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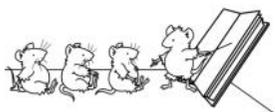
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## The Anglican Chaplaincy of Twente

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*My dear friends,*



February 2018

Well, I'm now here as the new chaplain, Bishop Robert has given me his license and

Archdeacon Paul has with gentle encouragement put me into my 'stall'. The interregnum is over and my locum tenancy is finished. My first chaplain's letter comes as the Christmas season ends, we look forward to Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and Ash Wednesday is upon us. A new chapter in the Church's year and a new epoch for the Anglican Church in Twente, which we eagerly embrace together in faith, hope and love, in gratitude to those who have gone before us!

We are first and foremost a worshipping community, praising God whom we know primarily in his self-revelation in Jesus Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit. From this grow all our other duties; never a chore, always a joy. Here we might reflect a little on how we live out our faith. Christmas is the easier part, with all its lyrical carols and songs, the bells, the lights and the feasting, even mistletoe and wine. Now the harder bit; the sombre mood change, where Holy Mother Church takes off her resplendent crown to replace it with sackcloth and ashes, calling us to penance and recognition of the necessity of Christ's blood, given for our redemption and salvation.

Now we are forced to ask ourselves how committed we are. Ash Wednesday is the Church's solemn call to keep the season of Lent. Dear friends, with each other's support and in the love of Our Lord, we accept this call, with those preparing for baptism or confirmation at Easter, recalling our own baptism as we enter this special time of prayer and deep personal reflection. Lent is not simply a time of personal devotion and renewal, but a time of community renewal as we determine to renew hearts and souls together. Ashes will be blessed and put on our foreheads, opening this season of our sorrow, but also a season of the infinite and compassionate mercy of God. Already, we know that these symbolic ashes of anguish will be washed away in the new waters of the Easter liturgy.

I look forward to sharing the weekly Eucharist with you all, committed to be with the family of St Mary's Weldam whenever we can; appreciating and absorbing together the poetic language of the liturgy. The language of liturgy, like the language of faith can be so much more than the language of overly defined words and theological arguments of division and partisan dogmatism. We all know how much easier it is to accommodate our own foibles; less so those of others. Let us rejoice in the matters of faith we share, and be gentle with those of our neighbours in Christ. Let us each take pleasure in the worship of our God made known in our hearts and intellect, our emotions, reason and our souls.

God bless you all.

Love, Fr. B.

# Twente News



*..with Valentine's  
Day in mind*

## **Oops!**

Memory is what tells a man his wedding anniversary was yesterday.

## **Listen**

My wife says I never listen, or something like that...

## **Insanity**

Doctor: 'Has there been any insanity in your family?'  
Woman: 'I'm afraid so. My husband sometimes thinks he's the boss.'

## **Lights**

Halfway through a romantic dinner, my husband smiled and said, 'You look so beautiful under these lights.' I was falling in love all over again when he added, 'We really should get some of these lights.'

## **Forthcoming Dates**

14 February - Ash Wednesday  
11 March - Mothering Sunday  
11 March - Book Sale  
18 March - Book Sale  
25 March - Palm Sunday  
29 March - Maundy Thursday  
30 March - Good Friday  
1 April - Easter Sunday  
15 April - Annual General Meeting  
10 May - Ascension Day (Picnic)  
20 May - Pentecost  
15, 22, 29 July - Summer Teas  
5, 12 August - Summer Teas  
15 September - Castle Fair  
4 - 6 October - Archdeaconry Synod  
14 October - Harvest Festival  
11 November - Remembrance Service (100 years)  
16 December - Nine Lessons and Carols  
24 December - Eucharist of Christmas Midnight

## **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.

For those of you who receive the magazine by post, a contribution of €20 will cover postage costs.

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.

