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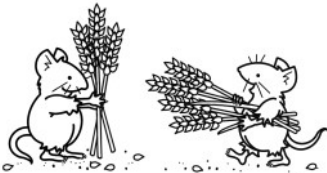
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September 2025

The Chaplain Writes

Dear Saints,

Greetings! Autumn is showing itself more and more with each passing day. Lucky for us, it is one of the most beautiful seasons, with nature showing off all its amazing colours.

September is Stewardship Month. During Stewardship month, we, as the community of St Mary's Church, Weldam, pray about how we can best offer our time, talents, and money in the coming year for the work of the Church and make a pledge to God and each other about that.

We, however, have been very busy with fundraising and outreach on the Sundays between 6th July and 17th August: seven weeks of Summer Teas from 13h00 to 17h00 and Evensong at 16h00. Those who made these events possible were, in one way or another, lending their hands and feet to our efforts to be good Stewards of our time, talents, and money. Thank you very much to all of you. Our work was not in vain, as the results were tangible. Every week, we welcome visitors to our tearoom, providing an opportunity to demonstrate God's love in action. This year, our Evensong achieved record attendance. For two out of the seven weeks, we recorded 25 people attending our Evensong worship services. Thanks to those who made this possible.

And we are very busy preparing for the Castle Fair on the second Saturday of September, where we hope to welcome over 1,000 visitors to our tearoom and church stall at the Weldam Castle grounds and to the Chapel, while raising funds for the Church.

Stewardship, however, is not just an action we take; it is also a spiritual act. It is part of the work of the Church. Christ's commission to us on the day of his Ascension was and still is today:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

The Church is that institution that continues the teaching ministry of Jesus. It is also one of those places where we, as a community, take the time to remember that Christ is with us and encourages us to live as people of Christ's Way. It is therefore the task of the whole Church to ensure that we build up the Church with our time, talent and money.

Scripture reminds us of this in many places. Other key scripture verses which talk to our time, talent and money can be found right from the first book of the bible, Genesis:

St Mary's Chapel News



Hymns for People Over 70?

Give Me the Old Timers' Religion

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up

Just a Slower Walk with Thee

Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up

Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

Over 50?

Fifty is when you are pretty sure: that friends who say "Don't you look well!" mean Fat:

That friends who say "I would have never have known you!"

Mean Old:

And that friends who say, "You'll be glad of that holiday!" Mean Goodness, you look terrible.

Car Insurance

I renewed my car insurance over the phone today, and as I was about to hang up, the woman on the other end asked if I had a pet.

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Castle Fair

The Castle Fair will be held on Saturday 13th September 2025.

St. Mary's English Fair

Kasteel Weldam

13 September 2025

10:30 tot 17:00



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Sunday 21st September 2025, Vredesweek service at St. Mary's

On Sunday 21st September there will be an Ecumenical Service for the "Vredesweek" (week of prayer for peace). Usually it is held at the Hofkerk in Goor. This year it is being held for the first time at St. Mary's. The churches taking part are the Hofkerk Protestant Church in Goor, the Roman Catholic church in Goor, the Arabic speaking churches, and St. Mary's Anglican Church Twente.

Prayer for peace in the world

Please continue to pray for peace in the world.

Prayer for the charities that we support

"Our Daily Bread" working in Ukraine, "Young Achievers" working with young people in Namibia, and the food bank in Goor.

Our Daily Bread prayer request

Our Daily Bread have the following prayer request for the coming weeks:

Please pray for the Jacaranda training and camp where we will train adults to support war-traumatised children. Also for Dave's trip to Ukraine from 16 August to 18 September where he will facilitate Jacaranda and following that visit various partner and contacts.

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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I said, "Yes, I've got a dog."

She said, "Would you like to insure him too?"

I said, "Don't be daft, he can't drive!"

New Hedge Trimmer

I bought a new hedge trimmer today. I proudly showed it my son.

"Have a look at this!"

I said.

He replied, "That's great dad."

