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Dear Friends,

I recently spent an hour or so at the home of Blair, Marilyn and Abby, during which time we chatted about innumerable topics. In passing Blair reminded me that he is the Chaplaincy Environmental Representative and has been doing some homework on his, and our, responsibilities. Inevitably, this led to quite a practical discussion between us. Above all, he expressed how important this aspect of our collective responsibility has been 'brought home' to him, and I reflected on how we might all be encouraged to take this aspect of our Christian Calling seriously. Perhaps you would be interested to read the Diocesan Policy on the matter. Those with a computer might wish to look it up on the web. If you search for "The Diocese in Europe Environment Policy of the Diocese in Europe: Diocesan Policies and Guidelines" you will be led to the link. Otherwise, I am sure Blair will be able to provide a hard copy. In relation to this whole subject, I had immediate thoughts of my own.

I am reminded of my fascination at reading about James Lovelock in the 1970s, a then NASA scientist, who developed his ideas about all life, all living things, together with all non-living components on Earth, working together to promote life and the enhancement of the environment. (For me, this provided a backdrop for a wonderful understanding of the beauty and complexity of God's work of creation!) While this hypothesis was ridiculed by many in his early days of research and observation, his theory seems to have gone from scientific heresy to widely accepted orthodoxy in forty or so years, and now influences a number of international research programmes. The theory maintains that Earth's natural cycles work together to keep the Earth healthy and supportive of its life. Those who are influenced by this theory argue that the burgeoning impact of the human race has now pushed the Earth to its limit, although it will

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Twente News

Not covered by insurance

A recent letter that appeared in The Independent newspaper:

'Following the recent major flooding, I find myself out of pocket, due to what I am informed is an "act of God." To avoid future financial embarrassment, please could you recommend an atheist insurance company?

Scared?

As a sergeant in a parachute regiment, I took part in several night-time exercises. Once, I was seated next to a lieutenant fresh from jump school. He was quiet and looked a bit pale, so I

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Church Service Decorum

Over the years there has been much comment about the atmosphere in the chapel before the service begins. Due to the scattered nature of the chaplaincy, some take the opportunity to greet each other, and maybe, even catch up on the news.

Meanwhile, there are those who prefer to sit in quiet contemplation and prayer. As a compromise, the first group were given freedom to socialise up to about five minutes before the service, before our organist rang a bell for silence. Lately, the bell has been increasingly ignored, much to the irritation of some in the second group. Our chaplain has suggested placing cards on the pews reading:

Before the Service - Speak to God

After the Service - Speak to Everyone else

Maybe, if you have to discuss something, for example, a request for the intercessions, a planned celebration, keep one's voice as low as possible. If you see someone sitting or kneeling quietly, respect their desire not to be disturbed. Then....when you get to the Hut, calm and spiritually fulfilled, finish off a wonderful morning with a good chat over coffee, or tea, and cakes.

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 by the box.

Summer Teas 2018

Summer Teas begin on 15 July!!! Please read the article on Page 6 and then suitable inspired, next time you are in the Hut, sign up to help. WHY? Because the Summer Teas offers so much. The money raised helps the chaplaincies finances. People may find that a Sunday afternoon in the Hut or Church can be a wonderful way to get to know other chaplaincy members and visitors. And of course, as

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an added bonus, Summer Teas gives our neighbours an opportunity to visit and get to know us.

Magazine Payments

St Mary's Magazine has a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed and in touch with each other. In these constrained financial times, financing the magazine is proving to be difficult. An annual contribution of just €15 per annum will help to ensure that you will continue to receive your copy.

In addition, for those readers who receive their magazine by post, an annual payment of €20 will cover the postage charges. Thank you.