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## Annual Book Sale

As with every year, the Flower Guild will do its utmost to set up a Book Sale on the 11th March and the 18th March. Nearly all the books will have been donated by you congregation members from your own bookshelves. This will allow us all to obtain a broad selection of exciting books at a reasonable price. So please, donate books generously. If all of you can then buy as much reading material as possible, by the end of the Book Sale, the tables will be empty, and the Flower Guild funds will be replenished. Due to storage limitations, you may bring your books in from the 25th February 2018 onwards. Please do not bring in books **after** the second sale date of 18 March 2018.



Book Sale revenues are a great benefit to the Flower Guild. With your generous contributions, by first donating books and then purchasing as many books as you can, the Flower Guild will continue to maintain the usual high standard of beautiful flower arrangements to decorate the Chapel. Additionally, a part of the funds will be used to bring tokens of friendship to those members of the congregation who are ill or are unable to come to church.

The Flower Guild looks forward to a great outcome and thanks to you all for your help.



## Intercessions

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



## Love

'Love is when a little old woman and a little old man are still friends, even after they've been married forever.' (Tommy - age 6)

## Honeymooners

For our honeymoon, my fiancée and I chose a fashionable hotel known for its luxurious suites. When I called to make reservations, the desk clerk inquired, 'Is this for a special occasion?'

'Yes,' I replied. 'It's our honeymoon.'

'And how many adults will there be?' she asked.

## Know your spouse

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace were told by the instructor that it was essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.

He addressed Tom. 'For instance, can you name your

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wife's favourite  
flower?'

Tom leaned over,  
touched his wife's  
arm gently and  
whispered, 'It's  
self-raising, isn't  
it?'

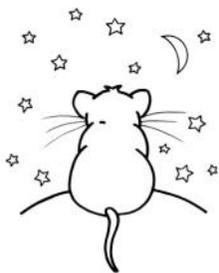
The rest of the  
story gets rather  
ugly, so I'll stop  
right here.

### **Curiosity**

A teacher was  
finishing a lesson  
on the joys of  
discovery and the  
importance of  
curiosity.

'After all,' she  
declared, 'Where  
would we be  
today if no one  
had ever been  
curious?'

One child quietly  
spoke up from  
the back of the  
room. 'In the  
garden of Eden?'



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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 what clergy do after Christmas**

My dear Nephew Darren

I am glad you enjoyed your post-Christmas break from the parish, although a week of skiing in the Alps does seem a little excessive. In my day, an extra hour in bed on Boxing Day was considered quite sufficient. Curates are clearly paid too much. While your week after Christmas was spent falling down mountains at excessive speeds, mine was used with the traditional activity of making apologies.

Apologies are always sent out to all those ladies who had fur coats ruined by guttering candles at the Carol Service. But as I feel obliged to point out, at least they were ruined with the best beeswax money can buy. Had they attended Saint Agatha's, our next-door parish, they would have been ruined by paraffin wax, which is most inferior.

A general apology was also necessary in the parish magazine. That our thurifer was slightly over-zealous with the incense at the midnight Service was quite excusable at such an important Service; that the organist improvised during Communion on the tune "Smoke gets in your Eyes" was not.

I also felt duty-bound to apologise to the landlord of the public house which adjoins the church, as his customers were blocked in the pub car park with cars of those attending our midnight Service. But since his customers were obliged to stay in the pub for an extra two hours, he

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asked if we could make the same mistake in future years. I also received several letters of thanks from those who were unable to return home until the early hours. One even made a donation to the church in appreciation.

Apologies were also made to the 8am Christmas morning congregation, the Service having been taken by Canon Rogers for the last 25 years. Now in his 97<sup>th</sup> year, he is becoming somewhat forgetful. Beginning the Service by wishing the congregation a very happy Easter was not entirely helpful. I may have to think about finding him a replacement.

My final apologies were given to Lady Duckworth who, having tumbled her returning children to church, discovered that strangers were sitting in her pew. Since her family has sat there for the last 400 centuries, she has always assumed squatters' rights, and so being obliged to sit at the rear of a side aisle was not at all appreciated.

