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# May 2025

## *The Chaplain Writes*

Dear Saints,

The months of May and June are the least hectic months of the year in the life of St Mary's Twente. Our annual Ascension Day Picnic is the only special event planned besides our regular worship services. So let us ease into a great Spring and an easy Summer.

Well, Mother's Day is coming up on the second Sunday of May. Still, we usually do nothing with it as we have Mothering Sunday in the middle of Lent, so we celebrate our mothers then with a tinge of reserve. I feel very sorry for the fathers in our parish because nothing special has been done for fathers since I have been here. Should we not find a way to celebrate all the fathers in the congregation on the third Sunday of June? Make them feel special, or do they feel special enough?

In South Africa, May is celebrated in the Anglican Church as Africa Month, culminating on May 25 as Africa Day (generally the Sunday closest to May 25). Everybody dresses in traditional attire, and we share home-cooked special African dishes from parishioners from all over Africa and sing traditional songs. This is because the African Union was founded on May 25 1963. The African Union is an organization that stands for peace on the continent, development, prosperity, and a good life for all who live there.

We don't appear to know of such a European celebration, even though May 9 is considered Europe Day. Politicians envisaged, on May 9 1950, five years after the end of World War II, a Europe that gears its economy no longer towards war but towards peace and development. This year will be the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration.

As the Diocese in Europe, the Anglican Church is in a unique position to make its members, congregants and friends aware that peace and development are needed in Europe, maybe today more than 75 years ago.



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## St Mary's Chapel News



### Already well connected

The telephone rang in the church office of the church that a Member of Parliament attended when visiting his constituency. An eager voice inquired: "Do you expect the MP to be in church on Sunday? If so, I was thinking of coming along."

"That," said the clergyman, "I cannot promise. But we expect that God will be there, and we fancy that that should be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

### Don't look back

The Sunday School teacher told how Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, and she turned into a pillar of salt.

One youngster nodded knowingly. "My mummy looked back once while driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."

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### 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.

### Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread has the following prayer request this week:

*"When I needed a neighbour,  
Were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour  
Were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter  
Were you there?"*

*Some of you might recognise the words of this hymn based on Matthew 25.*

*Over the coming weeks, please be a neighbour in prayer for our friends and partners in Ukraine as the country finds itself in a tense and uncertain period."*

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of the Anglican Church Twente took place on the 27 April 2025.

At the meeting, Jeanet Luiten was re-elected as Churchwarden for the coming year.

Louw Talstra was re-elected for another three years as a council member.

In addition, Ilonka de Beij was elected as a council member for three years.

### Deanery Day

There will be a Deanery Day for Anglican chaplaincies in the Netherlands on Saturday, 24th May 2025. The Deanery Day will be held at the Church of St. John and St. Philip in The Hague. The guest speaker will be the Revd Sarah-Jane King, Chaplain of St. Martha and St. Mary's Anglican Church in Leuven, Belgium. The theme will be 'Passing on the Baton'. The Deanery Day this year is mainly for lay officers (e.g. churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries, archdeaconry representatives, safeguarding officers, environmental officers) and those who might be interested in becoming lay officers. But it is not just for lay officers. Everyone from our chaplaincies is welcome. If you want to attend, please register before 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 by emailing Simon Urquhart at [deaneryday25@anglican.nl](mailto:deaneryday25@anglican.nl).

## Ascension Day

On Ascension Day, Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025, there will be a Eucharist in the chapel at 10:30, followed by our annual Ascension Day picnic at the Chaplain's House.



*...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching a Gospel of Simplicity'...*

## 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.

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## A gracious rival

Some modern politicians might take a lesson in graciousness from Edward Campbell, the great British statesman of the 1930s.

Once, when Campbell was opposing Thackeray for a seat in Parliament, the two contenders met and engaged in friendly conversation during their campaign. On taking leave of his rival, Thackeray remarked: "May the best man win!"

"Oh no," Campbell replied, "I hope not - I want to win!"

## Children's parties

The main benefit of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children out there who are more awful than your own.

