

Poetry and Prose

"British Citizenship"

As part of an effort to crack down on terrorist activity within Britain, Prime Minister Tony Blair has instituted a new series of tests that all applicants for British citizenship must pass:

- The ability to express the full range of human emotion by gentle throat clearing
- The ability to drink a full pint of warm flat beer (non-alcoholic beer is permitted, but in this case two pints must be consumed).
- The ability to complement the cook after consuming a dinner of cold mashed potatoes, cold peas, and cold burnt meat
- The ability to instinctively know if it's tea first or milk first
- The ability to praise the French while clearly indicating that since 1066 they've pretty much been a bunch of losers.
- The ability to praise the Americans while clearly indicating that they got lucky that one time in the late 1700s.

And finally ...

- The ability to utter the phrase: "British Way of Life" without cracking even the hint of a smile.

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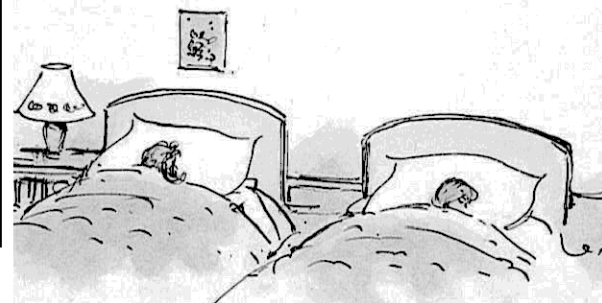
The Best Days



Our children's children love
to call
To climb a tree or scale a wall
They like fresh baked drop
scones for tea
And love to sit on Granddad's
knee;
They chase and catch
butterflies
Then study them with avid
eyes
Or play for hours with
matchbox toys -
The ones their fathers had
when boys

And when, sometimes they stay the night
Pyjama clad and tucked up tight
We view them fast asleep in bed
And dearly love each tousled head;
Each moment holds a memory
Of how our children used to be
Yes, they're the brightest days of all -
The days our children's children call!

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The Chaplain writes The Freedom of Lent...?

David Adam begins his Lent book, *Passing the Test*, with a remarkable statement: 'Lent is not a time for restricting yourself but for throwing off restrictions and realizing new liberties.' I don't know about you, or whether you are even in the habit of observing Lent in the traditional way, but I was brought up thinking of Lent as a 40-day period to give up some vice or some unhealthy food. Lenten fasting was all about self-denial. Denying chocolate or (when I was older) alcohol or (another thing I've tried recently) giving up TV. All of these things are negative, though. What Adam is suggesting, rather, is that Lent should help us to realize our potential, our fullness, our freedom, in Christ. True, that may mean re-examining some of our bad habits and putting them on hold for Lent, or if needed, laying them aside altogether. But that is not the central thing. More importantly, Lent is a time of pointing us to our Lord and recognizing the freedom of the people we should be. Lent, means 'lengthening', as in the lengthening of days in early springtime. Shouldn't Lent therefore also be about the extending of our own understanding of God's purpose for us, too?

Perhaps part of God's purpose for you is to join in serving Him as a member of our Church Council? This is a vital (and despite what you might think, not too time-consuming) ministry that is crucial to the direction of our church. This year's Annual General Meeting is after the service on March 19th, at Jacobi Family Hall, Oude Needseweg, 18, Markelo, behind Weldam Castle. (Oude Needseweg is off the Haaksbergerweg, near where Haaksbergerweg intersects with Rondweg [the N346] on the south side of the easternmost canal bridge from Goor.) At the AGM, there need be elections for four regular places on the Church Council, as well as for the two posts of Churchwarden. Some current Council Members now ending their 3-year terms are willing to stand again, but they must, in any case, be re-elected, as must the Churchwardens, who are elected each and every year. Treasurer Colin Lee and Churchwarden Marykay Schouten, after years of excellent and faithful service, have both

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Twente News

Annual Book Sale

On Sunday, March 12th, after the service we will hold our book sale for the Flower Fund. How open the porch will be (by the coffee hut) depends on the weather.



