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Dear Saints,

The knowledge that people, us, women and men, are creatures made in the image of God is one of the solid foundation blocks on which our faith as Christians has been built. Therefore, expressing ourselves as individuals and as a living and loving community in the world must reflect this belief. This truth must be evident in how we organise ourselves, speak about God, and present God to others as a worshipping community.

As a Christian community, a key location and expression of our relationship with God is seen in our liturgy. In organising our liturgy, we must facilitate a process whereby all God's people, men and women, recognise ourselves and reflect God's whole image. Through our language, we communicate who we are and who we are becoming as a worshipping community. Therefore, the language we use in the liturgy must include the experience of the whole image of God, male and female, and all people.

The experience we had and have as a liturgical worshipping community over the centuries is that our expressions of faith and the language we use in these expressions have not been inclusive. The language used comes from a patriarchal perspective and ideology. As a priest, I see making the liturgy as inclusive as possible as imperative.

At the 2023 Diocesan Women's Clergy Conference in Hamburg, I asked colleagues about the status or work around inclusive language and liturgy in our Diocese in Europe of the Church of England. Asking and working on this question seems to have been a constant in my life for the longest time. According to our Dean of Women's Ministry, Revd Debbie Flach, who ministers as the Chaplain in the Anglican Church in Lille, we did not have anything specific dealing with these questions at a diocesan level. Conversations with the other clergy made me realise that most women clergy try to deal with this independently in their local contexts. One of the outcomes from last year's Women's Clergy Conference was that we started this conversation through the so-called Freefall Theology sessions of the women clergy in our diocese.

This week, we had the online Freefall meeting of the women clergy in our diocese, and I was asked to lead the discussion. It seems like a good idea to share some of my thoughts and notes with you as I prepare for that meeting. The topic we agreed upon was Language and Patriarchy. In my preparation, I was struck again by:

## Forthcoming News

### Summer Teas 2024



#### Spellbound

A stout Yorkshire mother arrived at the headteacher's office on the second floor of a large city school one day, so out of breath of the exertion of climbing the stairs that she was utterly speechless for a short time.

The Headmistress waited until she had covered her breath and then asked what she could do for her.

"Ah've come to say our Mary won't be at school today 'cause she's got diarrhoea.

The Headmistress thanked her for calling but tactfully pointed out that she could have sent a note instead.

The mother's reply was brief but forthright: "Does ta think Ah'd 'a' climbed all your bloomin' stairs if Ah could 'ave spelt that word?"

#### Staying in Yorkshire

The three ages of man:

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Our much-liked and well-known **Summer teas** will start again from

**Sunday, July 7, till Sunday, August 11.**

It is a great occasion to meet people, introduce St. Mary's to the region and make money to fund our community.

We need all the help we can get for this action to succeed.

So please take part and put your name on the list in the Hut for the baking and the serving.

If you have not helped before, other helpers recommend it as a great afternoon spent with friendly people.

If you have any questions, please call or ask Jeanet.



#### Deanery Day

On Saturday, 15 June 2024, there will be a Deanery Day, and everyone in the Anglican chaplaincies in the Netherlands is invited.

The title is '**Praise God for the Body**'. The guest speaker will be The Revd Canon Dr. Paul Vrolijk. The event is at KOSMIK, Heiligenbergerweg 144, 3816 AN Amersfoort. It is from 10:00 to 15:30. There is no charge, but everyone is asked to bring their own packed lunch. Coffee and Tea will be provided. To register, please send an email to Simon Urquhart at deaneryday24@anglican.nl.

## Youth Service

On Sunday, 16 June 2024, a Youth Service will be held at St. Mary's.

## Church cleaning

There will be a church cleaning on Saturday, 22 June 2024

## Church Council

There will be a church council meeting on Thursday, 13 June 2024.

## Summer Teas

Summer Teas begin in July.

## 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.

## 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.

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Young, mature and "Ee... you're looking well."

## And

Two countrymen were returning home on Saturday night after having a few pints of beer.

