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# St Mary's Magazine



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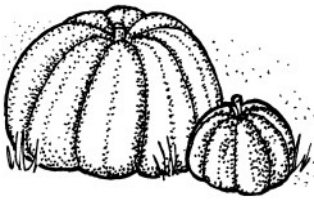
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# October 2025

## *The Chaplain Writes*

Dear Saints,

There is nothing that can cause depression to raise its ugly head in the life of a priest more than a Church where no Baptisms take place and where Confirmations seem to be a distant dream. Well, my first couple of years in our parish were a fertile ground for depression, that is, if one's mental well-being is linked to church rituals/sacraments like Baptism and Confirmations. I do not want to make light of this; however, it has been our reality as a community from early 2022 to late 2024 that these fundamental sacraments have not been part of our communal experience.

So what does a parish do in situations like ours? I think we embraced the Scripture by not despairing, but to heed the words of the prophet Micah: "God has shown you, oh human, what is good, and what does God require from you, but to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God".

We ask ourselves, as a community and as individuals, has God been good to us? Reflecting on our lives, we can only reply, 'Yes, God has been good to us, and we are learning from God's goodness to be good to others.' Seeking to do good in the power of the Holy Spirit and praying for God's goodness to be copied by all of us as we live our lives. We also seek to understand what justice is in this complex and interconnected world we live in and to show it in the decisions and choices we make. We also strive to walk humbly with our God, both as individuals and as a community. Creating opportunities to worship God in our homes and as a collective online, in our Chapel and in our play and work in activities like the Summer Teas, the Castle Fair, Passover meal, Lenten Programmes, and just having fellowship with each other. Continuously reaching out to others in what we do and how we do it.

This refusal to succumb to despair and trusting in the goodness of God seems to be bearing fruit in our community. In October 2024, we held our first Baptism, followed by a second Baptism in November 2024. The parish presented two candidates for confirmation at the Archdeaconry Confirmation Service, which took place in November 2024. In July 2025, we were further blessed with two infant baptisms. In October 2025, we will have our fifth Baptism. We will also be presenting a candidate at the November Confirmations in The Hague.

God's goodness to us as a community is further evident in the fact that we have been blessed with two weddings in August 2025 and September 2025, respectively. Both relatively young couples are active in the life of our community. God is truly at work in our midst. We can feel it, we can see it, and we anticipate more tangible evidence of this work of the Spirit in our midst.

As we dedicate ourselves once more, both as individuals and as a Church, to God during our Dedication Festival, let us continue to humbly walk with God and become beacons of the light of Christ, which has come into our world and dwells in us.

Yours in Christ as always,  
Jacque

## St Mary's Chapel News



### Lost in translation

Sign on a door in Istanbul: American dentist - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Teeth extracted by a new Methodist.

### Reply

A curt reply to a bishop who had suggested that a certain incumbent consider moving read: Dear bishop, I REMAIN, yours faithfully....

### Not any more

Two young tourists went into a Quaker Guest house in Lakeland. As they were strangers, the warden approached them and asked, "Are you Friends?"

The answer came back politely, "Oh no, not now, we are married."

### Choice

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president, and 50 for Miss America?

### Wear out

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I

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### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Blessing of Animals

There will be a service of Blessing of Animals at 14:00 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 outside the chapel. All are welcome to bring their pets for a blessing.

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025, Kerkasiel in Kampen

Our Chaplain has booked another two-hour at the Kerkasiel in Kampen from 18:00 to 20:00 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025. There will be a Eucharist. All are welcome. The address is Open Hof Kampen, Lelystraat 49, 8265 BB Kampen. The service will also be on Zoom.

### Baptism and confirmation

There will be a baptism on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in the Sunday morning Eucharist service at St. Mary's. The person who is being baptized in October, will be confirmed on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November in The Hague.

### Congratulations

Yesterday, Irene and Michiel were married in St. Mary's chapel. We congratulate them on their marriage.

### Church cleaning

The next Church cleaning session is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 starting at 10:00.

### Church Council Meeting

The next Church Council Meeting will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 14:00 in the Hut.

### Standing Committee Meeting

The next Standing Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 16:30 on Zoom.

### Parish Quiet Morning

On Saturday 29 November 2025 there will be a Parish Quiet Morning during which we will look at what it means to be Anglican.

