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October 2017

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door in 1517, signaling the start of the Protestant Reformation. He was

protesting against the practice of indulgences, where the good deeds of the saints could be purchased to reduce time spent in purgatory, before arriving in heaven. For Luther, this cheapened grace, repentance and forgiveness: 'You can't buy God's friendship!'

Luther rediscovered the truths of God's grace: 'For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.' (Romans 1:17). He recognised that righteousness (being right with God) and forgiveness is not earned by good works, but faith. The undeserved love of God and his acceptance is a matter of trust. This challenge to the church of Luther's day remains so today! At the Diet (Council) of Worms, he refused to recant his views: '*Here I stand; I can do no other!*'

Luther stood for the free forgiveness of the gospel, by which God accepts us because of the death of Jesus on our behalf to deal with our sin. Is this what we believe? Only trusting Jesus can make us right with God. We will continue to get things wrong, but God never gives up on us!



Twente News

The Dedication Festival

On 24 September, the Archdeacon for North West Europe, the Venerable Dr. Paul Vrolijk, visited Weldam. On Saturday he met members of the congregation and council members to discuss the chaplaincies future and its plans for a new chaplain. On the

Sunday, the Archdeacon delivered a moving sermon. After the service, he joined the congregation in the hut for a wonderful Bring and Share lunch to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the dedication of the chapel. Our thanks to the Archdeacon for his visit and all the helpful advice given.

The Cow and the Bible

A religious farmer lost his Bible out in the field. A few days later he went to answer a noise at his door. Standing there was a cow, with his Bible in its mouth. The farmer raised his eyes to heaven and thanked the Lord for this miracle. "Not really," said the cow. "Your name was written inside."

Music

The symphony musicians had little confidence in the person brought in to be their new conductor. Their fears were realised at the very first rehearsal. The cymbalist, realising that the

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Evensong

, An Anglican Choral Evensong was held in the Abby Church of New Sion in the evening, 24 September. The Revd. Canon Brian Rodford led the service, with the Roden Girls Choristers conducted by Sonja de Vries. One hundred and fifty-eight people shared a deeply spiritual moving service with the beauty of the music bringing many close to tears. Listening to Canon Rodford singing the three Collects was an unforgettable experience. Canon Rodford will take the next Evensong on the 29 October. Please come, you will be glad you did.

A Sad Farewell

On the 20 September we at St Mary's received the sad news that Jan ten Barge had passed away. After a long illness, which he resolutely bore with grace and humour. No matter how bad the day, Jan always had time to chat, smile, share a story, laugh.

Jan and Theda ten Barge were the hut caretakers for many years. Finally, with Jan's health failing, it was time to step down. A statement of fact that does not reveal the tremendous contribution the couple made to the chaplaincy. Every Sunday the hut was clean and ready. Coffee supplies always in, A wide selection of small items for sale provided extra funds. In summer, Theda and Jan were there to ensure the Summer Teas

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worked. We all knew how much we owed them. On the 26 September, nearly the entire congregation of St Mary's joined a huge gathering of people in the Dionysiuskerk, Rijssen in a moving service. to say goodbye to Jan ten Barge, Rest in Peace, Jan, a dear friend of St Mary's Weldam, sorely missed by Theda,

Forthcoming Dates

29 October - Choral Evensong, Sion Abbey
12 November - Remembrance Sunday
26 November - Choral Evensong, Sion Abbey
09 December - Service of Nine Lesson and Carols, Sion Abbey
17 December - St Mary's Service on Nine Lessons and Carols plus Christmas Market

Food Bank

A reminder that there is a large plastic container in the hut for Food Bank contributions. Your donations of non-perishable food will go to those less fortunate in our community. A list of suggested products is placed by the box.

Magazine Payments

St Mary's Magazine has a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed and in touch with each other. An annual contribution of just €15 per annum will help to ensure that you will continue to receive your copy. Last year, nearly two thirds of the magazine costs were covered by reader's payments. This year, it would help the survival of the magazine if contributions covered all the costs. Thank you.



Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, please contact one of the Churchwardens before the Service.

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

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conductor did not know what he was doing, angrily clashed his instruments together during a delicate, soft passage. The music stopped. The conductor, highly agitated, looked angrily around the orchestra, demanding, "Who did that? Who did that?"