## Why you should be careful

The owner of a new sports car was reluctant to allow his wife drive it, even to the local shops.

After she insisted, he finally relented, cautioning her as she departed, "Remember, if you

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have an accident,  
the local  
newspaper will  
print your age!"

### **Sharing your faith at work**

After his local church had done a week of outreach training, the local barber felt guilty. When had he last shared his faith with anyone? So, the next morning, he prayed: "Lord, today I promise to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop, the first man said, "I want a haircut and a shave, please." The barber said nervously, "Sure, just sit in the seat, and I'll be with you in a moment."

The barber rushed into the back of his shop and sent a desperate prayer: "Dear God, give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Then, slowly, the barber returned to his customer with his razor in

### **On why people should ALWAYS sit in the same pew**

From The Rectory  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I have to say that the couple who complained that you never noticed they had been missing from church for a month had a point. There is a simple way of noticing when someone is absent: everyone sits in the same pew. Every Sunday. Always.

Little Miss Margison sits in the pew after the third pillar on the right here at St James the Least. As she walks up the aisle, you can sense her counting the pillars until she reaches the right one, which then allows her to sit in front of it. I have speculated that if I ever had that pillar removed, then the following Sunday, she would have a complete mental collapse.

One Sunday a visiting family arrived early and sat down; three people in an empty church seating 200. Colonel Wainwright and his wife were the first of our regulars to arrive and froze in horror. The Colonel said in a deafening whisper to his wife: "There's someone sitting in our pew."

At least they had the grace - no matter how reluctant - for one week, to sit somewhere else. Unlike the Prentice family of husband, wife and three children, who arrived to discover that a visiting family of husband, wife and four children were sitting in their pew; six people in a pew that held eight. Or, it normally holds eight. That Sunday, it held thirteen.

We at least have one iconoclast in Miss Pemberton, who makes a point of sitting in a different place every week. This thoroughly unsettles the rest of the congregation, who fear she may sit in their seats during her nomadic wanderings. I sometimes wonder if she has a chart at home with all the pew spaces marked on it and she strikes one off each week as she returns home after Mattins.

Occasionally the unexpected can happen. Mrs Cholmondeley arrived one week in good time, settled herself in her accustomed place, but half-way through the Service suddenly ran out of the building. Ten minutes later, she was back and in her usual place once again. It was only when the church filled with the smell of burned bacon that we understood.



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That is why replacing pews with chairs in your church was a mistake. Pews can never be moved. You know where everybody is – or should be!

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



### **Holy Day 1st May James the Less, quiet son of Alphaeus**

One thing is for sure: the apostles were not self-obsessed. In fact, many church historians wish they had left us just a few more personal details about themselves in the New Testament. James the Less is an excellent example.

This is the name we give to James, the son of Alphaeus, but beyond that, who was he? Sometimes, he is identified as James, whose mother stood by Christ on the cross. Sometimes, he is thought to be James, who was the 'brother of the Lord'. Sometimes, he is believed to be the James who saw the risen Christ. He has also, and often, been called the first bishop of Jerusalem. Finally, James the Less is sometimes considered the author of the Epistle of James.

But who really knows? If none of these identifications are correct, we know nothing about James the Less. So perhaps on this day, we can recall 'all' of James mentioned above and thank God for the mother who stood by the cross, the brother who supported Jesus, the apostle who saw his risen Lord and gave his life to proclaiming the truth, the first bishop of Jerusalem, and the author of the marvellous Epistle of James. Whether it was one James or several, they were all faithful to Jesus and proclaimed Him the Messiah. So perhaps that should make them James the More!

James the Less has been given an unusual iconographic emblem: a fuller's club. Tradition has it that he was beaten to death with one after being sentenced by the Sanhedrin in AD62. In England, there are only 26 churches dedicated to James the Less.

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one hand. He laid a shaking hand on the man's shoulder, stared at him in the mirror, and said: "I am glad you came to see me this morning...are you ready to die?"