They came to a gate with a notice on it: "This field for sale". One of them turned to t' other and said: "I would ha' bought that, but I ha' nowhere to put it."

## Letters Home

Extract from a boy's letter home: "We gave a performance of 'Hamlet', and a lot of fathers and mothers came. Although some of them had seen it before, they laughed just the same."

## Your future awaits

A young man on holiday went to a fortune-teller at a fair and hoped for the best. "Yes," she said, "it's evident. You will suffer greatly as you will be very poor until you reach middle age."

"Oh dear," said the young man. "But what will happen after that?"

"Oh, after that," said the fortune-teller, "You'll begin to get used to it."

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### Timing

A choir were rehearsing an oratory under their enthusiastic choirmaster. He stopped them with an anguished cry: "No, no, no; stop, stop, stop! I told you before....it's the sopranos on their own till they come to the gates of hell, then you ALL come in!"

### For the Aged

An elderly man sees a sign in a shop window saying:  
New: First GPS for Seniors.  
Curious, he goes in and asks the lady behind the counter what that means. She answers: "It tells you where you are and reminds you why you went there."

### Techie trouble

The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone."

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## On the impossibility of keeping silence in church

### The Rectory St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Your remark that you rather liked the silence we keep before starting Services gave me pause for thought. I suppose all things are relative. I know that the noise your congregation makes before worship resembles a packed stand on the football terraces any Saturday afternoon, but the days seem long-gone when I could expect our congregation to sit in real silence for ten minutes.

There's the sound of the treasurer counting the previous day's jumble sale takings, of the ladies at the back asking each other when the fish van will next come round, and of Major Hastings's deafening whisper as he comments some women's choice of hats. Add to this the weekly competition between the organist and the bell ringers to see who can make the most noise, the roar from the choir vestry as they all complain they don't like my choice of hymns and the sound of books, umbrellas and collection money being dropped. I sometimes suspect that an informal rota is arranged whereby people volunteer to drop heavy objects in rotation, thus maintaining a constant clatter, for which no single person can be held responsible.

There is also the weekly ritual when the verger - always waiting until the church is full - goes round each microphone, giving them a bash and bellowing "Testing, testing" and relishing the echo as it bounces off the walls.

The only time the noise level drops significantly is if the congregation see Miss Simpson side up to me to have one of her confidential little chats about someone in the village. Everyone knows that her information will provide more than enough to keep gossip flourishing for the following week.

Equally, periods of silence during Services are rarely welcomed; some find them threatening, but the majority simply assume it means I have lost my place. I gave up after one occasion when, on announcing we would say the Lord's Prayer and then leaving a time of silence for recollection, a choirman leaned over to me and whispered helpfully: "It begins 'Our Father' ...."

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



*Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is the Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes about the positive relationship between science and the Christian faith.*

## **Wonders of the Living World**

What are the best metaphors we could use to describe biological things? You might be used to hearing phrases like 'your genetic blueprint' or 'survival of the fittest', but are they helpful or even accurate? Some of these words fail to capture the wonder and joy of understanding something new about the nature of living organisms.

I learned that one researcher was using the phrase 'The Snuggle for Existence' to convey the idea familiar to biologists that cooperation is at the heart of the living world. For example, every cell more complex than a bacterium contains minute energy factories, each containing its own piece of DNA - making them a sort of miniature cell hidden inside the larger host cell. These 'mitochondria', as biologists call them, turn raw materials from the host into chemical energy. In this way, everyone benefits: the mitochondria now have a safe place to live, and the host receives the energy it needs. There are many more examples of organisms working together to produce something more than the sum of its parts, where often, the individual parts could not survive on their own.

'The Map of Life' is a way of describing the regularities we see in biological processes. Eyes, legs and wings have repeatedly emerged in the living world, and why not? Suppose the properties of light and gravity remain constant. In that case, we should expect living things to find the exact solutions to seeing or getting around. When we look at these organisms' family trees, we see they share a common ancestor with no eyes or wings. These structures have developed independently, or you could say that the paths of the living world have converged on the same solution. That's not to say they had a conscious goal, but that the world has specific properties that have channelled biological processes in certain directions.