Stories

As part of his talk at a banquet, our minister told some jokes and a few funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at a meeting the next day, he asked reporters covering the event not to include them in their articles. Reading the paper the following morning, he noticed that one well-meaning cub reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."

Girlfriend

When our minister and his wife visited our neighbour, her four-year-old daughter answered the door. "Mum!" she yelled toward the living room. "God's here, and he brought his girlfriend.

There are three religious truths:

- A). Jews do not recognise Jesus as the Messiah.
- B). Protestants do not recognise the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.
- C) Baptists and Methodists do not recognise each other in the off-licence.

Accident

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so

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St James the Least of All

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...



Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

On the perils of trainers, high heels and soft shoes in church

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Having informed you of why clergy must always wear black shoes in church, my belief is that all those who hold any office in church should be similarly dressed.

Altar servers have the tendency to arrive wearing what I am informed are called trainers. Were they black it would be tolerable, but they seem to be without exception either brilliant white or luminous pink. When they arrive so attired I insist they remove them and serve in the sanctuary in their socks. Since our church floor is several degrees colder than permafrost, it normally takes them the rest of the morning with their feet in a bucket of hot water before circulation returns. They do not make that mistake a second time.

The rule applies to members of the choir also; my only concession is that ladies are allowed to wear shoes with heels. But that can present its own hazards. Miss Threlfall recently appeared in heels

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that, by chance, were the exact size and shape of the holes in our beautiful Victorian heating gratings in the nave floor. During the procession at the start of the Service, her heel wedged in one. She is a lady of some determination and refused to stop, thereby holding up the procession and letting the congregation know something was amiss.

So she proceeded, now with a twelve inch square cast iron grid firmly attached to her foot. As she gallantly clanked up the aisle, rocking slightly since one leg was now several stones heavier, one of our basses, completely innocent of what had happened, stepped into thin air. Half of his body disappeared vertically downwards as the other half proceeded in a horizontal easterly direction, scattering tenors like skittles. I continue to visit him in hospital.

Our organist arrives wearing black shoes, but once hidden in the organ loft, removes them and plays the organ in soft shoes. Or he did; these days he never removes his shoes at all. At Evensong on Sundays, my dog comes with me to swell the congregation and wanders round the church benignly as the Service progresses. After one Service, our organist came to retrieve his shoes only to find them missing. Their absence was inexplicable - until two weeks later when I found them buried in the Rectory rose garden.

Churchwardens, of course, know the rules for correct footwear - that is why they have been elected to serve in such a distinguished office - although I do feel that Admiral Hopkinson's practice of wearing white spats on top of his shoes when the bishop is here, a little excessive - even rather flash.

Maintaining this dress policy once you have your own church, will be maintaining the true faith.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

Sticks

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

Too late

When I asked my friend if she was planning to attend church, she just shook her head. "I haven't gone in a long time," she said. "Besides, it's too late for me. I've probably already broken all seven commandments."

Fly

If God wanted us to fly, he would have given us tickets.

- Mel Brooks

Animals in Humour

We had begun to long for the pitter patter of little feet, so we bought a dog. Its cheaper and you get more feet.

A Canadian psychologist is selling a video that teaches you how to test your dog's IQ. Here's how it works. If you spend \$12:99 on the video, your dog is smarter than you.

Why do dogs race to the door when the doorbell rings? It is hardly ever for them.

Nature abhors a vacuum, but not as much as a cat does.

After the talking sheepdog gets all the sheep into the pen, he reports back to the farmer. "All 40 accounted for." "But I only have 37 sheep," say the farmer.

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The History of Church Music III The Reformation

It is at this point that I need to split the history of church music into two parts, one European and the other English. I will first write about what happened on this side of the North Sea.

By the end of the 14th century, the cultural climate in this country had begun to change. The Modern Devotion (Moderne Devotie) was inspired by Geert Grote with his 'Sisters and Brothers of living together' ("*Zusters en Broeders des Gemenen Levens*"). Modern Devotion developed as a response to war, as well as the spiritual and clerical decline in Overijssel, Deventer en Zwolle. It was a doctrine of simplicity and purity as a counter to the corruption and wealth found amongst the clergy. The movement was mainly found in the higher circles of society, which influenced the choice of hymns in the church.