And so we both begin a new year, you exhilarated from a week's strenuous activity and me energised by knowing that I will not have to apologize to anyone about anything for another 12 months.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



## The size of our congregations

The size of a congregation is significant in a number of ways. Larger churches, for example, have more resources, both in people and (usually) finance, to undertake more activities. It is surprising, though, just how many smaller churches have numerous activities being undertaken frequently by a dedicated army of often older people, faithfully labouring behind the scenes.

The number of congregations in England which are comprised of under 50 people is about half, or 54%. In the Church of England, about five per cent of these 'under 50' churches number only seven people, and about 25 per cent of these churches number 15 people.

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### Work

First friend: 'Who are you working for these days?'

Second friend: 'Same people. The wife and four kids.'

### Hands

A teacher saw a student entering the classroom with very dirty hands. She stopped him and said, "John, please wash your hands. My goodness, what would you say if I came into the room with hands like that?"

Smiling, the boy replied, "I think I would be too polite to mention it."

### Genealogy

Where you confuse the dead, and irritate the living.

### Long wait

Service in the restaurant was abysmally slow. My husband was getting very tense, so I tried to distract him with small talk. 'You know,' I

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said, 'our friend Christine should be having her baby anytime now.'

'Really?' my husband snapped. 'She wasn't even pregnant when we walked in here.'

### **Special needs**

After booking my 85-year-old grandmother on a flight from London to Amsterdam, I called the airline to go over her special needs. The representative listened patiently as I requested a wheelchair and an attendant for my mother because of her growing confusion, her arthritis and impaired vision to the point of near blindness. My apprehension lightened a bit when the woman again and again assured me that she understood and that everything would

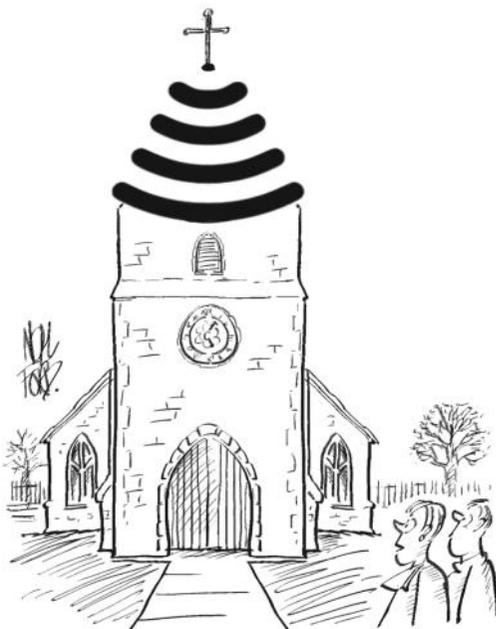
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Turning to the larger churches, across the 0.5% of largest churches, the attendance is 700 (excluding the six churches with attendance in four figures, two of which are in central London [HTB (Holy Trinity Brompton) and All Souls]). Across the largest 5% the average congregation is 150, and across the largest 25% it is 60.

Across the whole country and across all denominations the median size of congregation is 44 people; which means that there are almost 20,000 churches with fewer than that on a Sunday, while 20,000 have more.

In America, the size issue takes totally different dimensions, since there are probably about 1,500 "mega-churches", those with more than 2,000 on a Sunday. There are probably a further 15,000 what they call "medium-sized" churches, that is, with between 500 and 2,000 attendees, with something like 325,000 churches catering for 34 million churchgoers.



"Looks like they've introduced contactless payments for their collections."

## The History of Church Music IV

Many hymns written in the 19<sup>th</sup> century range between sickeningly sentimental to kind and lovely, which is of course very Victorian, meaning decent and rather self-sufficient.

The huge number of hymns meant that a common Hymnal was a necessity. There was also a growing feeling/sense of the need for new hymns to be written of a better of a higher quality. This would allow performances in the concert halls to become a possibility. Here we think about composers such as C.H.H. Parry and C.V. Stanford. In Ireland, Stanford found a source of wonderful melodies.