Forthcoming Dates

15 July - Evensong at St Mary's Chapel

15, 22, 29 July - Summer Teas

5, 12 August - Summer Teas

2 August - Coffee and Craft Morning

14 September - Build up for Castle Fair

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

Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, or in need of pastoral care, please contact one of the Churchwardens or the Chaplain, before the Service. If you wish to have someone included in the Intercessions you may contact the intercessor primarily via the Prayer Request Tool on our Church Website. Via this tool the Chaplain, Wardens and all intercessors will receive your message at once and simultaneously. Following link will bring you directly to the Prayer Request:

<http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/services%20%26%20readings/prayer%20requests.html>

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struck up a conversation.

"Scared, lieutenant?" I asked.

He replied, 'No, just a bit apprehensive.'

I asked, 'What's the difference?'

He sheepishly replied, 'That means I'm scared, but with a university education.'

Keep off

Sign on a newly planted front garden: 'Please stay off me. I want to be a lawn one day.'

Walk out

After church, the woman at the door was embarrassed before the minister. 'I hope you didn't take it personally when my husband walked out during your sermon.'

'I did find it rather disconcerting,' the preacher admitted.

'It's not a reflection on you at all,' she assured him. 'Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child.'

Here for what?

A parishioner was confiding to his vicar: 'When you get to my age, you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter.'

'That's good,' approved the vicar, 'and what do you conclude?'

'Nothing much,' went on the parishioner. 'It's just that more and more I find myself going into a room and thinking 'now what on earth did I come in here after?'

Funeral preparation

Not long after I arrived to be curate at a small church in a village, the phone rang, and a man asked for the minister. He wanted to know which Scripture verses applied to funeral services. I gave him several references, and he jotted them down. 'But what about the "ashes

St James the Least of All

Continuing our correspondence between Eustace, rector of St James the Least of All, and his nephew....

On the perils of the Ladies' Guild annual outing...



My dear Nephew Darren

And so once again we start the annual round of parish treats. While the bell-ringers prefer public houses, and the choirboys want fast food outlets, the Ladies' Guild are centred on lavatories. The itinerary is unchangeable: Coach drive to coffee stop and lavatory. Coach drive to luncheon stop and lavatory. Coach drive to some arbitrary attraction – provided it has a tea shop and lavatory. Coach trip home with a lavatory (stop en route).

A sub-committee will have been hard at work for the previous six months deciding where to visit. The most disastrous course of action is to present the group with a choice; if two options are provided, they will attract almost equal numbers in favour, thus ensuring that half of the group will rejoice in saying throughout the day that the other option would have been preferable. When it comes to decision-making, Stalin had a lot going for him.

My predecessor in this parish left me a terrible legacy; he always accompanied the Guild on their day out, thus obliging me to do the same. I do, however, travel equipped with armaments. "The Times" crossword rules out any possibility of conversation for at least the first two hours. Three

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years ago, Mrs Phillips had the audacity to look over my shoulder and give me 12 across; she will not make that mistake again. A brief nap after these intellectual exertions, assuring those around me that I am meditating on the theme for next Sunday's sermon, ensures a morning almost free from having to comment on the weather, other members of the party, or why I so rarely drop in on the Pram Service.

The ideal destination is one where I have a clerical colleague, so while the ladies wander about, shop and analyse why I still wear the same suit I arrived in 30 years ago, we have an agreeable afternoon assassinating the characters of bishops and archdeacons and bemoaning the standards of a new generation of curates. After our different therapies, we all re-assemble at the coach for the return journey.

Naturally, there is the traditional wait for those who have forgotten where the coach park is. As far as I am concerned, a deficit of less than 10% should be entirely acceptable. I can think of several husbands who may be rather thankful that their wives may not be back as soon as they had feared.

Our ladies return, invigorated with the thought of all the bits of information about other members in the party that can be discreetly shared over the telephone, while I am exhausted from 12 hours of attempting to be polite. Meanwhile the sub-committee gets a date in the diary for planning next year's lavatorial sequence.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



to ashes, dust to dust' part?' he asked. I read it to him slowly.

Then, intending to offer him some sympathy, as well as to take the funeral for him, I gently inquired who had died. He sighed. 'My daughter's rabbit.'