A new revival was growing among the lower classes, mainly because people wanted to express themselves in their deeper religious feelings. At the time, there were few opportunities in the church service to do so. This was because the sung parts of the mass were all done by the choir and the priest. The congregation only participated with the responses.

To begin with, the hymns were rather simple, coming right from the heart. Later on, the words became more complicated. The main part of the hymns and songs that we still know of from this period are Christmas songs, due to the fact they are narrative.

During the Reformation, the songs of the people became a permanent part of the service. Luther and Calvin had an especially great interest in church singing as differences between clergy and laity was not accepted by the reformists. The

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congregation now had the right to have a voice and to address God without the mediation of priest or choir. The people also had a right to share in the praise, the thanksgiving, the supplication and the confession. The bible, translated into the local vernacular, became a part of ordinary peoples' lives. Through singing in the churches, the Word of God remained among the people.

In those days, everything was centred on the words, with the melody subordinated. There were no new compositions because parts of older lyrics and melodies were reused. The building stone was medieval church music like Gregorian chant, hymns, as well as medieval folksongs, both spiritual and secular. Very often, an old folksong got spiritual lyrics and vice versa, with secular lyric converted so that it became spiritual. This last form was called a parody or a contrafact. For instance, in *'Lam Gods, dat men onschuldig aan 't hout des kruises slachtte'*, the melody is the medieval Agnus Dei; *'Lam Gods dat zo onschuldig, lankmoedig en geduldig'*, is a new lyric on the melody Innsbruck, ich muss dich lassen.

Luther was a very diligent writer of church hymns, for example, Psalm 46 'God is our refuge and our strength' and the much loved Middle Ages antiphon, 'Media vite in mortus sumus' became *Midden in het leven zijn wij door de dood*, or in English, 'We are dead in the middle of life.

To Calvin do we owe the psalms. He preferred the psalms to be sung in the service, and did not ban the singing of hymns, as was later thought. In his personal effects were found The Song of Simeon: *Mine eyes have seen your salvation*, the rhymed Ten Commandments, the *Our Father* and the Confession.

The melodies composed by Louis Bourgeois and

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"I know," says the dog. "But I rounded them up."

A dog trainer asked a new client to fill out a questionnaire.

One question asked, 'Why did you choose this breed?'

The client answered, 'I often ask myself the very same question.'

Cats are smarter than dogs. You cannot get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.

Why does vegan cheese taste bad? It hasn't been tested by mice.

A lion comes across two men, one reading and the other writing.

The beast pounces on and devours the reader but ignores the writer. Why?

Because as everyone knows, a writer cramps while a reader digests.

Forthcoming Services

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| 8th October  Harvest Festival | Celebrant & Preacher | Canon Brian Rodford |
| | Duty Warden | Blair Charles |
| | Intercessor | Simone Yallop |
| | Chalice | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Lea Meijnen Linda ten Berge Gospel | Deuteronomy 8.7-18 2 Corinthians. 9.6-15 Luke 12. 16-30 |
| 10:30 Sung Eucharist | | |

Forthcoming Services

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| 15th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity | Celebrant | Canon Brian Rodford |
| | Preacher | Simone Yallop |
| | Duty Warden | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Intercessor | Jan de Beij |
| | Chalice | Joyce Wigboldus |
| 10:30 Sung Eucharist | Fred Schonewille | Exodus 32.1-14 |
| | Patrick Saridjan | Philippians. 4.1-9 |
| | Gospel | Matthew 22. 1-14 |

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| 22nd October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity | Celebrant & Preacher | Canon Brian Rodford |
| | Duty Warden | Blair Charles |
| | Intercessor | Joyce Wigboldus |
| | Chalice | Fred Schonewille |
| | Vivian Reinders | Exodus 33. 12-23 |
| 10:30 Sung Eucharist | Jan de Beij | 1 Thessalonians. 1.1-10 |
| | Gospel | Matthew 22.15-22 |

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| 29th October Last Sunday after Trinity 10:30 Sung Eucharist | Celebrant & Preacher | Canon Brian Rodford |
| | Duty Warden | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Intercessor | Lea Meijnen |
| | Chalice | Simone Yallop |
| | Simone Yallop | Deuteronomy. 34. 1-12 |
| | Louw Talstra | 1 Thessalonians. 2.1-8 |
| | Gospel | Matthew 22.34-46 |