In 1861, *Hymns of Ancient and Modern* came out. It was at first intended for High Church people, but soon won everyone's heart. When in 1904, a re-versed version was published, more historical justified and stripped of all the contemporary melodies, a revolt almost broke out among the churchgoers. This edition sold nearly no copies

In 1906, a 'rival' came out: the *English Hymnal*. The reviled/abused H.A.M. suddenly became a Low Church hymnal. In the *English Hymnal*, there was even a song about the Blessed Virgin to be found! Nevertheless, this edition contained translations from numerous other countries, folksongs, melodies from foreign cultures, and, in the 1933 edition, Gregorian chant. Ralph Vaughan Williams, as a collaborator, had diligently searched to find old folk melodies (Monk's Gate with *He who would Valiant be* and Kingsfold with *I heard the voice of Jesus say*). Vaughan Williams also added four contributions as well as ones we all know *For all the Saints* and *Come down O love Divine*.

In 1916, a supplement of the H.A.M. was published with 140 new hymns, among which Stanford's *Love Divine, all loves excelling*. The H.A.M. now counted 779 hymns of all sorts, both fresh and old.

We have to mention also the *BBC Hymn Book* 1951, with many new melodies affiliated/connected to the changing situation in the churches of today, not

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be taken care of.  
I thanked her profusely.  
'Oh, you're welcome,' she replied. I was about to hang up when she cheerfully added, 'And will your grandmother want a rental car?'

### Prayers

My 10 year-old niece says her prayers every night, but instead of 'amen', she says 'click, send.'

### Windows

She texted her husband from home on a cold winter's morning: 'Windows frozen, won't open.'

He texted back: 'Gently pour some lukewarm water over it.'

She replied five minutes later: 'Computer *really* screwed up now.'

### Atheist

Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

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*Fortcoming Services*

<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Fred Schonewille</b>
<b>Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Everhard Ottens</b>
	Arjan Hafmans	2 Kings 2,[1-12]
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Maureen Underwood	2 Corinthians 4,[3-6]
	Gospel	Mark 9.[2-9]

*Fortcoming Services*

<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Maureen Underwood</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday (with the imposition of ashes)</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
	Elizabeth vd Heijden	Joel 2 [1-2,12-17]
<b>20:00 Eucharist</b>	Victor Pirenne	2 Corinthians [5 20b - 6.10]
	Gospel	John 8 [1-11]

*Fortcoming Services*

<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
	Fred Schonewille	Genesis 9 [8-17]
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Heleen Rauwerda	1 Peter 3 [18-end]
	Gospel	Mark 1 [9-15]

<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
	Joyce Wigboldus	Genesis 17 [1-7, 15-16]
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Patrick Saridjan	Romans 4 [13-end]
	Gospel	Mark 8 [31- end]

<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Blair Charles</b>
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Joyce Wigboldus</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Simone Yallop</b>
	Jeanet Luiten	Exodus 20 [1-17]
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Linda ten Berge	1 Corinthians 1. [18-25]
	Gospel	John 2 [13-22]

<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Canon Brian Rodford</b>
	<b>Duty Warden</b>	<b>Jeanet Luiten</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Lea Meijnen</b>
	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Everhard Ottens</b>
	Elizabeth vd Heijden	Numbers 21 [4-9]
<b>10:30 Sung Eucharist</b>	Heleen Rauwerda	Ephesians 2 [1-10]
	Gospel	John 3 [14-21]

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### **School play**

A little boy got a part in the school play and went home to tell his father. 'I'm going to play a man who has been married for 25 years.'

'Well done, that's great,' replied his father. 'And maybe next time, you'll get a speaking role!'

### **Express**

I was in the express lane at the supermarket, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, 'So which six items would you like to buy?'

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forgetting the *Book of Common Praise* of 2001, still looking for a wider use.

It is amazing how strong can be the effect of music at crucial moments in life. Very often, it is not the biblical texts popping up in our head, but rather, the fragments of hymns and songs. Music is the voice of the emotion. Music moves us and music comforts us.