### **Some perks of getting old**

There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

Things you buy now won't wear out.

You can eat supper at 4 pm.

You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

You can sing along with lift music.

Your eyes won't get much worse.

Your secrets are safe with your friends - because they can't remember them either.

### **Garden produce**

A toddler was found in the garden, chewing on a slug. After the initial surge of disgust, his mother asked, "Well . . . what does it taste like?" "The worms over there," was the reply.

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## Forthcoming Services

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

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### 4 May 2025

10:30 Eucharist	Easter 3
<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Rev. Jacqueline Williams
<b>Duty Warden</b> Jeanet Luiten	<b>Intercessor:</b> Joyce Wigboldus
<b>Sidesperson/Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Patrick Saridjan	Acts 9. 1-16
	Psalm 30
Linda ten Berge	Revelation 5. 11 -end
Gospel	John 21. 1-19

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### 11 May 2025

10.30 Eucharist	Easter 4
<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Rev. Jacqueline Williams
<b>Duty Warden</b> Jeanet Luiten	<b>Intercessor:</b> Simone Yallop
<b>Sidesperson/Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Diane Wesselink	Acts 9. 36 - end
	Psalm 23
Erica Bonting	Revelation 7-9 end
Gospel	John 10. 22-30

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### 18 May 2025

10:30 Eucharist	Easter 5
<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Rev. Jacqueline Williams
<b>Duty Warden:</b> Jeanet Luiten	<b>Intercessor</b> Elizabeth v d Heide.
<b>Sidesperson/Reader</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Joyce Wigboldus	Acts 11. 1-18
	Psalm 148
Irene Snijders	Revelation 21. 1-6
Gospel	John 13. 31 -35

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## 25 May 2025

19:00

Easter 6

**Celebrant  
Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams  
Simone Yallop

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Lea Meijnen

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Diane Wesselink

**Readings**

Acts 16. 9-15

Psalm 67

Lea Meijnen

Revelation 21.10.22-22.5

Gospel

John 14. 23-29

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## 29 May 2025

10:30 Eucharist

Ascension Day + Picnic

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Patrick Saridjan

**Readings**

Acts 1. 1-11

Psalm 47 or 93

Arthus Cass

Ephesians 1, 15-end

Gospel

Luke 24. 44-end

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## 1 June 2025

10:30 Eucharist

Easter 7

**Celebrant and Preacher**

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden**  
Jeanet Luiten

**Intercessor:**  
Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader**

Erica Bonting

**Readings**

Acts 16 -34

Psalm 97

Lea Meijnen

Revelation 22.12 - 14, 16-17, 20-end

Gospel

John 17. 20-end

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### **Aspirin**

Had a slight headache this morning but felt much better after following the instructions on the aspirin bottle:  
'Take two and keep away from children.'

### **Real responses to school science exam questions:**

- Genetics explains why you look like your father, and if you don't, why you should.

- The cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for many things people forget to put the top on.

- Water vapour gets together in a cloud. When it is big enough to be called a drop, it does.

- Mushrooms always grow in damp places, which is why they look like umbrellas.

- Momentum is something you give a person when they go away.

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## **A Word from Wales**

The Easter Services at St Deiniols were both familiar and yet different. The retirement of the resident Rector, the Rev Canon Andrea Jones, at the end of March meant the Church was interregnum.

However, unlike St Mary's Chapel, where an interregnum leaves the Wardens and Council members searching for priests to cover the services, there appear to be many more priests here. In this area, there are two churches, St Deiniols and yet another, St Marys, a few kilometres away, that comprise the parish. Serving these churches is an Associate Priest, a Curate, and a retired priest with permission to officiate.

If that was not enough, there are several retired priests in the general area of North Wales. In addition, next door to St Deiniols, there is the William Gladstone Memorial Library, a most imposing Edwardian building. The librarian, also a priest, has permission to officiate, so she helps when required. I asked one of the wardens if she had ever had to lead a prayer service at short notice because no priest was available. She did not even understand the question.