No, not any

The manager of the garden centre came out of his office to hear Jenkins, one of his most trusted assistants, saying to a lady customer: 'No madam, we certainly haven't had any for some time, and who knows when we will get any.'

When the customer had gone, the manager tackled him: 'I heard that, Jenkins,' he remonstrated, 'and I must say that I am surprised at you. Never, never admit to a customer that we can't get them

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something.
That's what
we're here for.
If it's out of
stock, tell her
you'll get it for
her soon. Now,
what was it the
lady wanted?'

'Rain,' said
Jenkins simply.

You know you are living in 2018 when....

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of five.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. You e-mail your children upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.
6. Your reason for not staying in touch with various friends

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Will our church be getting visitors/tourists in this summer? If so, we may wish to consider using this article about rural parishes in England as the basis of making our church even more welcoming. Please note that we already implement many of the suggestions.

Let them eat cake!

Many rural parishes have found that offering tea and cake to visitors ensures a warm welcome that will be gratefully remembered.

One couple told of how they chanced on a church while out cycling late one afternoon in the countryside. They were tired and hot and hungry and thirsty. Two kindly ladies met them at the door and gave them all the tea and cake they could possibly want. The couple reported this hospitality in their cycle club newsletter, and thus began a regular stream of cyclist visitors to the church, all made very welcome.

It all means that open, welcoming churches get noticed and talked about.

Tips for making a church welcome might include:

A display that shows the church is an active community of faith.

A place where visitors can leave prayer requests, which then are prayed for by the congregation in Sunday worship.

A free duplicated sheet as a guide to the church, its purpose, history and special features.

A visitor book to sign.

A space in the church for private prayer and reflection.

So open your church and welcome anyone who may come in. Let's pray that your visitors will become pilgrims, and even your friends. ©Parish Pump

Most of these aims are met by the Summer Teas offered at St Mary's. To be a success it is important that everyone supports Summer Teas either by offering baking, their time, or preferably, both. So come on everyone and sign up.

The Church of England is facing a serious shortage – of church organists

Be very, very nice to your church organist, and don't upset them, because they are becoming somewhat of an endangered species in the Church of England.

In fact, so many churches now have organs, but no organists, that nearly one in three churches have introduced recorded organ music for their congregations to sing along to.

A recent survey found something very ominous: that less than four per cent of churches have organists aged 30 years old or under. Almost half of all churches who do have organists report that they are older than 70.

But recorded organ music is hardly ideal – it tends not to leave enough time between lines, and so rushes the singing along. Also, there is a weaker sense of togetherness and community, if you are singing along to a machine, rather than a person well known to you.

The survey was done by the diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich's music development director. ©Parish Pump



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and family is that they are not on Facebook.

7. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.

8. Every TV advert has a Facebook link at the bottom of the screen.

9. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for total panic and you have to go back and get it.

10. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.

Untimely answered prayer

During the minister's sermon one Sunday, there was suddenly a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Jamie's mother was horrified. She glared him into

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silence and,
after church,
asked, 'Jamie,
whatever made
you do such a
thing?'

Jamie
explained: 'I've
been asking
God to teach
me to whistle
for ages, and
suddenly, He
did!'

Polite

A New York
traffic expert
says that some
London taxi
drivers are
refreshingly
different – and
witty –
compared to
those in New
York. He tells
the story of the
London taxi
driver who
screached to a
halt when a
tourist bolted
into the road,
headed one
way, then
headed the
other way, and
then stopped,
looking around
in confusion.
Leaning out of
the window the
taxi driver

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Work destroyed, workman saved

One day when James Thornhill was painting the inside of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, he paused in his work, and stepped back to the edge of the platform to look at what he had done.

Intent upon his work, he had completely forgotten where he was, and in another moment would have fallen backwards from the platform and been dashed to pieces on the pavement far below.

But a friend who was with him, perceiving his danger, caught up a brush, and, filling it with colour, made a large blotch upon the picture.