But that's not the main reason why we sing in the church. The hymns play an integral role in the liturgy in binding the separate parts of the liturgy together. Services are conducted not only by the priest but involve us in congregation as well. Hymns are not chosen at random, but are incorporated in the service of that particular Sunday or other occasion, just as the readings are chosen for that moment. In both the service and the Eucharist, priest and people worship together to the glory of God!

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## **A Time to say Goodbye**

*Ben Dieduksman 30 October 1939 - 17 January 2018*

On Saturday 27 January, friends and family of Ben gathered in St Mary's Chapel to say a final farewell to a much loved, eccentric, generous, charming, profoundly religious man, Ben.

The service was conducted by two vicars and a reader in training. One vicar, the Reverend Simon White, Rector of Morpeth, travelled overnight from Northumberland, UK, to participate in the service. The other vicar was Canon Brian Rodford, newly installed chaplain of St Mary's. Simone Yallop, Reader in Training at St Mary's, assisted and worked closely with Ben's family in organizing the service.

Riet, Ben's partner of many years, his sister, his son and daughter and over one hundred people attended the funeral service. There was a reception afterwards in the Hunting Lodge. Ben's farewell reflected the man, larger than life, much loved and sorely missed.

## Who is who: Father Brian?

The day after the storm, I drove up to the place where Father Brian lives, which turned out to be a little farmhouse with a mossy thatched roof.

Since I did not see a front door, I walked around to the backdoor, as is the habit in this region. This being because the front door is only used for weddings and funerals. There I was welcomed by Father Brian, who told me that there is no front door to this house. I was also welcomed by two rather old dogs, who kindly tolerated my stroking. We sat down at the kitchen table, because the household is still in transition after the move from a much bigger house to this lovely little farmhouse.

Interviewing Father Brian was not as easy as I thought it would be. There is a good resume of Father Brian's history on the Chaplaincy webpage. The resume traces the development of his career and vocation, as well as illustrating the breadth of his experience. I wanted to see if there were any underlying "human stories" that might perhaps show us a more personal side to who is Father Brian. I have made less of an interview and more of the picking up a few hints.

To begin with, I asked him about his musical gifts and beginning to record songs on the internet. I wanted to know more about those beautiful songs. He told me that he needed a kind of music at funerals that was more comforting than the usual kind available. So he began writing and composing songs himself. He also wrote African music, but you cannot hear that on the internet. At least, I cannot. That's a pity, because what I heard was so lovely and beautiful.

We have already listened to him 'in the pulpit', discovering his sense of fun, an enigmatic mix of seriousness, deep spirituality, compassion and friendliness. His vocation to the priesthood is clear to the many people over the past weeks that have discovered him diligently visiting his parishioners. And then there is his love of the liturgy, his inclusiveness.

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### **Cold**

It was so cold last night, that I put anti-freeze in my hot water bottle.

### **Some wisdom from the military**

Teamwork is essential; it gives the enemy someone else to shoot at.

Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you.

Friendly fire - isn't.

When you're short of everything but the enemy, you're in combat.

We are not retreating; we are advancing in another direction.

### **Gym**

The gyms have a special name for people who sign up in early January and then don't go: 'profit'.



## **That's telling**

Young Charles finished his Christmas holiday and headed back to school. Only two days later his teacher was on the phone, telling his mother that he was misbehaving. "Wait a minute!" protested his mum. "I had Charles here for two weeks over the Christmas break, and I never once rang YOU when he misbehaved!"

## **Great writing**

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer. When asked to define "great," he said, 'I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream in disbelief, cry in

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Once Father Brian started to talk about himself, he didn't need many encouragements. As a boy, a teacher, in the playground, once gave him a bit of a smack on the legs. When he looked perturbed, wondering why she had done it, she said, "Oh, You're always smiling!" He was, it seems and continues, pretty well smiling to this day.

He has always loved swimming and disliked team sports, where a kind of gang mentality takes over a game. He doesn't like tribalism, inordinate nationalism or competition. He prefers the idea of creatively working together.