I said, "It's cutting hedge technology!"

Recommended

Author

I asked the librarian to recommend an author who writes dinosaur books. "Try Sarah Topps," she replied.

Testing

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old-age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the

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bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No", he said. "A normal person would pull out the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

Harold

One evening, a father was listening to his son saying his prayers. The little boy started by saying, "Dear Harold". At this, his dad interrupted, saying, "Wait a minute, why are you calling God 'Harold'?" The child looked up and said, "Well, Dad, that's what they call him in church. You know the prayer we say - 'Our Father who art in Heaven, Harold be thy name!'"

Holiday

I pinned a map of the world to our bedroom wall. Handing a dart to my wife I told her that wherever she throws the dart, that's where we'll go for our next holiday. So, we now spending three weeks

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On hymns - ancient and more ancient

From The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren
So, your church does not bother with hymnbooks but uses one of those hideous screens which are invariably strategically placed to obscure the altar. I suppose I am not bothered, as wherever you put it in your converted cinema, it could never spoil its architectural aesthetics.

In my - fortunately limited - experience with such devices, they offer projectionists endless opportunities to display the wrong hymn, the right hymn but the wrong verse, or the right hymn and verse, but all upside down. In any case, the turnover from one verse to the next always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started. This means that the congregation, having been silenced for lack of words, is then faced with the challenge of singing two lines at double time.

When we decided to move from *Hymns More Ancient* to *Hymns Slightly Less Ancient* some years ago, our Sunday attempts to 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord' threatened to get lost in the noise of battle.

Colonel Wainwright was happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. Very keen on smiting is the Colonel; under his command, the Midianites wouldn't have stood a chance. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies wanted those they had sung at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thine's or 'wouldst's. Then a vicious rumour started that the new hymnbook might even offer hymns written in the last 50 years. At this time, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village (and church).

Eventually, we reached the perfect solution: we did nothing. Instead, Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky-backed plastic and repairing the current books. But there was still a crisis to come: her young (and radical) niece decided to add a note in the front of every copy. It suggested that if the page for the hymn you wanted was missing, then you could share it with the person sitting next to you. Of course, no one has done that yet; it would be an experience almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace.

And so, we struggle on with our *Hymns More Ancient*,

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whenever we can find the words. Harmony reigns once again.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



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"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it'". (Genesis 1:28)

We are commanded to be managers and stewards of God's creation. We are to be fruitful and multiply our God given gifts.

Deuteronomy is very clear about where our time, talents and money come from:

"You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirm His covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today." (Deuteronomy 8:17-18)

In the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30, we are encouraged to grow our resources through responsible use of our own resources.

We are also challenged in the first letter of Peter to use our spiritual gifts to serve others and to glorify God in the process.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ". (1 Peter 4:10-11)

We are not to live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. We are to be generous givers for all that works to glorify God as the Kingdom, which is justice, righteousness and peace, to come to fullness in our lifetime. Let us finally be reminded once more through Proverbs 3 that we, you and I;

"Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops."

Yours in Christ as always,
Jacque

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behind the
wardrobe.

Huh?

What's black and white and eats like a horse? A zebra

Aging

Middle age is when you need to have a rest after tying your shoe laces

The older you get, the harder it is to lose weight, because your body has made friends with your fat.

Apparently as you get older you get wiser. By that measure I must have the IQ of over 200. It's just a pity the Wi-Fi connection to the Hard-Drive of my brain seems to have been disconnected.

Middle age is when instead of combing your hair, you start "rearranging" it.

At my age I don't care if my mind starts to wander - just as long as it comes back again.

Age- you just wake up one morning, and you've got it.

Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is the youth of old age.