### Prayer for peace in the world

Please continue to pray for peace in the world.

### Archdeaconry Synod

The Synod of the Archdeaconry of North-West Europe will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 in Drongen in Belgium.

### 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.



Thanks to digital technology, the vicar never got the name wrong again

### 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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can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

### If you understand it...

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

### Ouch

A lady who had been absent from church for some weeks, due to an illness, proudly told her new doctor: "The Vicar dropped on me."

### All Angels?

The slightly harassed minister stood on the railway station platform with a number of lively Sunday School children, while the two Sunday School teachers went off to buy tickets. A porter came up to him and asked: "Excuse me, are you St Michael and all the Angels?"

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### **Not what it seems!**

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

"Why are you driving a taxi with such high qualifications?" He replied, "Dr is short for Driver." Then what about your PhD?

"Pot Hole Dodger" he replied.

### **Where two or three are gathered...**

A lady was describing the small attendance at her local church.

"We were so few last Sunday that when the vicar began 'Dearly beloved, I blushed."

### **Ten**

Asked to name one of the Ten Commandments, one little girl replied: "Do not admit adultery."

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From The Rectory  
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

### **What those parish adverts really mean...**

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should consider moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not have travelled that far yet.

Reading the specifications that parishes provide, which give a picture of life in their community, should be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

"We look to grow our Sunday School" - We do not have a Sunday School.

"We have an enthusiastic choir" - We have a choir totally out of control.

"Our youth group is always eager to learn" - Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.

"The new incumbent should be sympathetic to our musical tradition"- The new incumbent must be able to play the organ as well as lead the Services.

"While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change" - We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.

"Plans for church renovations are in hand" - The building is in imminent danger of collapse.

"We have a large range of church groups" - You will have to run an extensive range of church groups singlehandedly.

"The vicarage is being refurbished" - The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.

"There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations" - No one in living memory has ever spoken to the clergy of other denominations in our town.



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"The new incumbent should have a sense of humour" - They will need it when reading this specification.

My dear nephew, *caveat emptor*. Let the buyer beware!

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



## The Castle Fair 2025

The Castle Fair is hard work. The Organising Committee begins planning for the next Fair shortly after the previous one, books stallholders, orders stalls and toilets, arranges Weldam Castle, parking, musicians, and dancers, prints posters and flyers, and does much more. After all these years of successful Fairs, it's a lean machine, but it still is hard work.

And all the parishioners who bake the cakes, make the jams and handicrafts, all the volunteers who help spreading the flyers and help dress up the stalls, help selling the cakes and the jams, help washing the dishes, help hosting visitors to our Chapel and help collecting the monies at the end of the Fair, clearing the Castle grounds after the Fair and do so much more. It is hard work.

The Castle Fair is a significant investment. The rental of the stalls and toilets, the dancers and some of the musicians, the parking guards, the tables, chairs, and parasols for the terrace, the posters, flyers, and so much more, all need to be paid up front. Hoping for a good return on the day of the Fair. It's a significant investment.

The Castle Fair is a financial risk. If it rains on the day of the Fair, visitors will not come, sit in the Tearoom for coffee and homemade cakes, or buy homemade jams and handicrafts. If it rains, the church will not recoup its investment and may lose out. It's a financial risk.

There was talk after last year's Fair about whether all the hard work and investment were worth the risk. Some even suggested not to have the Fair, but to ask parishioners for a one-off extra financial contribution instead. Then we wouldn't have the risk of losing the investment, and our ageing parishioners and volunteers would not have to do the hard work.

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### **Cheap at the price**

A little boy was pestering his parents for a baby brother or sister. They kept telling him 'maybe one day, but we can't afford one yet.' Then one Sunday the little boy dragged his parents over to the noticeboard at the back of church. It was advertising a coming sale at the church and announced: 'Children: free'.

### **Golf**

A golf player is a person who can drive 70 miles an hour in traffic with perfect ease, but who goes to pieces on a two-foot putt if somebody coughs.

### **Who is God?**

During a youth service, the minister asked if anyone could tell her who God is. One youngster waved a hand, and ventured: "Isn't God the man who saves the King?"

### **Sales**

It is getting harder to find a courteous person who isn't trying to sell you something.

