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The Chaplain Writes

Our Lenten Discipline

Dear Saints,

Matthew 6 ...

6 "Be careful not to practise your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

² "So when you give to the needy,

... ⁵ "And when you pray, ... ¹⁶ "When you fast, ...



We are moving. Our time of feasting and celebration has ended, and here, we are referring to the Christmas season (God with us) and the Epiphany season (Jesus Saviour of the world). Jesus is not just relevant for Christians, but for the whole created order. Last week we were reminded of Christ's Transfiguration in the presence of three of his disciples. God declaring once more " This is my, Son, my Beloved; listen to him".

On Ash Wednesday, we were once more reminded that one of our core functions as People of the Way, Followers/Disciples of Christ, is to practise righteousness. The Sermon on the Mount reminds us that the practice of righteousness is threefold;

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St. Mary's Chapel News



Quotes

The need of the world is to listen to God.

- Albert Einstein

A religion that does not begin with repentance is certain to end there - perhaps too late. - Anon

Time spent on the knees in prayer will do more to remedy heart strain and nerve worry than anything else.

- G D Stewart

If Christians praised God more, the world would doubt Him less.

- C E Jefferson

The Bible has a great deal to say about suffering and most of it is encouraging.

- A W Tozer

Some people treat God as they do a lawyer; they go to him only when they are in trouble. - Anon

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Count Alfred Solms

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Alfred Count zu Solms

In the first week of February, the congregation of St Mary's Chapel learnt of the passing of Count Alfred. Simone Yallop wrote: "Today we learnt the sad news that our patron, Count Alfred Solms, passed away on Tuesday morning. We hold Count Alfred and his family in our love and prayers.

Count Alfred was a wonderful person,

without whom the Anglican Church Twente could not have come into being. He will be greatly missed."

When I first came to St Mary's Chapel around 2000, I remember watching Count Alfred and Countess Christine arrive with their three young daughters, Charlotte, Caroline and Isabella. Mother and daughters came though the main entrance, Count Alfred through the Vestry door, after a word with the chaplain.

As I became more involved in the chaplaincy I had the privilege of many conversations with Count Alfred. He was soft spoken and a good listener. However, if he disapproved of something, such as too much chattering before the service, he would politely, but firmly make his point. Hence the handbell rung by the organist before the service requesting quiet. The bell was presented to Count Alfred for that purpose.

In my early years at the chapel, Count Alfred would ride his bicycle from Weldam Castle to the chapel. With increasing age he transferred to an electric buggy similar to a golf cart, which I christened the Countmobile. One of the great privileges of being a warden was being able to cadge a lift in the Countmobile back to the Hut after tidying the Chapel at the end of the service.

All at St Mary's who had the privilege of meeting Count Alfred will treasure their memories of an extraordinary, kind man. On behalf of the magazine readers my heartfelt condolences to his family.

A Word from Wales

The heading should read "Windy Wales" after three horrendous storms swept across Wales in one week. We live in a mobile home, and at times it was very mobile, shaking and shuddering throughout the night. Water levels in The River Dee, running by our residential park, were dangerously high, but happily the flood defences held. Surprisingly, when we emerged in the dawn light to survey the damage there was surprisingly little. Consequently there was little harm done to our property or our neighbours. Okay, a shed or two were blown to pieces, and several wheeled bins had to be tracked down and returned. But everywhere you looked was stunningly beautiful. The sun shone through grey clouds, flooding them with gold. Trees and hedges, all blown clean were now fresh and ready for Spring. Rather like life, no matter how bad the storms of life appear, tomorrow will be a better day

Magazine Payments

St. Mary's Magazine plays a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed on what is going on in their church and the chapel community. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the magazine, issued ten times a year, an annual donation of €15 will help to cover printing costs. If you cannot pick up your copy in the chapel and want to have it posted to you, we need to ask for an additional donation of €20 to cover postage.

Payments Due

With the start of the new year the call has to go out again for those people who receive a paper copy, to make their annual donation. During 2020, Lub Gringhuis took over the job of arranging the printing. With some skilful home printing and costing the magazine covered its costs. With Lub's skilled management and your prompt donations, the magazine will survive.

Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercessions, or who is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact one of the Churchwardens before the Service. Alternatively, if you want to have someone included in the intercessions you could contact the Intercessor via the Prayer Request Tool on the Chapel Website. The Wardens and the Intercessor will simultaneously receive your message via this tool. The link below will take you directly to the Prayer Request.

<http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html>

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'With Mothering Sunday in Mind Why God made mums

These were the answers given by some seven-year-olds...

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows all the passwords we use online.
2. Mostly to clean the house, I think.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. I've heard it was some amazing experiment on men that got out of hand.
3. God made my mum just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and one part of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

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3. They have a lot more hair than dads, are softer to hug, and wear woolly jumpers.

Why did God give you to your mother, and not to some other mum?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other kids' mums like me.

3. Other mums wouldn't understand about me being afraid in the dark.

What kind of little girl was your mum?

1. My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background, like has he put anything too disgusting on Facebook?

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On how to sabotage a music festival

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

It seemed such an innocent suggestion. A local farmer announced he wanted to arrange a Spring music festival. I could already hear Mozart string quartets being played in our Lady Chapel, and arias from Donizetti operas being sung *al fresco* in the Glebe field, while we sipped champagne in the warm Spring sunshine and admired the flowers.



Unfortunately, our farmer was thinking of a heavy metal weekend in one of his fields. The teacups began to rattle when village talk turned to portable lavatories, mobile catering vans and using the churchyard for overflow camping space. Then the police arrived to discuss crowd control and drug policy. At James the Least of All we tend more towards congenial dinner parties, with drinks labelled Bollinger or Glenfiddich.

That was the point when Colonel Trubshaw began to search out his old shotgun. His wife even stopped serving coffee after Mattins, in order to patrol the perimeter of their estate with their arthritic spaniel. On the other hand, Miss Little went a little mad. She exchanged her usual tweeds and brogues and pearls for a red bandana, long patchwork dress and peace beads. She must have enjoyed the 1960s.

It was time to take action, so I told our farmer that St James the Least of All would support him to the hilt. Our ladies would of course do flower arrangements for the stage, and our sidesmen would greet the campers as they arrived. We would provide a full choral Evensong on Friday night, to help set the tone for the weekend. When the farmer gasped something about heavy metal, I was able to reassure him. "Heavy metal? We're doing that Saturday morning from about 6am, when our bellringers will give a three-hour exhibition of change ringing." The farmer pleaded something about singing, and I was able to reassure him on that point as well: "On Sunday we'll do a Songs of Praise, and not to worry, your campers can choose their favourite hymns from 'Ancient and Modern'."

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I was thanked profusely, but the following week, our dear farmer wrote to tell me he had decided to graze sheep on his field after all. Shame about that.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Every church region in the country signs up to become an Eco Diocese

All 42 dioceses in the Church of England have signed up to become an 'eco diocese' as part of their commitment to reach net zero carbon by 2030. The Eco Dioceses scheme, developed by the charity A Rocha UK, sees churches and dioceses awarded bronze, silver, or gold status depending on actions taken to improve their environmental footprint. The Church of England is seeking to reach 'net zero' carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by General Synod in 2020.

Graham Usher, the Bishop of Norwich and lead bishop for the environment, said: "A Rocha UK's Eco Church and Diocese scheme is a great tool which enables local churches at every level of their climate justice journey to

engage with environmental issues. As Christians, we must make real differences to our lives to care for God's creation and limit the impact of the climate emergency.

"The whole Church is currently looking at our proposed Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030 and I would encourage everyone to read it and engage with the survey so we can make the journey to net zero carbon together."



The fan-heater under the cassock idea proved not to be such a good one

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3. She needed to check out his bank account, to make sure he could buy her clothes.

Why did your mum marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.

2. She got too old to do anything else with him.

3. My grandma says that no one will ever know.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Dad is, because mum says so. She just helps by reminding him what to do each day.

2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

3. Dad was, until Mum found what he had written on Facebook about Granny.

What's the difference between mums & dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.

2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.

