yourself,

An alteration of
your being.

A new way of
seeing,

A new definition of
self.

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- Saturday 18th March 2017 at 10:00: Session 2
- Saturday 25th March 2017 at 10:00: Session 3
- Saturday 1st April 2017 at 10:00: Session 4
- Saturday 8th April 2017 at 10:00: Session 5

There is no session on the second Saturday in Lent, because of the Archdeaconry conference in the Hague on that day (*see below*). If you would like any further information about the Lent course please contact Simone Yallop.



'Dare to Share'

Saturday 11 March
2017 at St John &
St Philips in the
Hague.

Total cost is €5,
including lunch. What
a deal! (However, we
cannot offer to pay
for parking).

Workshops will
include:

'Culture & Identity in
post-everything
Europe'

'More ready than you
realize - for being an 21st Century evangelist'

'Belonging before believing'

'Beyond Facebook: social media, technology &
mission'

'Generations: children & youth ministry'

To sign up, write missionworkingparty@gmail.com

Revd. Sam van Leer - Area Dean

Eighth January - a Day of Goodbyes

On the second Sunday of this year, the chapel was pleasantly filled. An awful of people had come to celebrate the Eucharist service and to wish the retiring chaplain, the Reverend Drs. Alja Tollefsen, a fond farewell on her retirement.



In her typically generous fashion, at the end of the her last service, Alja invited Theda and Jan to join her at the altar

to join in the farewells. For sadly, after many years of faithful service, ill health has forced the couple to relinquish their duties caretaking the Hut. Alja also presented them with a bouquet of flowers and a voucher. *(The conversation was drifting back and forward between the two languages, your Production Editor is not a natural linguist, hence I am not sure what the voucher was for).*

After the service there was no coffee in the Hut. Instead everyone made their way to the Hunting Lodge, kindly loaned by the Weldam Estate. There in the custom of St Mary's, a great feast was laid out with all the food brought in by everyone for a splendid bring and share meal.

People came in and gathered around the log fire in the centre of the room, comfortably seated in the wonderful selection of comfortable chairs.

Naturally, before feasting could begin, there were speeches, presentations of retirement gifts, *(about which Alja will tell you in the following piece)*, and music. Accompanied on a keyboard by organist

Multiple Fathers

A group of guys I know took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French.

They managed to stand, kneel, and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up too.

The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter.

After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny.

The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and asked the father to stand up.

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Adam and Eve

Adam bit the apple and, feeling great shame, covered himself with a fig leaf. Eve, too, felt shame and covered herself with a fig leaf.

Then she went behind the bush to try on a maple leaf, a sycamore leaf, and an oak leaf.

House Call

When our vicar and his wife visited our neighbor, her four-year-old daughter answered the door. "Mum!" she yelled toward the living room. "God's here, and he's brought his girlfriend

New Form of Communication

Seen while passing by a church:
"Get in touch with God by knee mail."

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Louw Talstra, Joyce Wigboldus and Everhard Ottens led everyone in a wonderful ballad, about and dedicated to Alja, that they had written themselves. It was a wonderful tribute to Alja, who has served the chaplaincy so well.



We all wish her a joyous retirement.

Farewells and Thank yous

Dear all,

Thank you for a beautiful service, a wonderful party and such extra ordinary presents!

The toolbox was so much fun and those who know me well, remember how I like to use them. My dear friend from long, who attended the ordinations, installations, and farewells and was in St Mary's at the farewell service likes to call me the 'bouwvakker'.

The future will tell how much is left of that trait, but it certainly will come in handy with the work that still needs to be done in Sweden. After all the work, it will be good to rest in the swing seat.

Such lovely presents you thought of and what a wonderful send off! Thank you all for your efforts to make me feel grateful to have been your chaplain and to remember you all with warm feelings!

With every blessing

Alja



COUGHS & SNEEZES

February seems to be the coldest time of the year – and most of us get a cold, complete with runny nose and sore throat.

Well, 3rd February is the right day to have a sore throat because it is St Blaise's Day. Legend says that St Blaise was on his way to be martyred when he saw a young child choking with a fishbone stuck in his throat. The saint touched the child and the bone was dislodged. This led to a custom of Blessing the Throats on St Blaise's Day which continues today in one London church.

Another way to celebrate the day was with big bonfires (before the Bonfire Night we keep in November was thought of) and that is probably why we say that bonfires blaze.

So you can sit in front of a blazing fire, sniffing into a tissue and think about the patron saint of sore throats.

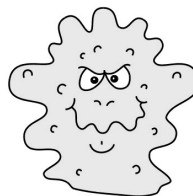


A COLD PUZZLE

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with winter sniffles. Can you find them all?

S N I F F L E S T E
L H W L E F F T I L
I A I U L V K A S A
N N C V E I E O S Z
C K O O E R P R U N
T I E O L R U H E E
U E S L D D S T S U
S W O T E L B A T F
W I N T E R H G I N
A E N I C I D E M I

cold fever flu hankie influenza
linctus medicine nose pill
shivers sniffles tablet throat
tissues winter



**What happen if your nose
runs and your feet smell?**
You're built upside down!

**What sort of transport gives
people colds?**
A-choo-choo-trains.

Dust If You Must

*Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture or write a letter,
Bake a cake or plant a seed,
Ponder the difference between want and need?*

*Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,
Music to hear and books to read,
Friends to cherish and life to lead.*

*Dust if you must, but the world's out there,
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come again.*

*Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go - and go you must -
You, yourself will make more dust.*

Secular Buddhism



(With Spring just around the corner, are you all preparing for a good Spring clean, or is it feet up and enjoy finishing off the last of the Christmas chocolates? Editor)

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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