Pray for a fine dry day! In the past your prayers have worked. Several people have mentioned that they have been collecting books in anticipation of this annual event. Where else can you buy practically new books for 50 cents and magazines for 25 cents? Perhaps friends, family or neighbours also have books to donate. We are not the Deventer Book Fair but I'm sure we have more fun! Any books or magazines that remain unsold can be taken home again or donated to the local kringloop. Free hapjes will be provided while you browse. For more information please call Linda ten Berge, 0546-868139.

Sisters

A little over three years ago, our first grandchild was baptised at St Mary's Weldam. I submitted the piece below to the ANT Magazine at the time but somehow it must have been swept up in cyberspace - or, horror of horrors, ended up on the cutting floor! Nothing daunted, and now with a second baptism to celebrate, I've decided to try my luck again and tack on my earlier effort to this year's attempt. After all, the main purpose of both pieces is to say "thank you" to all the people who contributed to the services in many different ways, and made each in its own way a memorable occasion.

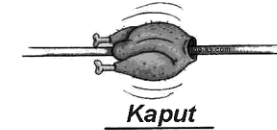
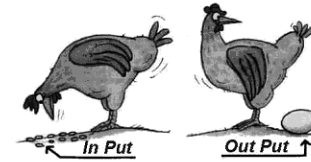
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*"It's my party and I'll cry if I want to ...
... you would cry too if it happened to you."*

If you can cast your mind back to the Swinging Sixties and remember gyrating on the dance floor to that old Lesley Gore number, well it means you, like me, have

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Chicken Lifestyle



Jelly Beans

Have you heard the story of the jelly beans?

Little jelly beans
Tell a story true.

A tale of our Father's love
That's just for me and you.

GREEN is for the new spring grass.
YELLOW is for the sun above.
BROWN is for the soft earth where
People sat hearing of HIS love.

PURPLE'S for the robe he wore
RED is for that precious wine.
BLACK is for the sins He washed
From your soul and mine.

BLUE'S for the sadness of
HIS friends and family,
and is for the glory of the Day
HE rose for you and me.

Now that you've heard the story
You know what each colour means.

The story of our Father's love
As told by jelly beans.

So when you see jelly beans on this Easter season,
stop and remember,
Jesus is the reason!

Here are a few thoughts:

Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawnshop?

Can you imagine a world with no hypothetical situations?

How do you get off a non-stop flight?

If a jogger runs at the speed of sound, can he still hear his Walkman?

If cats and dogs didn't have fur would we still pet them?

If white wine goes with fish, do white grapes go with sushi?

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

Why do the signs that say "Slow Children" have a picture of a running child?

And finally, for the good folk who argue against "Daylight savings time - why are they saving it and where do they keep it?"

Birthdays

This month there are two birthdays to celebrate. Hearty congratulations to Elizabeth van der Heide on the 27 March.



May everything happy
and everything bright
be yours on your birthday
from morning till night

On the 30 March the editor of the St Mary's magazine, Blair Charles, celebrates yet another year.

Anniversaries

Cathie and Frits Warmink celebrate their wedding anniversary. on the 9 March



On St. Patrick's Day 17 March, Marilyn and Blair Charles celebrate another happy year together.



And finally, on 16 April, Nettie and Andre van Sisseren celebrate their wedding anniversary.



Congratulations to all the couples and remember always...

Love.. Just one word, but so many memories.

Homecoming

On the 5 March, Marije van Houten Hettinga returns to St Mary's after five months in Italy. Welcome back Marije.

Note: Please remember, if there is any event that you would like to share with your friends at St Mary's Chapel, please feel free to use this page. Contact information is on the back cover.