None of these stories give us definite evidence for God. Science simply provides data, which can often be interpreted differently. Perhaps the world just happens to be full of mathematical regularities, maybe there's an overarching physical law we don't yet understand, or possibly there are multiple universes, and ours happens to be the one in which life has arisen. However, I believe that the observations scientists make about the living world are compatible with the existence of the God described by the Christian faith.

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Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

## **With Petertide ordinations in mind...**

First friend: 'It took me forty years to discover I had not the gifts for Holy Orders.'

Second friend: 'Goodness, whatever did you do when you found out?'

First friend: 'It was too late to do anything. By then I was a bishop!'

## **Descriptions**

Dust: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

Inflation: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

Raisin: Grape with a sunburn.

Mosquito: An insect that makes you like flies better.

Beauty salon: Where women curl up and dye.

Cannibal: One who is fed up with people

Committee: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**Advice to young clergy on preaching**  
'Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.'

# 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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## June 2 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 1

**Celebrant  
Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams  
Lay Minister Simone Yallop

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Jaccolien Molenaar

1 Samuel. 3.1-10, 11-20

Psalm 139. 1-5,12-18

Anne Powell

2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Gospel

Mark 2. 23-3.6

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## June 9 2024

10.30 Eucharist

Trinity 2

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Simone Yallop

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Erica Bonting

1 Samuel 8.4-11, 12-15.16-20

Psalm 138

Joyce Wigboldus

2 Corinthians 3. 20-end

Gospel

Mark 3. 20-end

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## June 16 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 3

**Celebrant  
Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams  
Simone Yallop

**Duty Warden:**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor**  
Lea Meijnen

**Sidesperson/Reader**

**Readings**

Jan de Beij

1 Samuel 15. 34-16.13

Psalm 20

Rita Kizito

2. Corinthians 5.6-10, 11-13, 14-17

Gospel

Lea Meijnen

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**June 23 2024**

10:30 Eucharist

**Trinity 4t**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Linda ten Berge

**Readings**

1 Samual 17.1a,4-11, 19-17,32-49

Psalm 9, 9-end

Rita Kizito

2 Corinthians 6. 1-13

Gospel

Mark 4. 35-end

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**June 30 2024**

10:30 Eucharist

**Trinity 5**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Rob Lens van Rijn

**Duty Warden**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Patrick Saridjan

**Readings**

2 Samuel 1. 1, 17-end

Psalm 130

Arthur Cass

2 Corinthians 8.7-end

Gospel

Mark 5. 21-end

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**July 7 2024**

10:30 Eucharist

**Trinity 6**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**

Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**

Simone Yallop

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Eliza Hannan

**Readings**

2.Samual 5.1-5,9-20

Psalm 48

Louw Talstra

2 Corinthians 12, 2-10

Gospel

Mark 6, 1-13

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### **Maths lesson**

The only place where you can buy 64 avocados without anyone wondering why.

### **Park**

A journey of a thousand miles begins with trying to find a place to park your car near the church.

### **Advice**

A minister's advice to a deacon about to be ordained: "Remember: the longer the spoke, the greater the tyre."

### **Dressing**

'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.

### **Keep it short**

The minister stood up and said: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. You'll be glad to know that when I asked my secretary to type this sermon out for me I asked her to eliminate any thing that was dull or confusing. So, in conclusion...."

### **Notices outside a church:**

Worn out? Come

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## **The D-Day Normandy Landings**

Eighty years ago, on June 6 1944, the D-Day Normandy Landings took place. More than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. The Battle of Normandy ended on August 25 with an Allied victory.

The question of what the *D* stood for has never been absolutely determined: some say it just stood for Day; others maintain it was Disembarkation because it was an amphibious operation. What is sure is that there was a spiritual dimension. General Eisenhower, the commander of Operation Overlord, urged those taking part to "beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking", and President Roosevelt broadcast a prayer to the nation - the United States.