### **Film**

The newspapers report how a cinemagoer arose from his seat while

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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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### October 5 2025

10:30 Eucharist Trinity 16

**Celebrant and Preacher** Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden** Jeanet Luiten  
**Intercessor:** Elizabeth v d Heide

**Sidesperson/Reader** **Readings**

Joyce Wigboldus Lamentations 1. 1-6

Psalm 37. 1-9

Diane Wesseling 2. Timothy 1. 1-14

Gospel Luke 17. 5-10

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### October 12 2025

10.30 Eucharist Trinity 17

**Celebrant Preacher** Revd. Jacqueline Williams  
Simone Yallop

**Duty Warden** Jeanet Luiten  
**Intercessor:** Joyce Wigboldus

**Sidesperson/Reader** **Readings**

Lea Meijnen Jeremiah 19. 1, 4-7

Psalm . 66. 1-11

Jan de Beij 2 Timothy 2. 8-15

Gospel Luke 15. 1-10

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### October 19 2025

10:30 Eucharist Trinity 18

**Celebrant and Preacher** Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:** Jeanet Luiten  
**Intercessor** Lea Meijnen

**Sidesperson/Reader** **Readings**

Erica Bonting Jeremiah 31.27-34

Psalm 119.97-104

Nicolette Christiaanse 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Gospel Luke 18. 1-8

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**October 26 2025**

10:30 Eucharist Trinity Last  
**Celebrant and Preacher** Rev. Jacqueline Williams  
**Duty Warden** **Intercessor:**  
Jeanet Luiten Simone Yallop  
**Sidesperson/Reader** **Readings**  
Elizabeth v. d. Heide Joel 2.23-end  
Psalm 65. 1-7  
Rita Kizito 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18  
Gospel Luke 18. 9-14

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**November 2 2025**

10:30 Eucharist **All Souls Day**  
**Celebrant and Preacher** Rev. Jacqueline Williams  
**Duty Warden** **Intercessor:**  
Jeanet Luiten Jeanet Luiten  
**Sidesperson/Reader** **Readings**  
Erik Postma Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Patrick Saridjan Epiphany 1. 11-end  
Gospel Luke 6. 20-31

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**October 9 2025**

10:30 Eucharist Remembrance Sunday  
**Celebrant and Preacher** Rev. Jacqueline Williams  
**Duty Warden** **Intercessor:**  
Jeanet Luiten Joyce Wigboldus  
**Sidesperson/Reader** **Readings**  
Irene Snijders Job 19.23-27a  
Psalm 17. 1-8  
Louw Talstra 2 Thessalonians 2. 1-5, 13-end  
Gospel Luke 20. 27-38

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watching a film and shot himself. I believe that I have also seen that picture.

### **Listening**

While visiting a cathedral recently, I couldn't hear the service over the chatter of the two people sitting in front of me.

Finally, I tapped one of them on the shoulder. "Excuse me," I said, "I can't hear."

The reply was swift and indignant. "I should hope not! This is a private conversation."

### **Flying**

I love flying. I've been to almost as many places as my luggage.

### **Truths about children**

A young child is a noise with dirt on it.

An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

A child will not spill on a dirty floor.

Having children is like having a bowling alley

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But the Fair is not just about raising funds for the church and its charities. It's also about the church's outreach to all visitors and about the fellowship among parishioners and volunteers. Soon, the Organising Committee was strengthened by a few young members who brought their energy enthusiastically. After the necessary hard work and investment, the Castle Fair 2025 was ready to be a success once again. As long as it does not rain.

The weather forecast for this year's Castle Fair was rain. Over 70% chance of rain. On the morning of the Castle Fair, it rained. The thick clouds didn't bode well for improvement. Was all the hard work going to be for nothing? Was the investment going to be in vain? Was the risk of not breaking even, let alone making some money, coming true?

While the volunteers were setting up the tearoom terrace and the church stalls, the rain transitioned into a drizzle and eventually stopped. And as the bagpipers played their tune to open the Fair, the clouds opened and the first rays of sunshine welcomed the visitors. It stayed dry. And the visitors kept coming. They enjoyed the stalls, the music and the dancers. They sat at the terrace of the Tearoom and delighted in the homemade cakes. They visited the church stalls and bought the homemade jams and handicrafts. Some were curious about the church and our charities. They visited the Chapel and were refreshed by the musical performances. The visitors with the dogs delighted in the Dog Show. The last visitors joined in the songs of praise at the end of the Fair.