Fractured Dictionary

1. Arbitrator \ar'-bi-tray-ter\ A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.
2. Avoidable \uh-voiy'-duh-buhl\ What a bullfighter tries to do.
3. Baloney \buh-lo'-neet\ Where some hemlines fall.
4. Burglarize \bur'-gler-izet\ What a crook sees with.
5. Control \kon-trol\ A short, ugly inmate.
6. Counterfeiters \kown-ter-fit-ers\ Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
7. Eclipse \i-klips\ what an English barber does for a living.
8. Eyedropper \i'-drop-ur\ a clumsy ophthalmologist.
9. Heroes \hee'-rhos\ what a guy in a boat does.
10. Rubberneck \rub'-er-nek\ what you do to relax your wife.
11. Polarize \po'-lar-ize\ what penguins see with.

reached that age of - shall we say - maturity. Anyway it's unlikely that you remember whether you cried or not at your baptism. I for one certainly don't. To be fair, Laura Mariah was absolutely fine during the actual ceremony, no doubt thanks to Geoffrey's firm grasp of the situation, but on occasion she did seem overwhelmed by the powerful singing of the St Mary's congregation. So much so that she felt called on to join in or perhaps even compete in the only way she knew how.

Many thanks to all of you who gave Laura such a warm welcome on that Sunday in August, not only gave but also gave up a little of the peace that

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Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain has been operating for several months and has received many requests for prayer. You are always welcome to request a private prayers if you do not want to request an intercessionary prayer in church. The chain is always open for new requests, either to Mariska Olaniyi or Frances Gothard. Preferably in person or by e-mail.



We now have six members and if anyone else would like to join us please contact Mariska.

Intercessions

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



If you know of anyone who is sick or in need of pastoral care, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Church Wardens.

A Tin of peas

Judge to woman accused of stealing:

"You have been found guilty of stealing. What have you to say before I pass sentence?"

Woman "There's no denying it, I am guilty as charged. I was very hungry, and it was only a tin of peaches."

Judge "How many peaches were there in the tin?"

Woman "Six Sir!"

Judge "In that case you are sentenced to six days in jail!"

Husband of Woman "Judge, can I say something?"

Judge "Yes! What is it?"

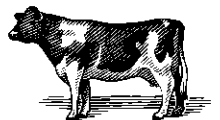
Husband "She also stole a tin of peas!"

Milk

A little boy asked his father; "Daddy, how many kinds of milk are there?"

"There's fresh milk, sterilised milk, condensed milk ... but why do you ask?"

"Teacher asked us to draw a cow, and I want to know how many taps I should put on it."



Descartes

Philosopher René Descartes (famous for his words "I think, therefore I am"), was sitting in a Paris bar when "time" was called.

The bar man asked Descartes if he wanted "one for the road?"

Descartes replied "I think not"

...and Poof! ...he just disappeared

Descartes described how his father taught him how to swim by throwing him into the Seine: "I sink, therefore I swam."

I am, therefore I think. That's putting Descartes before de horse.

Weight on the mind

A rather plump woman stood on the scales in front of her husband.

"Oh dear, I'm too small!"

"You mean too big!"

"No. According to the standard, a woman of 1.68 metres should weight 60 kilos."

"So?"

"I'm 8 centimetres too small!"

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usually comes with a service at Weldam. Our thanks for the lovely music, and for the beautiful pink flowers that left no one in any doubt that the baby was girl ... despite her punky spikes.

A couple of weeks before the event I had a panic attack about the mysterious workings of the coffee machine - soon put into perspective by the New Testament reading of the day: the feeding of the five thousand. And so it proved, help was on hand. My thanks to Joyce and Mary-Kay in their symbolical roles as "loaves" and "fishes". Oscar nominations are definitely in the pipeline!

BAPTISM 12 FEBRUARY 2006

The signs were good. It had actually stopped raining. So we set off for Weldam in good spirits, taking the scenic route via Hengelo station. Our daughter had arrived back from America the previous day and, a bit worried about possible jet lag, had decided to let the train take the strain. Jet lag? Well, it could have been that, I suppose. Anyway she managed to walk past her father without recognising him. Perhaps it was the suit that did it; after all, she wasn't at our wedding forty years ago.

Jalisa Joyce, who was to be duly baptised that morning, suffered no qualms regarding suitable attire. Warmly clad, she followed the happenings with great interest and obviously felt completely at home in the arms of our chaplain Sam during the pivotal part of the baptismal ceremony. The beautiful floral arrangement particularly attracted her attention and an arm could be frequently seen stretching out in that direction. Fortunately hand and eye coordination is not yet fully developed so the flowers remained intact.