The artist sprang forward to protect his work, and his life was saved, although at the expense of the picture. So God, in his mercy, often overthrows our plans and spoils our picture, that he may save our souls.

From 'The Preachers' Promptuary of Anecdote'

By the Rev. W. Frank Shaw and contributed by Erica Schotman Bonting

Filling a Vacancy

(A tongue in cheek reminder that it is nearly a year since we at St Mary's happily met our rare bird, Canon Brian Rodford)

There are churches that have a vacancy for the position of priest.

What they are searching for is a person with

The strength of an eagle

The gentleness of a dove

The piercing eye of a hawk

The grace of a swan

The faithfulness of a swallow

The nightly persistence of an owl

The energy of a woodpecker in combination with

The distinction of a peacock and

The tenacity of a drake.

And when they have found such a rare bird?

The ability to live on the portion of a canary

8th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Lea Meijnen
	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
10:30 am Sung	Victor Pirenne	Ezekiel [2.1-5]
	Elisa Hannan	2 Corinthians. [12.2-10]
	Gospel	Mark [6. 1-13]

15th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	Chalice	Jeanet Luiten
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Charlotte Solms	Amos [7. 7-15]
	Arthur Cass	Ephesians [1.3-14]
	Gospel	Mark [6. 14-29]

22nd July	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Eight Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Philippa te West
	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Maureen Underwood	Jeremiah [23. 1-6]
	Elizabeth v.d. Heide	Ephesians [2.11-end]
	Gospel	Mark [6.30-34, 53-end]

Forthcoming Services

29th July	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Ninth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Maureen Underwood
	Chalice	Jeanet Luiten
10: 30 am Sung	Jan de Beij	2 Kings [4. 42-44]
	Joyce Wigboldus	Ephesians [3.14-end]
	Gospel	John [6.1-21]

Forthcoming Services

5th August	Celebrant &	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Transfiguration of our Lord	Intercessor	Fred Schonewille
	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
10: 30 am Sung Eucharist	Heleen Rauwerda	Daniel [7. 9-10, 13-14]
	Philippa te West	2 Peter [1.16-19]
	Gospel	Luke [9. 28-36]

Forthcoming Services

12th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Simone Yallop
	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Arjan Hafmans	1 Kings [19. 4-8]
	Lea Meijnen	Ephesians [4. 25-5.2]
	Gospel	John [6. 35, 41-51]

19th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Lea Meijnen
	Chalice	Fred Schonewille
	Linda ten Berge	Joshua [24. 1-2a, 14-18]
10:30 am Sung	Maureen Underwood	Ephesians [6. 10-20]
	Gospel	John [6. 56-69]

26th August	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Jeanet Luiten
	Chalice	Simone Yallop
	Louw Talstra	Joshua [24. 1-2a, 14-18]
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Victor Pirenne	Ephesians [6. 10-20]
	Gospel	John [6. 56-69]

2nd September	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Maureen Underwood
	Chalice	Jeanet Luiten
	Heleen Rauwerde	Deuteronomy [4.1-2, 6-9]
10:30 am Sung	Fred Schonewille	James [1.17-end]
	Gospel	Mark [7. 1-8,14,15, 21- 23]

Forthcoming Services

9thSeptember	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Jan de Beij
	Chalice	Janice Luiten
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Vivian Reinders	Isaiah [35.4-7a]
	Joyce Wigboldus	James [2.1-10, [11-13], 14- 17]
	Gospel	Mark [7. 24-end]

Forthcoming Services

16thSeptember	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Jeanet Luiten
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Maureen Underwood
	Chalice	Joyce Wigboldus
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Fred Schonewille	Isaiah [50. 4-9a]
	Philippa te West	James [3.1-12]
	Gospel	Mark [8.27-end]

Forthcoming Services

23rdSeptember	Celebrant & Preacher	Canon Brian Rodford
	Duty Warden	Blair Charles
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	Intercessor	Joyce Wigboldus
	Chalice	Everhard Ottens
10:30 am Sung Eucharist	Arjen Haffmans	Genesis [28:11-18]
	Linda ten Berge	1 Peter [2:1-10]
	Gospel	John [10:22-29]

Archer Metcalfe

Archer and Louie Metcalfe were regular visitors to St Mary's Chapel. Residents of Lytham, just south of Blackpool, England, the couple often visited friends in the Netherlands.