Unlike the one time when I was warden during an interregnum, and the locum phoned an hour before the service to say they could not attend. Simone had not completed her training, so my fellow warden and I were required to lead a service of Morning Prayer. Admittedly, Simone was there with her encyclopaedic knowledge of the Church of England to guide us.

Back at St Deiniols, I attended the Good Friday evening service. On entering the Church, everyone was given a hymn book, an order of service and an eight cm. nail. At the start of the service, a plain wooden cross, about 120 cm long, was carried into the Church and placed against the altar rail under the huge stained glass window depicting the crucifixion. At the end of the service, the priest invited the congregation to come up to the altar to place their nail in a basket next to the cross, say a silent prayer and then return to their pew. We were told we could leave when ready but we were asked to remain silent.

In silence, we complied, and after everyone had returned to their pew, the choir members, followed by the priest, filed out to the vestry in complete silence. The lights were dimmed, and the congregation members, when they felt they were ready, silently filed out into the darkness. It was an intensely moving, spiritual experience.

At dawn on Sunday morning, the Easter service of First Fire was conducted by the four-metre cross in the graveyard outside the Church. I would have liked to attend, but the cross is about halfway down the steep hill on which the St Deiniols stands. The slope faces east, so catches the first

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rays of the new dawn. Those attending also have a splendid view across to England and the Cheshire plains. I knew I could walk down to the cross but was equally sure I could not return up on foot to the Church. I blame over twenty years in the Netherlands for destroying my ability to climb hills!



## Why aren't dinosaurs in the Bible?

The Bible wasn't written to list all the animals on Earth or teach us about science. It was written long before people started using science to learn about the world.

When the Bible was written, people didn't even have a word for dinosaurs! But the Bible doesn't mention dinosaurs alone; it also doesn't mention armadillos, kangaroos, sabre-toothed cats, or penguins!

That doesn't mean that the Bible is out of date or wrong or that these animals aren't important. Rather than teaching us science, many Christians believe that the Bible was written to tell people about God, how much He loves them, and all the amazing things He has done.

The Bible says that God made everything and loves everything He made, including dinosaurs. It also encourages people to explore and learn about the wonderful things it says God has created. Science is a part of this exploration.

### *Did God make the dinosaurs?*

The Bible (the holy book Christians read) says God made everything—the stars, the Earth, and all the amazing plants and animals that have ever lived here. So yes, most Christians believe that God made the dinosaurs!

The Bible also teaches that God loves it when people explore His creation; science is an excellent way of doing that. So, for many Christians, science is one of the fun things we can use to learn **how** God made everything, including all the dinosaurs!

### *Were humans and dinosaurs ever living on Earth at the same time?*

Yes! But probably not the kind of dinosaur you're thinking of! Most dinosaurs died out a very long time ago, way before humans first lived. But some of the smaller, feathery dinosaurs survived and evolved over a long time into the animals we call birds.

So, from chickens and robins to penguins and ostriches, dinosaurs live all over our world today!

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- A monsoon is a French gentleman.

- The word 'trousers' is an uncommon noun because it is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.

- To keep milk from turning sour, keep it in the cow.

- When planets run around and around in circles, we say they are orbiting. When people do it, we say they are crazy.

- For asphyxiation, apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead.

- Thunder is a rich source of loudness.

### **Open your mouth...**

My dentist is also our choir leader at church. He likes the hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

### **The Future**

The factory of the future will have two employees, a man and a dog.

The man will be there to feed the dog and the dog is there to keep the man from touching the computers.

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**Reminder**

An elderly gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery, and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anaesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

**AS I AGE, I REALIZE THAT:**

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop annoying me.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I

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During the Easter season, we celebrate the resurrection, and we notice that in the 40 days between Easter and the Ascension, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples in many ways. In the first two appearances, we see Jesus greeting his disciples with "Peace be with you".

We say that to each other in every Eucharistic service: Peace be with you. Let all of us who follow Him be workers for peace and, therefore, instruments of peace. This is imperative because the European economies are again gearing towards war. Can lasting peace come out of instruments of war?