3. Dads are taller and stronger, but they panic when the dishwasher overflows

Forthcoming Services

6 March 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Lent 1

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Frances Gothard

Deuteronomy 26, 1-11

Jonathan de Groot

Romans 10, 8b-13

Gospel

Luke 4, 1-13



March 13 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Lent 2

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Klaas Prins

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Linda ten Berge

Genesis 15. 1-12,17-18

Elisa Hannan

Philippians 3, 17-4,1

Gospel

Luke 13, 31-end

Forthcoming Services

March 20 2022

10:30 Eucharist Service

Lent 3

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Erick Wanjala

Isaiah 55, 1-9

Geert Janssen

1 Corinthians 4. 10, 1-13

Gospel

Luke 18, 1-9



March 27 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Mothering Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Dave Thomas

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Jenny List

Joshua 5, 9-12

Heleen Rauwerda

2 Corinthians 5, 16-end

Gospel

Luke 15, 1-3, 11b-end

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Best

The reporter was interviewing the town's oldest woman. "And what do you find is the best thing about being 104?" he asked.

"That's easy," she said. "No peer pressure."

Young and old

A baby-sitter is a teenager acting like an adult, while the adults are out acting like teenagers.

It helps

Laughter is like changing a baby's nappy: it doesn't permanently solve any problems, but it makes things more acceptable for a while.

Daily prayer

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

Hereafter

The vicar came to see me the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time. No matter where I

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1. Giving to the needy
2. Praying and
3. Fasting.



Jesus further teaches us that our motives for doing the above should be right. If it is to impress people and to be seen by all as a good and generous person, then we would have received our reward here on earth when people glorify us for the good we are doing. However, if we ensure that God sees what we do in secret and with joy and thanksgiving, and people glorify God because of our good deeds, then we would have been rewarded by God who sees us, and that in itself is storing treasures in heaven which is our reward.

During this Lenten Period, we are given a chance to examine ourselves through the practice of righteousness. During this Lent of 2022, we are particularly encouraged to pray for peace. All world leaders may choose today between life and death, which is to choose for peace, especially in the Ukraine. So let our decision as Christians to choose life, by choosing for peace in whatever we do, make all the world marvel at God's righteousness. We are encouraged to do good works and that whatever good we do should be in the pursuit of peace. Yet not an ordinary peace but to accept Christ's offer and gift;

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

We engage our motives for doing what we do through engaging Christ's way to the cross through the eyes

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of Luke. We restrain from feasting and move into a fasting mode.

Let us take advantage of the gift of Lent, a season of repentance and renewal. We turn away from our sinfulness and recommit ourselves to following Jesus.

Lent offers us all an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do and to be generous to those in need. Have a blessed and Holy Lent.

*Yours in Christ,
Revd. Jacque*



Christian Basics: Why the Cross?

The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace; a picture of suffering, yet the

- key to healing;*
- a picture of death, yet the key to life;*
- a picture of utter weakness, yet the key to power;*
- a picture of capital punishment, yet the key to mercy and forgiveness;*
- a picture of vicious hatred, yet the key to love;*
- a picture of supreme shame, yet the Christian's supreme boast.*

The cross really is the key to everything! Although a horrifying instrument of torture and death, it is also a symbol of love and peace. On the cross Jesus died to deal with the problem of our sin and defeat the powers of death and evil. He identified with our sufferings and set us an example of self-sacrificial love.

As Peter writes, *'He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed ... Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God' (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18).* Jesus died in our place on the cross and took away our guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin. Access to God's presence is now open to all, symbolised

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am - in the bedroom, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement - I ask myself, 'Now, what am I here after?'"

Attitude

I said I have a can-do attitude...I never said I have a will-do attitude.

Sermon

When vicars rehearse their sermons are they practising what they preach?

Finding the right solution

A manager, an engineer, and a programmer were driving down a steep mountain road when the brakes failed. After a terrifying few seconds they managed to stop the car by running it against the embankment. Shaken by their narrow escape from death, they got out. The manager said, "We need to organise a committee, have meetings, exchange ideas, and then develop a solution." The engineer disagreed, "No that never works.

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I will take apart the brake system, isolate the problem and correct it."

Then the programmer said, "You are both wrong. First, we need to push the car back up the hill, get back in, and see if it happens again."