It stayed dry till after all the visitors had left. Till after the volunteers had cleared the stable where the Tearoom was located and the Castle grounds. Till after the volunteers had a nice homemade meal together at the back of the stable.

But when the last volunteers were about to leave the courtyard, the rain came gushing from the sky. It rained so hard that the volunteers couldn't even run to the parking lot without getting soaked.

On the way home of the organisers and volunteers, the rain stopped and a beautiful rainbow showed its bright colours. As if the Organising Committee and all the volunteers were told by the sky that they did well. Castle Fair 2025 was once again a resounding success, with notable achievements in fundraising, outreach, and fellowship.

Yes, the Castle Fair is hard work. And a significant investment. And a financial risk. However, the Castle Fair is primarily about fundraising, outreach, and fellowship. The Castle Fair is a blessing for St Mary's, our visitors, our volunteers, and our charities.

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## St. Mary's Chapel and the Fair 2025.

Like in previous years, St. Mary's Chapel was open for visitors during the recent Fair, and again quite a lot of people came, to see the Chapel, to learn about its history and current function, to find about the Anglican Church in the Twente region, to sit quietly and contemplate, or to enjoy the music that was performed by a few musicians throughout the day.

It is interesting to hear the various reactions of people visiting the Chapel. For some, it is a "discovery"; they had never heard of Weldam Castle before. They were also unaware of its beautiful Chapel. Some are even more amazed about a living Anglican Church community "in the middle of nowhere". For others, it brings back memories of a funeral or a wedding service, for some of them a long time ago, for others in more recent times. And for another group of people, it is a joy to find that, on this particular day, the Chapel is open to visitors, because, as many of them say, "we have been here on our bikes very often, but the Chapel is always closed". A "Frequently Asked Question" concerns the texts on the walls, which are in Dutch: "If this is an English-speaking church, why are those texts in Dutch?"

You will understand that all this gives the hosts ample opportunity to share information and tell stories. Most people listen to that with great interest. On the other hand, some visitors don't like to be "disturbed" and prefer quiet moments to themselves in the Chapel; they are also very welcome.

There were also some musical activities during the day. A lady was playing the flute, accompanied by the organist; they gave a short concert twice. They played beautiful music by a number of composers from the time of J.S. Bach; it sounded very nice in the Chapel and was much appreciated. Apart from that, a lady was playing the harp, kind of background music, almost all day. She mainly played Irish-sounding music, with a melancholic nature at times, but it suited the Chapel very well. It did, however, sometimes conflict a little bit with the continuous stream of visitors, some of whom wanted to listen to what they thought was a (harp-)concert. In contrast, others at the same time wanted to learn about the Chapel, etc. The hosts tried to serve all types of visitors, the best way they could.

Counting the number of visitors on such a day is a challenging task, as people come and go throughout the day. However, we did our very best and are reasonably sure that at least 125

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installed in your brain.

Having children will turn you into your parents.

If you have trouble getting your children's attention, just sit down and look comfortable.

Avenge yourself; live long enough to be a problem to your children.

### Over 50?

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened

Middle age is when everything starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out

Age is a question of mind over matter. I you don't mind then is doesn't matter.

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

The years between fifty and seventy are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and you are not yet decrepit enough to turn them down.

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### **Big or Small?**

Can you explain how come a €10 note looks so small in the supermarket, and so big in church?

### **Legal Evil**

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

### **I'll be Waiting**

A vicar fell out with his church council over various church policies and procedures, including the handling of finances.

After bitter arguments and many sleepless nights, he decided to leave the congregation to take a job as a

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people have visited the Chapel, possibly even more. This is slightly lower than last year, but it aligns with the overall number of visitors to the Fair.

The task of the hosts is both enjoyable and rewarding, yet also exhausting. However, the hosts are well looked after during the day, with coffee, tea, and cookies provided regularly. We thank the organizer's of the Fair for this.

All in all, it is a great pleasure and an honour to serve St. Mary's Anglican Church on such a day.