He is a bit theatrical. He has, in his student, teaching and priestly experiences, loved "treading the boards", for example:

Curly, in Oklahoma

The boy friend, in The Boy Friend

Nanki-Poo, in The Mikado

A professional production, as Kaspar, in Amahl and the Night Visitors

The donkey, in Christmas Jazz

Ugly sister, in Cinderella, and other roles in various pantomimes

Produced, directed and performed in numerous revues and variety shows.

He has even appeared on American TV in an advert for a well-known biscuit, and appeared as a priest in a feature length German film, playing the part of a British priest in Cape Town. (Well, I'm looking forward to our community events. Perhaps Brian will be willing to show his theatrical gifts to us.)

He has a music publisher, originally in the USA. The founder of the company has since died, though she and Brian had become firm and close friends. He conducted her funeral in Switzerland two years ago. And yes, he loves singing, equally on stage, in church, in the recording studio, and in the bath.

He loves all animals, is fascinated by the beauty and amazing diversity of our natural world, and cannot help himself from being involved in animal rescue, especially

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dogs. He and Tony came from Africa with five dogs, and they adopted a little Jack Russell when they left their last home to move here. In fact, the dogs are one of the reasons he and Tony stayed in the Netherlands. There is a six-month quarantine period for dogs brought in from South Africa to the UK. They didn't want to leave the dogs alone after having them rescued from starvation and misuse.

Father Brian likes to view life as an adventure, and seeing other parts of the world is both important and a delight. At St Mary's he will see people from all over the world coming to him.

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## **The Licensing Service for St Mary's new Chaplain**

The Licensing Service on the 21 January officially marked the end of the Interregnum and the beginning of a new chapter for St Mary's Weldam, the little chapel in the Weldam woods.

The Venerable Dr. Paul Vrolijk, Archdeacon of North West Europe, travelled up from Brussels late on Saturday evening to preside at the service. The Reverend Sam van Leer, Area Dean and a former chaplain of St Mary's Weldam, travelled down from near Groningen to attend the ceremony. The Reverend Alja Tollefsen, the previous chaplain of St Mary's Weldam, walked up the path from her house to join in the service.

Other guests, friends, representatives of the local community as well as ecumenical members from other churches all gathered for the big event. Not forgetting, of course, the congregation of St Mary's Weldam, crowding in to see their new chaplain licensed and installed.

At the beginning of the service, the Wardens, as representatives of the congregation, requested the Archdeacon to install the Reverend Canon Brian Rodford as the chaplain of St Mary's Weldam. Following the reading of the form of Institution, to which all responded, Canon Rodford gave his Assent and swore

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despair, howl in pain, and vent their anger in ways they've never dreamed of!' He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.

### **Dial-a-Prayer**

They have Dial-a-Prayer for atheists now.

You ring this number, and it rings and rings, but nobody answers.

### **This curious business of raising children**

You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up

### **Diet**

If you make a New Year's resolution to eat a healthy diet, and you keep it, you won't actually live longer, but it will seem longer.

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## The boyfriend

At the start of the New Year, my boyfriend had moved his house and job. I decided to ring him to see how he was settling in.

To my astonishment, a woman picked up the phone. 'Is Mike there?' I asked.

'He's in the shower,' she responded, with some hesitation.

In the shower?! 'Please tell him his girlfriend called,' I said frostily, and hung up. When he didn't return the call, I got more and more angry, and finally dialled again.

This time a man answered. 'This is Mike,' he said. 'You're not my boyfriend!' I exclaimed. 'I've got the wrong number.'

'I know,' he replied. 'That's what I've been trying to tell my wife for the past half-hour.'

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the Oaths of Allegiance and of Canonical Obedience. The Archdeacon read out the license, which the new chaplain duly signed before taking his seat.

The service then moved on to the Rededication of the Ministry of the People of God. Members of the congregation and the local community came forward and presented symbolic gifts to Canon Brian Rodford. They offered Water for Baptism, Oil of Healing, a Bible, a Stole, Bread and Wine, a Hymn Book as a symbol of Music, a present from the Sunday School Children, a symbol for the Local Community and a Symbol of Ecumenism.