Before June 5 - the original date for D-Day, before bad weather forced a rethink - a massive and successful series of deceptions were put in place to make the Nazis think the invasion would come elsewhere. The Germans were indeed confused. Thinking the attack was a feint, Hitler refused to send reinforcements, and their strategy was hampered by the absence of their brilliant Commander Erwin Rommel, who was on leave.

Nevertheless, the Americans suffered over 2,000 casualties at Omaha Beach, which was the most heavily defended. Altogether, it was reckoned that over 4000 Allied troops were killed. Still, about 156,000 successfully stormed the beaches. Many landed behind the lines, including American paratrooper Private John Steele, who descended onto the pinnacle of the church tower in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first village to be liberated by the U.S. Army. Lit up by searchlights, he survived by pretending to be dead, was captured and then escaped, joining the invading soldiers.

This year, handmade silhouettes of almost 1,500 servicemen were transported to Normandy for an art installation, *Standing with Giants*, to mark the anniversary.  
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1. the fact that language is one of the significant tools for keeping women in "their place."
2. the lack of urgency in dealing structurally with the issue of inclusive language
3. that the lack of inclusive language, if it is experienced as an issue at all, seems to be seen as a women's issue rather than a challenge for the whole church community
4. the lack of inclusive language in God talk and worship in our Diocese in Europe
5. the role of the Church in perpetuating and sustaining patriarchy.

Below, I highlight the connection between language and patriarchy. In our July magazine, I will share some thoughts on being made in the image of God.

So what is patriarchy, then? Like other social systems, patriarchy is created by people. Patriarchy is conceived of as a broadly based system of social, legal, economic, political, religious and cultural structures and practices, which position men as the dominant social group and as able to marginalise and exploit women. The structure of patriarchy is woven in a manner that sustains itself through deep-rooted sociological patterns.

What is language, then? Contrary to the common belief stating that language is just a medium for creating, communicating and storing information, recent studies on language, especially women's and gender studies, have proved that language is not simply a vocabulary shared by a group of people. Still, it is a structure that constitutes meaning. It is the main force behind the construction and continuation of any ideology. Language, which acts as the primary medium for communication between people, is one of the breeding grounds of the system of patriarchy. Women being subjected to specific roles is a product of gendered languages. Thus, the way we speak reveals many facts concerning human behaviour.

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in for a Service!  
This church is not just four weddings and a funeral.

### **Grace**

The graduation banquet was about to begin when the master of ceremonies was informed that the invited clergyman could not attend. He quickly asked the main speaker to give the blessing.

The speaker nodded, rose, bowed his head, and sincerely said, "There is no clergyman present; let us thank God."

### **With June weddings in mind**

"If we did become engaged, would you give me a ring?" she said.

"Yes, of course!" he replied. "What is your number again?"

### **Mother-in-law**

Young man asked to describe his mother-in-law:

"Generally speaking, she's generally speaking."

### **Weight**

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put you weight on it," said the vicar.

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So the groom complied:  
'John Smith (74 kilos)'

**Love**

They say he married her because her aunt left her a fortune. He hotly denies it, saying that he would have married her whoever left her the fortune.

**Request**

A clergyman phoned his rural dean. "I regret to have to inform you that my wife has just died. Could you please send me a substitute for the weekend?"

**With Fathers' Day in mind...**

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.  
- *Ogden Nash*

I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me.  
- *Sigmund Freud*

**An Observation on Life**

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that

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It seems clear to me then that the mission of the Church is not to perpetuate and sustain patriarchy, as it undermines our understanding and belief that all people are equal and made in God's image and that the language we use should communicate and be part of sustaining that reality.

Is this why the regular worshippers at St Mary's hear us speaking of God the Parent instead of God the Father in some of our prayers or of God's image instead of His image? Inclusive language in our liturgy that breaks with patriarchy can be used to express the image of God in its fullness. Next month's article will expand on the fullness of the image of God.

Yours in Christ as always,

Jacque



**Do you forget where your keys or wallet are?**

It may be irritating, but don't worry - it does not mean that you are losing your memory.