In January of this year, Louie phoned to say that Archer, aged 86, had passed away in his sleep on the 20 December. Following Archer's funeral, Louie passed on a great deal about her extraordinary husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

He loved spending his holidays exploring the United Kingdom with his wife and daughters. In Gloucestershire one year, they met a Dutch couple, Tine and Tjietze. The two couples became lifelong friends and on visits to the Netherlands, Archer fell in love with a country that was so different from his native Yorkshire.

After National Service with the Royal Corps of Signals in Egypt, a place that Archer had many fond memories, Archer married Louie and they settled in Lytham. The couple raised three daughters.

Archer was a member of the Ribble Cruising Club and became a crewmember of the inshore rescue boat of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). As a mark of respect for Archer's long years of service, the RNLI afforded the man a style of funeral normally only given to coxswains, (traditionally the captains of the lifeboats).

In June Louie paid what will probably be her last visit to St Mary's Chapel. She stayed with Tine and Tjietze at their place outside Lochem. With her eyesight progressively failing, Louie is not sure if she will be able to make the journey again. She will maintain contact with St Mary's through the On-line version of the magazine. Our condolences for your loss Louie and we wish you and your family well.

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asked very politely: "I say, sir, may I ask, what are your immediate plans?"

When you mix children and religion...

You get some unexpected gems. The following are extracts from religious exam papers...

In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark, because Noah built an ark. The animals came on in pears.

The Jews are God's chosen people, but throughout history they've had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.

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Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve decibels.

St Paul cavorted to Christianity down the Damascus Road. There he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

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eventually pull everything back into check. This, however, will not be without huge cost to human beings themselves.

I believe that our faith teaches us that we must again and again remind ourselves that all that we do, in the exercise of God's wonderful gift of freedom of will, inevitably has consequences. For these, we must take full responsibility. We must take our daily or weekly acts of confession seriously, in every aspect of our lives:

We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.

Continue to enjoys these wonderful summer days and appreciate God's generosity in this amazing world. The world is HIS: it is only ours to look after ... with HIM!

God bless you all, Fr. B.



GreenChristian

A Plastic Revolution

The recent Blue Planet II series exposed just how much plastic waste is an issue in our seas. The UK Prime Minister has called plastic waste '*one of the great environmental scourges of our time.*' The best estimates suggest 10 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans, contaminating and killing sea life. How should we view this issue from a Christian perspective?

When God created the universe, He saw '*everything He had made, and indeed, it was very good.*' (Genesis 1:31). He calls us to share in His care of creation: '*Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the ground.*' (Genesis 1:28). Our rule over living creatures is not an excuse to exploit them in a selfish way. As those who made in the image of God, we are entrusted to care for them with responsibility and trustworthiness.

Why do the sea creatures being killed by plastic matter? Because of human rebellion against God (see Genesis 3), our relationship with God and His creation was damaged. No longer do we live with living creatures in harmony and interdependence. Yet after the flood, when Noah rescued the animals in the ark, they are included in God's everlasting promise to protect the earth: '*I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that was with you.*' (Genesis 9:9,10). This also points to God's cosmic plan to restore all creation to Himself.

What is our response to be? Where is God calling us, as His people in this time and place, to make a stand in protecting His creation? Time for a plastic revolution?

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Calming the storm

I was telling my children the story of when Jesus and the disciples were in a boat, crossing the Sea of Galilee, and a storm came up and threatened to sink them. I went on: 'Meanwhile, Jesus had fallen asleep in the stern. So, the disciples, scared of drowning, went back and woke Jesus, hoping He could save them. Then Jesus woke up and said, "Be quiet..."'