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| 5th November All Saints Day 10:30 Sung Eucharist | Celebrant and Preacher | Canon Brian Rodford |
| | Duty Warden | Blair Charles |
| | Intercessor | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Chalice | Everhard Ottens |
| | Arjan Haffmans | Revelation 7.9-17 |
| | Blair Charles | 1 John 3. 1-3 |
| | Gospel | Matthew 5. 1-12 |

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| 12th November  Remembrance Sunday 10:30 Sung Eucharist | Celebrant & Preacher | Canon Brian Rodford |
| | Duty Warden | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Intercessor | Fred Schonewille |
| | Chalice | Jeanet Luiten |
| | Elizabeth vd Heijden | Wisdom 6.12-16 |
| | Victor Pirenne | 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18 |
| | Gospel | Matthew 25. 1-13 |

Yorkshire Humour

The three ages of man:

Young, Mature and "Aye, you are looking well"

A very stout mother arrived at the head teacher's office on the second floor of a large city school in North-Yorkshire one day, so out of breath of the exertion of climbing the stairs that for a short time she was completely speechless. The headmistress waited until she had recovered her breath and the asked what she could do for her.

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

The headmistress thanked her for calling but tactfully pointed out that she could have sent a email instead. The mother's reply was brief but forthright:

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The Castle Fair 2017 Some views from those who were there

Getting Started Friday morning 6.30 with an early wake up call, because today is build up day. Luckily, the mist is thin and the sun is fighting to conquer it.

At 8.15 arriving at the Castle, all looks tranquil and serene. The sun is just coming out. But before we start meditating, the noise puts us back into perspective: toilets arriving, stalls being delivered and put up. More people arriving and the initial worries about not many people were going to come, melt away like snow on a sunny day.

At 10.00, everybody is busy constructing tearoom, installing kitchen, arranging flowers and fixing stall furnishings as if it is our every day job. There is laughter everywhere as the spirits rise. By 12.30, everybody is ready to eat lunch and enjoy the obligatory, delicious, soup. Flowers are almost done, stalls ready and the sun is shining upon us. After the wonderful cakes, taken from the fridge, find shelter in the stables and we are sure they are safe for hungry mice, a last check and a well-deserved cup of tea, and we all head home to finish the last jams and cakes and other niceties for yet another great "Castle Fair." to come. *Jeanet Luiten*

A Draining Experience: The day of the Castle Fair did not begin for me in the way I had hoped or planned. I got up early because I wanted to be there in good time to help with the first round of coffee. However, while I was at the sink in my bathroom I suddenly heard a gurgling noise behind me. When I turned to look, there was a lot of dirty water bubbling out of the drain of the shower and coming towards me across the bathroom floor. Yes, the drain was blocked and overflowing. Why today, of all days? I spent the next half hour trying to unblock the drain but with no success. There was only one thing I could do and that was to phone a firm that could unblock the drain. They said they could come at 10:00 or at 13:00. I decided on 10:00, because then I would be able to be at Weldam for most of the day. I had to wash in the kitchen since fortunately the drain was alright there. And then I had a couple of hours to wait

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until they would come at 10:00. It turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Having two hours to wait quietly, gave me time to reflect and to meditate. It took away all the stress so that when I was able to set off at about 11:00, after the drains had been unblocked, I was much better prepared for a fruitful day at the Castle Fair.

Simone Yallop

The Jam Stall: After Christmas in January, it starts. The itch. To make marmalade, preferably in considerable quantities. Our kitchen suddenly changes into a well-organised, sticky jam-making unit with a routine of cutting (with my husband as invaluable helpmate), boiling and pouring the hot liquids into clean jars. There is hardly a more satisfying sound than the 'plop' of the just-filled jars, indicating that a vacuum is created.

The unsuspecting consumer may not realise the great variety existing in marmalades. First we have Seville orange marmalade, made from special, very bitter oranges that come all the way from Spain. They are ordered well before Christmas. Then we know the unsurpassable Weldam marmalade, made from oranges of the Weldam orangerie. Further, there is the combination of grapefruit-and-lemon marmalade, and finally we've got lime marmalade. To get even more variety, I add whiskey, cognac or Cointreau or any other liqueur.