Instead, it is merely your brain forgetting them on purpose so that it can store other information.

That is the verdict of two academics whose book, *The Psychology of Memory*, explains why we forget some things we assume we should always know.

Dr Megan Sumeracki and Dr Althea Kaminske argue that storing and retrieving information is far more complicated than people think.

Dr Kaminske of Indiana University School of Medicine said: "Because we are most aware of our memory when we have trouble remembering something, our intuitions about how memory works might be a little biased.

"For example, I spend an embarrassing amount of time looking for my phone, water bottle, and keys. You may be unsurprised to learn that our memory systems are not necessarily designed to remember where we put our phones. Or keys. Or water bottles.

Co-author Dr Sumeracki of Rhode Island College added: "A degree of forgetting is natural to allow the brain to remember more general information. They say memory does not work like a recording device, but 'more like a Wiki page' because details can be edited."

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## 5 June /Boniface of Crediton /Apostle to Germany, Martyr

Boniface is the saint for all preachers and teachers who wonder if they can make a lasting difference in anyone's life. This monk-teacher from Crediton went on to become the apostle to Germany and is considered to have been the most influential English person in the history of Europe.

Boniface began life as Wynfrith when he was born at Crediton, in Wessex, in 675. He became a monk in Exeter, moved to Nursling, near Southampton, and worked in the community as a teacher. He became an expert in biblical exposition and compiled the first Latin grammar ever written in England.

Writing the first Latin grammar was a peaceful occupation. But then, in 718, when he was 43, God called Wynfrith to be a missionary to the pagan tribes of Frisia, an area on the present-day border between the Netherlands and Germany. He was not welcomed! In fact, the hostility against him was so great that soon he fled for his life. The following year, he was offered a good post as an Abbott back near Southampton, but he refused. Instead, he went to Rome to ask for help with his mission.

By 722, Pope Gregory II had given his support and consecrated Wynfrith as Boniface, a missionary bishop to the pagans of Bavaria and Hesse. With Boniface's support from Rome, he returned to Frisia and began to see some success.

Boniface devoted the rest of his life to evangelising Frisia and building up the young church there. He was fearless, famously felling a sacred oak tree dedicated to the worship of Thor. When nothing terrible happened to him, the people decided that perhaps Thor was not so strong after all, and many converted to Christianity.

Boniface was also a gifted administrator. He founded monasteries and, in 741, made a joint commitment with the Frankish King Pepin to reform corrupt clergy. Boniface went on to improve leadership for the church throughout Europe, winning him the respect of the Pope and Kings.

In about 747, the Pope made Boniface Archbishop of Mainz, but he soon resigned and returned to his beloved Frisia. Boniface carried on preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ until he was martyred in Dokkum in 754 by a group of pagan bandits.

Later, Hildegard of Bingen wrote of him:

*O Boniface, you are the friend of the living God  
And the true crystal shining  
In the benevolence of the straight way  
Where you ran wisely.*

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will worship him and a cat that will ignore him. - Derek Bruce

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

- Ben Williams

**Newspaper headlines where you know what they meant, but...!**

Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Man Struck by Lightning; Faces Battery Charge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Hospitals are Sued by Seven Foot Doctors

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

*Some observations on our Christian pilgrimage...*

God has given us two hands - one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing. - Billy Graham

Man is most free when controlled by God alone. - Augustine

## *SPRING CLEANING*

*What word can heal, what word can bless  
Self-pity, envy, bitterness?  
Martha, Martha! What work can you do?  
To please our Lord when He wants - just you!*

*Martha, dear, did you ever think  
Why do you really slave at the kitchen sink?  
Is your heart all joyous, your soul at ease  
When you seek his presence on bended knees?*

*Or - do you hope that His love is won  
By a life well-ordered, a job well done?  
"Careful and troubled for many things."  
It is the only fruit such labour brings.*

*Martha, drop duster, and broom, and bowl;  
Martha, Martha, sweep out your soul!*



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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.

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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