To which my son interjected, 'I'M TRYING TO SLEEP!'

Some ways to turn men down...

HE. " can I buy you a drink? "
SHE. " Actually I'd rather have the money "

HE: How did you get to be so beautiful?
SHE: I must've been given your share!!!



BLESSINGS

A True Story...

At the prodding of my friends, I am writing this story. My name is Mildred Hondorf. I am a former elementary school music teacher from DeMoines, Iowa. I've always supplemented my income by teaching piano lessons, something I've done for over 30 years.

Flight path

Windsor Castle, outside of London, is directly in the flight path of Heathrow International Airport. While a group of tourists was standing outside the castle admiring the elegant structure, a plane flew overhead at a relatively low altitude, making a tremendous noise. One irritated tourist demanded: "Why did they build the castle so close to the airport?"

Police Uniform?

Sonya asks a man in uniform, 'Are you a policeman?'
'No, I am an undercover detective.'
'So why are you in a policeman's uniform?' demands Sonya.
'Today is my day off.'

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Over the years I found that children have many levels of musical ability. I've never had the pleasure of having a protege though I have taught some talented students. However I've also had my share of what I call "musically challenged" pupils.

One such student was Robby. Robby was 11 years old when his mother (a single Mom) dropped him off for his first piano lesson. I prefer that students (especially boys)! begin at an earlier age, which I explained to Robby. But Robby said that it had always been his mother's dream to hear him play the piano. So I took him as a student.

Well, Robby began with his piano lessons and from the beginning I thought it was a hopeless endeavour. As much as Robby tried, he lacked the sense of tone and basic rhythm needed to excel. But he dutifully reviewed his scales and some elementary pieces that I require all my students to learn. Over the months he tried and tried while I listened and cringed and tried to encourage him. At the end of each weekly lesson he'd always say, "My mom's going to hear me play someday." But it seemed hopeless. He just did not have any inborn ability.

I only knew his mother from a distance as she dropped Robby off or waited in her aged car to pick him up. She always waved and smiled but never stopped in.

Then one day Robby stopped coming to our lessons. I thought about calling him but assumed, because of

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his lack of ability, that he had decided to pursue something else. I also was glad that he stopped coming. He was a bad advertisement for my teaching!

Several weeks later I mailed to the student's homes a flyer on the upcoming recital. To my surprise Robby (who received a flyer) asked me if he could be in the recital. I told him that the recital was for current pupils and because he had dropped out he really did not qualify. He said that his Mom had been sick and unable to take him to piano lessons but he was still practicing.

"Miss Hondorf I've just got to play!" he insisted. I don't know what led me to allow him to play in the recital. Maybe it was his persistence or maybe it was something inside of me saying that it would be all right.

The night for the recital came. The high school gymnasium was packed with parents, friends and relatives. I put Robby up last in the program before I was to come up and thank all the students and play a finishing piece. I thought that any damage he would do would come at the end of the program and I could always salvage his poor performance through my "curtain closer,"

Well the recital went off without a hitch. The students had been practicing and it showed. Then Robby came up on stage. His clothes were wrinkled and his hair looked like he'd run an eggbeater through it. "Why didn't he dress up like the other students?" I thought. "Why didn't his mother at least make him comb his hair for this special night?"

Robby pulled out the piano bench and he began. I

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Some spiritual observations:

'I am sorry' and 'I forgive you' are the hardest things a human being can ever say – but also, the most liberating. When the wars and scandals are over, those words can rebuild nations.

Tim Stanley

Every development in AI (Artificial Intelligence) asks the question "what does it mean to be human?" That's why the church needs to be involved in technology, because the heart of our faith is incarnation.

'Bishop Stephen Croft'

The Lord does not shine upon us, except when we take His Word as our light.

John Calvin

Grief

Grief, I've learned, is really love. It's all the love you want to give, but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in the hollow part of your chest.