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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

September 7 2025

10:30 Eucharist Trinity 12

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden Jeanet Luiten
Intercessor: Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader **Readings**

Elisabeth v. d. Heide Jeremiah 18. 1-11

Psalm 139. 1-5, 12 -18

Rita Kizito Philemon 1-21

Gospel Luke 14. 25-33

September 14 2025

10.30 Eucharist Trinity 13

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden Jeanet Luiten
Intercessor: Elisabeth v. d. Heide

Sidesperson/Reader **Readings**

Lea Meijnen Jeremiah 4. 11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

Jan de Beij 1 Timothy 1. 12-17

Gospel Luke 15. 1-10

September 21 2025

10:30 Eucharist Ecumenical Peace Service

Celebrant Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams
Simone Yallop

Duty Warden: Jeanet Luiten
Intercessor Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader **Readings**

Erick Postma Jeremiah 8. 18-19.1

Psalm 79. 1 -9

Patrick Saridjan 1 Timothy 1 -7

Gospel Luke 16. 1- 13

September 28 2025

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 15
Dedication Service

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Lea Meijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Irene Snijders

Readings

1 Chronicles 29 6-19

Psalm 122

Louw Talstra

Epiphany 2. 19 -end

Gospel

John 2. 13 -22



Castle Fair

13 September

10:30

To

17:00



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You know you getting old when your address book is full of the names of people you've forgotten you knew.

Miscellaneous observations on life

You know you're a bad driver when Alexa says, "In 400 feet, pull over, stop and let me out."

Golf balls are like eggs. They are both white, sold by the dozen, and a week later, you have to go out and buy more.

You know you're getting older when you begin to realise that your parents were right, after all.

You can learn many things from children. Like, how much patience you have.

The most fattening thing you can put in an ice cream sundae is a spoon.

And finally....
Be careful to be good, or you'll end up in the minister's sermon.

God in the Sciences

Big perspective, big questions

It was three years ago this summer that the first operational images from the James Webb Space Telescope astonished and delighted astronomers, as well as the rest of us.

Those of us who have grown up in an age when 'astronaut' is a career option (albeit a pretty specialist one) might struggle to identify with the wonder of these events, and the true scale of the challenge. Human beings developed the technology to send first a probe, then living people, out of Earth's atmosphere, and cross the 252,000-mile gap to the moon. It was in 1959 that the Luna 3 probe managed to send back grainy images of the far side of the Moon, and in 1969 Apollo 11 managed to actually land on it, take off again, and arrive back in one piece. It's the safe arrival home that gets me - like hitting the bullseye twice in a row.

For some space-travellers, seeing Earth from a distance is a life-changing experience; a shift in thinking dubbed 'the overview effect'. The observer feels a sense of awe at seeing the whole planet as a single entity rather than a fragmented collection of countries, and at getting a sense of the fragility of the whole system. It brings people out of themselves - something psychologists call a 'self-transcendent experience'.

Some people claim to have a 'nothing but science' approach to life that trusts only in things for which we can produce very concrete, measurable, evidence. Is it perhaps ironic, then, that this overview of the whole globe - which is made possible by science - can trigger such a deep sense of meaning?

Science can bring us to the big questions of meaning and purpose, but it doesn't answer them. It's important to recognise that science, wonderful though it is, has limits. Beyond those boundaries we step into other ways of knowing, such as philosophy or theology. At the interface between science and theology we can have some fascinating conversations.

The discussions about science and religion that I enjoy most happen when people share what really matters to them. What do you find beautiful? Which scientific discoveries changed the course of your life? How do you see yourself in relation to the cosmos?

'God in the Sciences', is written by Dr Ruth Banciewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge

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St Deiniol of Bangor - bringing disagreeing bishops together 11th September

St Deiniol was a 6th century monk of Wales who came to be the 'first bishop of Bangor'. And a mighty bishop he was, too: Deiniol founded the two monasteries of Bangor Fawr (on the Menai Straits) and Bangor Iscoed (Clwyd), which, according to Bede, became the most famous monastery of British Christianity and came to number over 2,000 monks. Sadly, they were defeated at the battle of Chester by the pagan Aethelfrith, king of Northumbria.

Deiniol is also remembered for his skill in getting disagreeing bishops to come and talk things over at a Synod... surely a skill which his 21st century successors have had to put to great use! He died about 584 AD.