Once February is over we get a period of relative rest. The only thing to do is collect as many jars as possible and to think of new recipes and combinations. When the first summer fruit starts to ripen, we come into action again. Fruits galore are being processed, plums, strawberries, peaches, blackberries, red and black currants, apples, even tomatoes and fresh ginger roots, in all possible quantities and compositions.

And then there are the chutneys. Do you know one can make a chutney out of almost anything? Tomatoes, red peppers, apples, raisins, zucchini, marrows. Brown sugar and vinegar are essential. Chutneys get better as they mature, so don't eat them within a fortnight of production.

Lemon curd is an altogether different chapter. Demand

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"Does ta think Ah'd 'a' climbed all your bloomin' stairs if Ah could 'ave spelt that word?"

Collection?

On a TV program, an English vicar related a story about a time when he had to preach to a group of 300 nudists. When later they had asked him if he had troubles with all that nakedness he answered: "Not at all. But halfway through the sermon I began to wonder where had they put their money for the collection."

In the library of the Vatican you can find a bible that is 60 cm thick and also one that is not much bigger than a stamp.

The guide always amuses the visitors by telling: "In the little bible you can read what Adam said to Eve and in the big bible what Eve said to Adam."



With Animal Welfare Sunday in mind

I really don't think I could consent to go to Heaven if I thought there were to be no animals there.

George Bernard Shaw

As far as the Bible is concerned, God only threw the humans out of Paradise.

Bruce Foyle

Observations on our faith

How else, but through a broken heart, May Lord Christ enter in?

Oscar Wilde

Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.

Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a faith-lift

Plan ahead - It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark

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Mineke Foundation

It was wonderful to be able to participate again in the Castle Fair this year! Along with familiar faces there were many new faces for us. So many chances to tell people what has happened since the last time that we spoke to had happened or to introduce them to the Mineke Foundation.



This year we brought slippers and soaps made in Liberia. The slippers were not popular (the public did not appear to be interested in them), but the soaps did well and made € 105 in sales. You can just imagine how excited the

team in Liberia responded to the news. "Their 'soaps are popular with the people in Europe!' They immediately started thinking of ways to make the soaps even more attractive.

Now that MF Liberia has a stable base, we can start to expand on improving soap sales. Next year we are planning to scale up local production and sales significantly. This will include using better production techniques and packaging.

It also means that we can now look for other parties to help us improve the quality of the soap so that eventually what you buy looks like it came from The Body Shop or Lush Rituals. If there is anyone in St. Mary's know someone who can bring us a step further to realising our goal could you recommended them to us.!



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always exceeds supply, in whatever quantity you make it. Caroline did a wonderful job this year and produced some 20 pots. They were sold out within 20 minutes!

The beginning of our jam stall has not been recorded clearly, but it must have been around 2003 when we started to organise the Fair in its present shape. The total annual amount of pots averages 350. Thus so far we have produced over 5000 pots in 15 years! This year was tops: 437 pots of which we sold three quarters. The remainder will be sold in the Hut during the year. After Sunday service many visitors take a pot home as a sweet memory of St. Mary's Church. And a certain degree of marmalade addiction has also been spotted in some members of the congregation! A special thank you for Caroline, Erica, Vivian, Annie Brenda and Carol for all you contribute; and of course also for Mieke and Victoria who are the great saleswomen on the day. We are looking forward to next year already. *Joyce Wigboldus*

Choral Music: On a bright and sunny day, visitors to Weldam had the choice of joining the bustle and excitement of the Fair at the Castle, or seeking the peacefulness of the Chapel where they could enjoy the singing performed by the Veluwse Cantorij.

There were two concerts in the afternoon, the first at one o'clock and the second at three, during which the choir presented a selection of choral music, including Handel's well-known "Music spread Thy Voice around", Bairstow's renowned "I sat down under his shadow" and Purcell's duet "Sound the Trumpet".