It was an inclusive service, with the father and godfather bringing the water to the font, and not only did the chaplain make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baby, but the parents and godparents

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learn, from our own joys and struggles, and from new opportunities, that God's love is ever with us to set us free.

Yours in Christ, Sam Van Leer

The Away Day - notes and thanks

Twenty-two of us sat down together at 10:30 to listen to Sam Van Leer outline the day's programme. Special thanks were given to Colin, Agnes, Nettie, Joyce and Pauline for their help in organizing the event and for preparing coffee and teas.

After the presentation and a coffee break we all came together to work on the seven steps to building a healthy church. Together, we discussed the seven steps, together we analysed how they were applied in, or not, to St Mary's Chapel. Together, we worked out a plan to improve the health of our church. Ambitious, probably. Fun, definitely. Intense, well most of were very tired that evening.

A special thanks to Abby van Spronson's daughter Daavia, who with two friends, Bo and Cindy, spent the whole Saturday looking after the children in the crèche.

Ash Wednesday - 1 March - 08:00 pm.

The Taizé service this year was moving and beautiful. The church was lit by dozens of candles, which gave a warm glow and filled the air with their scent.



The music, provided by Louw Talstra, the organist, and Abby van Spronson, the flautist, guided the way through the chants interspersed throughout the service. Overall, the effect was one of intense spirituality and peace. The congregation quietly left the church at the end of the service, many too lost in thought to really notice the snow.

7. God Promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
8. Do your best and then sleep in peace. God Is Awake.
9. God Has a Purpose and Plan for me that no one else can fulfil.
10. The Will of God will never take you to where The Grace of God will not protect you.
11. We are responsible for the effort, not the outcome.
12. We set the sail; God Makes the wind.
13. Begin to weave and God will give you the thread.
14. When God Says "no", it's because He Has something better in store for you.
15. The task ahead of us is never as great as The Power behind us.
16. Prayer: don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty.
17. It's my business to do God's Business, and it's His Business to take care of my business.
18. Serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace amid the storm.
19. How come you're always running around looking for God? He's not lost.
20. The will of the majority usually is not the Will of God.



Not until the last fish

Not until the last fish is eaten
The last tree is felled
The last river poisoned
Will we realize we can't eat money.

Old Cree Peoples saying
How true!

Thoughts About God

1. If you feel far away from God, guess who moved?
2. Fear knocked. Faith answered. No one was there.
3. What you are is God's Gift to you. What you become is your gift to God.
4. I am God's Melody of Life and He Sings His Song through me.
5. We can never really go where God is not, and where He is, all is well.
6. No matter what is happening in your life, know that God is Waiting for you with open Arms.

The Away Day

The Anglican Church
Twente's **Away Day** on
February 18th in
Diepenheim was a special

moment in our chaplaincy life and in my tenure, so far, as Chaplain. We reflected on 'The seven marks of a healthy church':

- 1 energized by faith;
- 2 outward-looking focus;
- 3 seeks to find out what God wants;
- 4 faces the cost of change and growth;
- 5 operates as a community;
- 6 makes room for all;
- 7 does a few things and does them well.

We talked about how these marks are present among us, and we brainstormed about God's priorities for our community. We celebrated that we have a strong sense of community and that we are a warmly welcoming church. We also discerned where work was needed: in seeking God's will in our private and corporate prayer and worship life, in improving outreach (including publicity), in organizing viable pastoral care, in increasing our diversity (age and cultural), in improving our facilities for fellowship, and in developing Christian basics and nurture courses (like Alpha, Emmaus, etc.). The Council and other working groups will now need to prioritize from among these priorities, to help us focus on achievable tasks so we may see some of the top priorities through. Thank you to all who came and shared their valuable thoughts at the Away Day. Let us all commit its outcomes to God in prayer. We are beginning a new pilgrimage toward greater health, and we will need energy and imagination and God's guidance to be the loving family in Christ that God wants us to be. May Lent be a stretching time for all of us, that we may strike out beyond whatever holds us back and stretch our spiritual horizons for the future. May we

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followed suit. Abby then introduced us to the St Mary's (very) junior choir. It was amazing what she had achieved in so short a space of time. The secret must lie in that banana!