Vincent de Paul - patron of all charitable societies

Very few people stand out as being incredibly good, but Vincent de Paul was one of them. His life touched thousands of people, who were helped and inspired by his love and kindness.

Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 to a Gascon peasant family at Ranquine. Educated by the Franciscans and then at Toulouse University, he was ordained a priest at a very young age, at only 19. He became a court chaplain and then tutor to the children of the Gondi family. In 1617, he was made parish priest of Chatillon-les-Dombes.

From here, Vincent de Paul ministered to both the rich and fashionable, as well as the poor and oppressed. He helped prisoners in the galleys and even convicts at Bordeaux.

In 1625, Vincent de Paul founded a congregation of priests who renounced all church preferment and instead devoted themselves to the faithful in smaller towns and villages. In 1633, they were given the Paris priory church of Saint-Lazare. That same year, Vincent founded the Sisters of Charity, the first congregation of 'unenclosed' women, whose lives were entirely devoted to the poor and sick, and even providing some hospital care. Rich women helped by raising funds for various projects, which were an immense success.

Even in his lifetime, Vincent became a legend. Clergy and laity, rich and poor, outcasts and convicts, all were warmed and enriched by his charisma and selfless devotion. Vincent was consumed by the love of God and of his neighbour. His good works seemed innumerable - ranging from helping war-victims in Lorraine, and sending missionaries to Poland, Ireland and Scotland, to advising Anne of Austria at Court during the regency. No wonder that after his death at nearly 80, the Pope named him as patron of all charitable societies. Even today, the Vincent de Paul Society is working with the poor and oppressed.

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Holiday

A travel agent looked up from his desk to see an elderly lady and an elderly gentleman peering in the shop window at the posters showing the glamorous destinations around the world. The agent had had a good week, and the dejected couple looking in the window gave him a feeling of generosity.

He called them into his shop and said, "I have a surprise for you. I am sending you off to a fabulous resort at my expense, and I won't take no for an answer."

He booked two flights and a room in a five-star hotel. They, as can be expected, gladly accepted and were on their way.

About a month later, the little old lady came into his shop. "And how did you like your holiday?" he asked eagerly.

"The flight was exciting, and the room was lovely," she said. "I've come to thank you. But just one thing

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puzzled me. Who was that old guy I had to share the room with?"

Politicians

Politicians are people who, when they see the light at the end of the tunnel, order more tunnel.

No men

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Hymns for people over 50

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah,
I've Forgotten Where I've Parked The Car

Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One

Blessed Insurance

It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt

A Word from Wales

Well, September has arrived, the beginning of Autumn, with winter next. Some compensation for the colder, blustery weather is the sight of the leaves covering the trees in a glorious panoply of colours. Reds, bronze, shades of brown and gold turn any walk in the woods into a feast for the eyes.

Where I live on the banks of the River Dee, there is the bonus of watching the migrating flocks of geese pausing overnight on the river during their migratory journeys. The other day, I was walking through our Mobile Home Park. I was standing under the overhead electricity cables that run above the road that divides the Park.

As I looked up, I saw a flock of geese in V formation heading straight for the suspended cables. Disaster loomed. Then, seeing the danger, the goose leader honked instructions frantically. Having judged that there was insufficient room to gain altitude or go under, the leader led the flock into a 180-degree turn and headed back the way they had come.

But now, as they flew, they gained altitude. When the leader estimated they were high enough, further instructions were given with a series of honking calls, and the flock performed another 180-degree turn—all the time maintaining their perfect V formation.

They flew back over me, and now they were high enough to clear the obstruction safely. I watched the display, awe-struck at the skill and coordination of those magnificent birds. How dare people use the term bird-brained to mean something stupid!

Watching these birds took me back to my childhood in Zambia, a beautiful country with basically only two seasons, hot and very wet, or very hot and dry.

Every year, somewhere between mid-October and late November, the rainy season begins. Coinciding with the rains would be the arrival of great flocks of Martins and Swallows.