Both concerts were well attended and, judging by the enthusiastic applause, were also greatly appreciated. *Louw Talstra*

Reflections: On the 2nd of September St. Mary's Church organized the yearly castle fair. Like every year it is impressive to see regular visitors but also new comers. Regular participants are for example the Pipe Band, a Fencing Club, an Archery Club and many musicians and stall holders and the Tea corner. The most impressive of all is the interaction between the members and friends of St. Mary's and the local community. Many unique

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Symbolic

Is the chemical symbol for Holy Water H₂Omg?

Adam & Eve

Adam bit the apple and feeling great shame, covered himself with a fig leaf. Eve too felt shame and covered herself with a fig leaf. Then she went behind a bush to try on a maple leaf, a sycamore leaf and then an oak leaf.

The Good News

With bible in hand the teacher read to the High School Religious Class 'For this cause shall a man leave his mother and his father and cleave to his wife.'

'Okay,' asked the teacher, 'From this Scripture what do learn is important in marriage?' A student blurted out, 'Cleavage.'

The Bible in 50 words

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split

Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked

Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided

Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peaked
Prophets warned

Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified

Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread

God remained.
- Anon

An observation on Faith

Nothing grows if nourishment doesn't reach the grass roots; the same goes for the Church. Roy Crowne-

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discussions were held in a peaceful environment and man can wonder why different people with different backgrounds and nationalities were there. The answer is it does not matter; they were there.

Huge appreciation to the Solms Family who open their castle ground to make this event to a yearly success.
Ferdinand van Dijk

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Maitre Pierre Dagues are not, as was thought for a long time, polished folk songs, but are derived from Gregorian melodies and old hymns, with a few newly composed melodies.

Not much changed in the second half of the 16th century. Not many new hymns were written except for Nikolaus Herman and Philip Nicolai who brought in some beautiful hymns. Never the less, it is noteworthy that they ushered in a new era where the singer still addresses God, but next to the one centred of God and his work through Jesus Christ a new centre formed on man and his faith. This can be explained by the destructive wars and the terrible epidemics tormenting mankind in this period.

Next month I will tell what happened with the church music in England after the Reformation.

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5th November - Guy Fawkes Night



MIXED UP MONTHS

Words that begin with 'oct' mean to do with the number eight – an octopus has 8 tentacles, an octagon has 8 sides. So October should be the 8th month of the year, shouldn't it? But it isn't.



The reason goes back to Roman times. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar until July was added to celebrate the birth month of Julius Caesar.

This was followed by Augustus who also added another month (guess what that one was called!). With these two extra months fitted into the calendar what was the eighth month became the tenth month. Which gets more muddled: because words beginning with 'dec' mean to do with the number ten, so under the old way December was the tenth month. Shall I stop now before we all get even more confused?

OOOOOOs

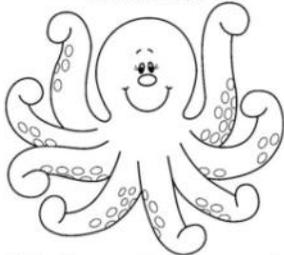
All these names begin with O – which ones aren't the real name of a saint?

1. Odo
2. Olaf
3. Osyth
4. Oliver
5. Olympias
6. Odilia
7. Omer
8. Oudoceus
9. Osburga
10. Ouen



How does an octopus go into battle?

Well armed.



What's round, orange and can't sit down?

A seatless Satsuma.



Answers: the answer is that they all are real saint's names! Aren't you glad that they didn't call you after some of these saints?

Back Home

*If I had the power to turn back the clock,
Go back to that house at the end of the block,
The house that was 'home' when I was a kid,
I know that I'd love it more than I did.*

*If I could be back there at my mother's knee,
And hear once again all the things she told me,
I'd listen as I never listened before,
For she knew so well just what life had in store.*

*And all the advice that my dad used to give,
His voice I'll remember as long as I live,
But it didn't seem really important then,
What I'd give to live it all over again.*

*And what would I give for the chance I once had,
To do so much for my mother and dad,
To give them more joy and a little less pain,
A little more sunshine - a little less rain.*

*But the years roll on and we cannot go back,
Whether we were born in a mansion or shack,
But we can start right now - in the hour that's here,
To do something more for the ones we hold dear,*

*And since time in its flight is travelling so fast,
Let's not spend regretting that which is past,
But let's make tomorrow a happier day,
By doing our 'good unto others' today*

Anon.



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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