Grief is just love with no place to go.

-Jamie Anderson-

The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together.

Shakespeare

The worst poverty today is the poverty of not having spiritual values in life.

Cardinal Basil Hume OSB

Do not give, as many rich men do, like a hen that lays an egg

- and then cackle.

Henry Ward Beecher

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was surprised when he announced that he had chosen the last part of Mozart's Concerto #21 in C Major. I was not prepared for what I heard next. His fingers were light on the keys, they even danced nimbly on the ivories. He went from pianissimo to fortissimo, from allegro to virtuoso. His suspended chords that Mozart demands were magnificent! Never had I heard Mozart played so well by people his age. After six and a half minutes he ended in a grand crescendo and everyone was on their feet in wild applause.

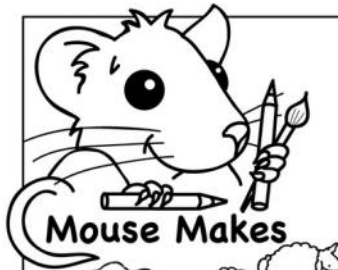
Overcome and in tears I ran up on stage and put my arms around Robby in joy. "I've never heard you play like that Robby! How'd you do it?"

Through the microphone Robby explained: "Well Miss Hondorf...remember I told you my Mom was sick? Well, actually she had cancer and passed away this morning. And well, she was born deaf so tonight was the first time she ever heard me play. I wanted to make it special." There wasn't a dry eye in the house that evening.

As the people from Social Services led Robby from the stage to be placed into foster care, I noticed that even their eyes were red and puffy and I thought to myself how much richer my life had been for taking Robby as my pupil. No, I've never had a protege but that night I became a protege...of Robby's. He was the teacher and I was the pupil For it is he that taught me the meaning of perseverance and love and believing in yourself and maybe even taking a chance in someone and you don't know why.

This is especially meaningful to me since after serving in Desert Storm Robby was killed in the senseless bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in April of 1995, where he was reportedly.... playing the piano. Mildred Hondorf

Contributed by Erica Schotman Bonting



LOST AND FOUND

Jesus told three stories to help us to understand God's love and forgiveness.

The first is about a missing sheep that the shepherd did not give up looking for.

The second is about a lost coin that the owner kept searching for until it was found.

The third is about a young man who returned home after he realised he had made a mistake by wanting to go his own way.

Read the 'Lost and Found' parables in Luke 15



S P E N T E N
 S W E E P S F I N
 A L O O K E L A M P S
 J L O R E P E N T S I H R
 O I S E A R C H H O G E I
 U V T J E S U S E N S E N
 R E F O U N D F R O H P G
 N C O I N D E A D R O B E
 E A T C H U N G R Y M A N
 Y L C E L E B R A T E C P
 F O H U N D R E D I K
 O N E H E A R A G
 N S I N N E R

Can you find the lost COIN, the lost SHEEP and the lost SON in the word search? Can you find these other words from the Lost and Found parables too?

- HEAR • JESUS • HUNDRED • LOST • LOOK • FOUND
 REJOICE • SINNER • REPENT • TEN • ONE • LAMP • SWEEP • SEARCH
 FATHER • JOURNEY • SPENT • HUNGRY • PIGS • BACK • HOME • RAN
 ROBE • RING • CALF • EAT • CELEBRATE • DEAD • ALIVE



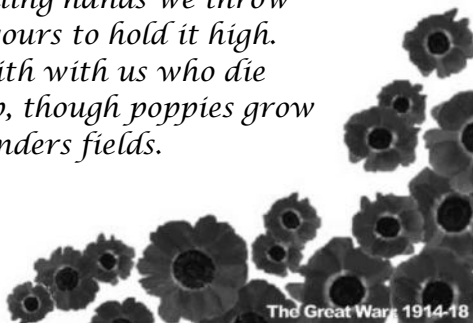
THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

In Flanders Fields
by John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



The Great War: 1914-18

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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