Let me share an African prayer and a blessing written specially for the Anglican Church in Africa. Maybe they can inspire us to pray a similar prayer and blessing for Europe, asking God to help us work towards peace.

**Prayer:**

God of mountain peak and rolling veld,  
Whose voice is the lion's roar  
And whose reach is the heron's swoop:  
Look with favour on our ancient land  
And pour out your blessing on Africa,  
that her history may inspire our children,  
Her bountiful resources feed the nations,  
And her drumbeat draws all the people  
into the dance of reconciliation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Blessing:**

Walk tall, walk well, walk safe, walk free  
And may harm never come to thee.  
Walk wise, walk good, walk proud, walk true  
And may the sun always smile on you.  
Walk prayer, walk hope, walk faith, walk light,  
And may peace always guide you right.  
Walk joy, walk brave, walk love, walk strong  
And may life always give you song.

Yours in Christ as always,  
Revd Jacque

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## Humility

A few years ago I visited the Smithsonian Museum's Hall of Human Origins. Our guide, the curator of anthropology, was keen to help Christians understand his research. Whatever you make of the evidence for human evolution, the fact remains that other species a bit like us were around before we came on the scene - or in the case of Neanderthals, at the same time.

Part of the exhibit included lifelike reconstructions of the face and hair of several different hominins, displayed on pillars at the right height for each species. So I could crouch down to 'meet' *Homo floriensis* or stand tall to look into the eyes of *Homo heidelbergensis*. Most of these - beings? Creatures? - were on other branches of the evolutionary tree to us, and we share a common ancestor much further back. I did, however, feel as if I was meeting my forebears.

As I walked between the statues, I asked myself, "Why us?" There's evidence that Neanderthals used symbolism as we do and also buried their dead. Did they have the potential to evolve to a point where they could do things similar to ours? The curator explained how human beings moved around as the ice ages came and went. Still, other species appeared to have stayed put and suffered the consequences - they weren't ready yet for that big change. I felt humbled as I took in the displays about how we began to gather socially around a fire, make music or write. We managed to adapt, but we could so easily have disappeared with the rest.

In his book, *The Message of Creation*, theologian David Wilkinson shares his view that being made in the image of God has nothing to do with our own cleverness or abilities but is a gift. God created us on purpose (I believe through the long, slow process of evolution) and chose to enter into a relationship with us, making us His representatives on earth.

Thankfully, I don't have to figure out how to interact with other human-like hominins today. However, I have an equal share in humankind's God-given commission to tend and keep creation. Am I ready to go further than ensuring my own species' survival - not necessarily because we have evolved further than our ice-age ancestors, but because I have one of the 'new hearts' promised in Ezekiel 11:19? Can I work together, in a true spirit of humility, with people worldwide to ensure the full diversity of life can flourish?

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don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.

8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!

9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.

10. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

11. When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."

12. At my age "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for

### Lectures

An elderly gentleman was recently stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and asked where he was going at night. He replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse, smoking, and late hours and their effects on the human body. The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

He replied, "That would be my wife."

*Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day  
8 May 1945*

*The bells rang out in England*

*The bells rang out in England  
And songs of heartfelt joy,  
But 'midst the cheers were bitter tears  
For each lost man and boy.*

*The six long years of fighting  
Had such a dreadful cost  
In blood and sweat and mortal threat  
And countless lives were lost.*

*It now, at last, had ended -  
In Europe's shores at least;  
Our people brave feared not the grave  
To slay the Nazi beast.*

*The lessons learned stayed with us  
For eighty peaceful years.  
Yet now, again, some brutal men  
Are raising wartime fears.*

*We should be celebrating  
This coming VE Day;  
Yet not at ease, but on our knees  
For lasting peace, we pray.*

*By Nigel Beeton*

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## Donations and Bequests

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

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

## Mission Statement

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

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

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

The main aims of the Anglican Church Twente are to:

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

## Stewardship

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

## A Prayer for St Mary's

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



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