I couldn't close without thanking Kathleen who had already set out the coffee cups by the time we arrived (and I thought we were up at the crack of dawn!) and Pat who is calmness personified when it comes to plugs, cables and kitchen appliances. Our thanks to you both - and in fact to you all.

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indicated they wish to step down to take a break. So please prayerfully consider whether you feel called to stand for Council, or to nominate someone else to do so. Nomination lists for the 4 council slots and for the 2 Churchwarden slots should be up in the Hut after the first two services in March.

I am delighted to see that so many in our Anglican chaplaincy have risen to the opportunity to join Lent study groups. Gathering together for bible study and reflection and prayer, based around David Adam's book, will help each of us mark this special time of year and extend our insight into God's purposes for each of us. If you haven't yet joined a group, contact one of the group hosts. Space is still available in some groups.

- for Apeldoorn, alternate Wednesday evenings, contact the Lees, 055 542 8741
- for Winterswijk, alternate Tuesday afternoons, contact Caroline Siertsema, 0543 521 821
- for Goor, Wednesday evenings, contact the Bontings 0547 260 947.
- for Lochem & Goor, Wednesday mornings, contact Mariska Olaniyi 0546 451 566
- for Hengelo, Wednesday evenings, contact Simon Yallop, 074 2775592

Yours in Christ, Sam Van Leer



Dental Help

A dinner speaker was in such a hurry to get to his engagement that when he arrived and sat down at the head table, he suddenly realized that he had forgotten his false teeth. Turning to the man next to him, he said, "I forgot my teeth."

The man said, "No problem."

With that, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of false teeth. "Try these," he said.

The speaker tried them. "Too loose," he said.

The man then said, "I have another pair... try these."

The speaker tried them and responded, "Too tight!"

The man was not taken back at all. He then said, "I have one more pair of false teeth... try them."

The speaker said, "They fit perfectly."

With that he ate his meal and gave his address. After the dinner meeting was over, the speaker went over to thank the man who had helped him.

"I want to thank you for coming to my aid. Where is your office? I've been looking for a good dentist."

The man replied, "I'm not a dentist. I'm the local undertaker!"

March 5	Officiant & Preacher	Frances Gothard
Lent 1	First Reading Mrs. ten Berge	Genesis 9.8-17
	Psalm	25.1 - 9
Morning Prayer	Second Reading Mrs. Schouten	1 Peter 3.18-22
	Gospel	Mark 1.9-15

March 26,	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam Van Leer
Lent 4	First Reading Mrs. Collins	1 Samuel 1.20-28
	Psalm	107.1 -3, 17 - 22 or 107.1-9
Mothering Sunday	Second Reading Mr. Charles	2 Corinthians 1.3-7
	Gospel	John 19.25-27

March 12,	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam Van Leer
Lent 2	First Reading Mr. Talstra	Genesis 17.1-7,15,16
	Psalm	22.23 - end
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. Talstra	Romans 4.13-25
	Gospel	Mark 8.31-38

April 2	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam Van Leer
Lent 5	First Reading	Jeremiah 31.31-34
	Psalm	52.1 -13 or 1119.9 -16
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading	Hebrews 5.5-10
	Gospel	John 12.20-33

March 19,	Celebrant & Preacher	Rev Sam Van Leer
Lent 3	First Reading Mrs. M. v.d. Heide	Exodus 20.1-17
	Psalm	19 or 19.7 -end
Sung Eucharist	Second Reading Mrs. E.v.d.Heide	1 Corinthians 1.18-25
	Gospel	John 2.13-22

April 9	Celebrant & Preacher	The Right Reverend Bishop Geoffrey Rowell
Palm Sunday	First Reading	Zechariah 9.9-12
	Psalm	118.19-24
Liturgy of Palms and Eucharist	Second Reading	1 Corinthians 2.1 -12
	Gospel	Mark 11.1-11