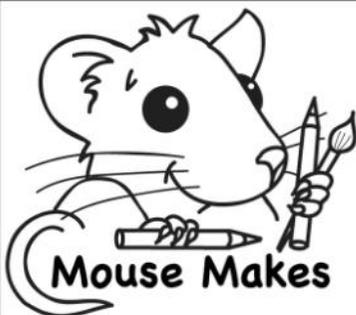
At the end of the service, there was an even more splendid than usual 'bring-and-share feast' laid out in the 'New Hut' (the Archdeacon's words), for everyone to enjoy. That was of course only after Canon Brian Rodford had led his new congregation and guest in a lively sung Grace. Over the wonderful lunch that followed, there was ample opportunity for the congregation to meet their new chaplain and get to meet the guests.

We all look forward to working with Brian, who with the Grace of God will gently guide us all through the coming years using equal measures of holiness and humour.

## Love is...

*What do children know about love? When questioned, some four to eight year olds came up with the following:*

- Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.
- Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.
- I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.
- Love goes on even when you stop breathing, and you pick up where you left off when you reach Heaven.
- Love cards like Valentine's cards say stuff on them that we'd like to say ourselves, but we wouldn't be caught dead saying it.
- When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.



## Words to live by from Proverbs 3

*"My child, never forget  
the things I have  
taught you.*

*Store my commands  
in your heart". vs1*



Don't ever forget kindness and truth  
...then you will be respected and  
will please both God and people.  
*from Proverbs 3:3-4 NCV*

**Trust in God from the bottom  
of your heart; don't try to figure out  
everything on your own.**

*from Proverbs 3:5 MSG*

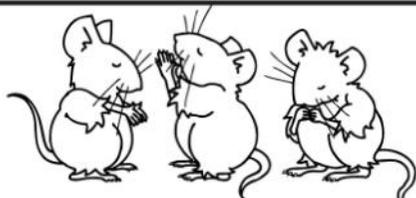


Don't assume you  
know it all.



Run to God!

*from Proverbs 3:7 MSG*



Seek God's will in all you do and He will  
show you which path to take.  
*from Proverbs 3:6 NLT*

Honour God with everything you own;  
give Him the first and the best.

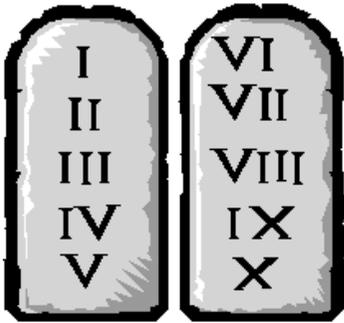
*from Proverbs 3:9 MSG*



Cut out and colour these  
Scripture verse cards  
to remind you this new year  
of God's wise ways to live.

## The Ten Commandments

*This rhyming version of the Ten Commandments, published, it is thought, by Isaac Watts in 1709, was still going strong some years ago.*



Thou shalt have no gods but Me.

Before no idol bow thy knee.

Take not the name of God in vain,

Nor dare the Sabbath Day profane.

Give both thy parents honour due,

Take heed that thou no murder do.

Abstain from words and deeds unclean,

Nor steal, though thou art poor and mean.

Nor make a wilful lie, nor love it,

What is thy neighbour's, do not covet.

## The Peace of God

When war did cease upon the earth,  
The stars looked out, the heavens rang,  
The small Lord Jesus came to birth,  
A lilt of peace His Mother sang.

A lilt of peace `mid snow-clad sheen,  
Goodness-peace, forgiveness of sin,  
Confession-peace, penitent-clean,  
Peace with God and the peace within.

Peace with God and goodwill to men,  
The peace of triumph on the Tree,  
The rising peace that followed then,  
The peace of God for you and me.

The peace of God, lake-waters by,  
The peace of God, mist o'er the sea,  
The peace of God, ascending high,  
The peace of God, unceasingly.

*From Poems of the Western Highlanders*





## 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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