For when the rains fell, tens of thousands of termites hatched. Going out in the evening after the rain was nearly impossible as the creatures, known to the locals as flying ants, would be in your nose, your eyes, or worse, your mouth.

However, they were a delicious, nourishing meal for the birds after their long flight from Europe. The birds would stay until about March or April, enjoying the best weather and food supply, before returning to Europe in the spring.

My family knew when they were going because they would gather on the telephone wire that ran along the length of the back garden. Several hundred little birds would sit shoulder to shoulder, twittering away for several days. Then, as if obeying some secret signal, they would suddenly vanish for another year.

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Despite the strife and problems that have beset Africa, the birds continue to follow their centuries-old habits. When I hear the Gospel reading, Matthew 6:26-34, my mind always goes back to the coming and going of the migrating birds in those happy days in Africa. I often wonder if the birds still gather on the telephone wire at the place I always think of as home, preparing for their long journey back to Europe.

Not leaving your dog on its own - even for church

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me, that you also may be where I am.

John 14:2-3

There are some couples I see in church, but only rarely do they attend together. You may know them. The explanation is quite simple; it is not that they dislike being seen together. Instead, they have a dog - or dogs - which do not like to be left alone. So, when there are two services available, one stays at home with the pet, and the other goes to church. Then they swap round for the later service.

I have suggested they bring the dog along, but they are concerned that it might be noisy and misbehaved. (The dog that is, not the partner, although you never know.) I suppose that in years gone by, churches were not only places for polite and well-behaved worshippers, but for anyone. I like my Orthodox brothers and sisters, who have very long services, but the congregation come and goes as they feel. Another solution is to offer more outdoor services, allowing dogs to join in, and inviting local birds to sing along if they find the standard high enough.

It all reminds me that our pets hold a vital place in our lives, and in the homes which we share. Animals also have important roles in the Bible. Try to list some!

@David Pickup, a solicitor, considers the problem of the lonely dog.



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Wave away

It was a tradition that the Queen and other members of the royal family go to Royal Ascot for the horse racing each year. They drive slowly, and people come to wave. A former teacher told me that years ago, she worked at a school on the Queen's route and told her class of little children that if they came back to where the school was a couple of hours after school had finished with their parents, and looked out for a black car travelling slowly with flowers on it, it would be the Queen. They could cheer as she went past.

At breaktime, she went into the staffroom, and the teachers in there heard a great cheering and yelling from outside. They went to see what was going on and saw all the children near the school railings, loudly cheering and waving as a hearse went by. The headmistress said, "Well, at least he got a good send-off."

Knock knock

What do you get when you cross an atheist with a Jehovah's Witness?
Someone who knocks at your door for no apparent reason.

Autumn

*Shorter and shorter now the twilight clips
The days, as though the sunset gates they crowd,
And Summer from her golden collar slips
And strays through stubble-fields, and moans aloud,*

*Save when by fits the warmer air deceives,
And, stealing hopeful to some sheltered bower,
She lies on pillows of the yellow leaves,
And tries the old tunes over for an hour.*

*The wind, whose tender whisper in the May
Set all the young blooms listening through th' grove,
Sits rustling in the faded boughs to-day
And makes his cold and unsuccessful love.*

*The rose has taken off her tire of red—
The mullein-stalk its yellow stars have lost,
And the proud meadow-pink hangs down her head
Against earth's chilly bosom, witchèd with frost.*

*The robin, that was busy all the June,
Before the sun had kissed the topmost bough,
Catching our hearts up in his golden tune,
Has given place to the brown cricket now.*

*The very cock crows lonesomely at morn—
Each flag and fern the shrinking stream divides—
Uneasy cattle low, and lambs forlorn
Creep to their strawy sheds with nettled sides.*

*Shut up the door: who loves me must not look
Upon the withered world, but haste to bring
His lighted candle, and his story-book,
And live with me the poetry of Spring.*

Alice Cary

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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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