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### **And Finally, from the new Castle Fair Commander of Cakes and Baked Goods**

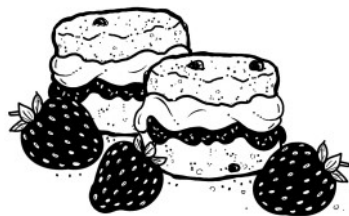
The Castle Fair of 2025 was an exciting one! I was honoured to take over the duties of Chief Baker from Caroline Siertsema. I was lucky to receive her extensive guidance on how to run a successful Tearoom. I'd be a fool to neglect all this knowledge, so I read it well, and it worked out!

We had wonderfully active bakers this year who provided a multitude of lovely cakes, all of which were sold by the end of the day. Somewhere during the early afternoon, we couldn't keep up with the demand for scones and had to take action. Frozen clotted cream did come in handy.....

We received tremendous help from the Department of Washing Up at the Ministry of Doing Dishes. Without their assistance, we would not have been able to work as efficiently and neatly as we did.

The results of the inquiry held among some of the guests are still being finalised. Still, they will be available soon and can be helpful to the Fair Committee. Thank you all for your hard work, enthusiasm, and cooperation in making this year's Castle Fair Tea Room a success!

Kind Regards,  
Jaccolien Molenaar



## Continuing the Celebration!

From October 6th to 13th this year, many people around the world will be celebrating the Jewish festival of Tabernacles, also known as Sukkot. They will celebrate the Harvest, and also remember God bringing the Israelites out of Egypt and through 40 years in the desert.

The biblical book of Deuteronomy contains a description of what Tabernacles should have been like back then. "Celebrate... for seven days. Be joyful... you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns."

These festivals were not just a celebration, but also an expression of gratitude to God: "celebrate the festival to the Lord your God... For the Lord your God will bless you in all your Harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete." Tabernacles was a proper holiday, with two whole days off from regular work and seven days of feasting.

Farming looks very different today. Very few of us have had to sweat long hours over crops, so we're not as ready for (or deserving of) a rest and a party as our ancestors were at this time of year. That might be even more the case in future, as the agri-tech revolution unfolds. For example, small autonomous tractors are already becoming available that do less damage to the soil and make better use of steep or oddly shaped fields.

Many arable farms already hire contractors to perform routine work with large, specialist GPS-equipped machinery. In future years, those people might find themselves using very different kinds of high-tech equipment, acting more as land-management advisors, helping farmers gather data and find ways to improve soil quality, biodiversity, and the water cycle.

I'm very grateful for the food that arrives on my shelves. Instead of worrying about whether or not we earned it, our modern-day Tabernacles or Harvest celebration could include ways of encouraging those involved in agriculture and developing new agricultural technologies, as well as enjoying how we can learn about and benefit from God's creation through Science.

So, after you celebrate Harvest at church, why not follow it up with a trip to a local farm this month? Why not learn from the ancient Israelites, and follow it up with a meal together? It stands to reason that those of us who live in countries where food is plentiful and cheap could do with being proportionately more generous in our gratitude and giving. Should we throw better parties? Probably!

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prison chaplain.

He preached his last sermon at the church on John 14:1: "I go to prepare a place for you.

**Now that's clever**  
In a moment creative inspiration, the entrepreneur who owned the coin-op laundry beside the church commissioned this sign for his window:

"Where cleanliness really is next to Godliness!"

**The Hand of God**  
Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

"Doesn't it look like an artist painted this rainbow?" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted this just for you!"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it, and he did it left handed."

Confused, his mother asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip, "we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

## *A Helping Hand*

*There is much we can do just to brighten  
This world of all take and no give,  
There's a great deal that we can contribute  
Through the everyday lives that we live.*

*By supporting one's elderly neighbours  
Or through lending a hand in some way  
It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers  
To someone to brighten their day.*

*It's by sparing a few precious hours  
In the service of those most in need  
It's all about setting a standard  
And trying to give others a lead*

*It's the way that we tend to treat others  
And help and aid folks in distress  
In the care and assistance we offer  
That will set us apart from the rest.*

*The choice that we face is quite simple  
The rewards plain for all men to see  
As you did all of this to My brother  
Then said Jesus, you did it to Me.*

*By Colin Hammacott*

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## Mission Statement

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

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

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

The main aims of the Anglican Church Twente are to:

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

## Stewardship

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

## A Prayer for St Mary's

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



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