Shoes

A timid curate went into a shoe shop to try on some shoes. "Try those - they are just right for you," decreed the very superior sales assistant. The curate struggled to get the shoes fastened, but he failed. The assistant frowned and looked down. "Well, no wonder. Try pulling the tongue out."

"Well, theyth sthill feelh a bith tighth."

Looking

In Swansea there used to be a well-known firm of solicitors called W G Christian and Sons. A letter sent to them from overseas

Dear Johanna

As I promised you, I will tell you more about the priest's vestments in our church. What is always very impressive to me is the chasuble, a kind of cape the priest wears over the alb, a long white gown to the floor. The chasuble has the colours of the church season and is sometimes very beautifully embroidered. We now have a new priest in our midst, a woman. She has a beautiful chasuble, which, as far as I can see, is handwoven and definitely made for her personally.

This reminds me, some years ago, we had a priest who told his sermons like beautiful stories as he walked in front and between the pews. The hem of his alb had a hand-wide strip of lace. He moved a lot, and at the moments he bent over, the lace touched the ground before his shoes. How many times I held my breath, fearing he would stumble and would fall flat on his nose. But he never did, and his sermons were about the most fascinating I've ever heard.

We now have the 'wild feast' of carnival behind us, and following Ash Wednesday, the forty days of Lent will begin. This is the period that we prepare ourselves for the suffering and death of Jesus.

Carnival - carne is the Latin word for meat and vale for goodbye - is not an Anglican feast but is in the Roman Catholic Church. It is a tradition that finds its roots in pre-Christian times. The early Christian Church thought it easier not to ban old heathen practices but to change them into new Christian feasts, like Christmas, but not always at the same date.

When I was young, the early mass on Ash Wednesday in the Catholic churches was filled with still half-drunken people, directly coming from the pubs and the street. I have no idea how that is nowadays. The Anglican Church has a service at a more convenient moment. Afterwards, you take a little cross from actual ashes on your forehead. If it goes the way it should be, these ashes are made from the burnt palm crosses similar to the consecrated crosses you get on Palm Sunday. Many people don't know that you never throw them away in a garbage can or in another improper way.

Last year I discovered in a drawer a plastic bag with a lot of those crosses. I have wooden crosses above the two most used doors in my house, and every year I put my new palm cross behind them. I brought those old crosses to a priest who gave them a proper cremation.

After Ash Wednesday, Lent begins, ending on Holy Saturday. In Dutch, we call it Veertigdagentijd. If you look at your

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calendar, you will count six more days till Easter, but Sundays don't count. On Sundays, you can have a good time and do all the things you were not doing during the week. In the old days, it meant that you only were eating just enough to stay alive. No meat or fish, no sweets, cookies or desserts, only the bare necessities to not starve to death. Children, old people and the sick ones were exempt from this.

Have you ever seen the famous painting by Hieronymus Bosch about Carnival? In that case, you will have noticed that the carnival feast consisted mainly of good food and drink as much as you could get in those days. The dress-up party is from later dates.

Nowadays it is interpreted differently. We ought to omit meat, fish, and snacks. Another thing to consider is stopping smoking or leaving your glass of wine. On the more positive side. You can call or visit a lonely person every day. Donate money to a good cause. Take daily walks. Leave your phone in a drawer at home, read edifying books or something like that, well, leave out everything you like or enjoy too much and do things that you find difficult or annoying. Think of it as a training of the mind and the spirit, just as you should train to keep your muscles in shape.

Well, after all these wise lessons I hope you will also have enough reasons to laugh and be happy.

You and your family, stay happy and healthy.

Till the next letter.

Your friend

Erica

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by the Temple curtain being torn in two from top to bottom. The barrier between us and God was torn down in order 'to bring us to God'.

Jesus is the bridge providing access between us and God. *'If Jesus Christ is to be our Saviour then He must be able to place a hand upon a pardoning God and another hand on a penitent sinner and draw them together in an act of reconciliation'* (Bishop Handley Moule).

© Revd. Paul Hardingham

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was addressed simply:

W. G. Christian,
South Wales.

It eventually arrived back at their office with a note from the Post Office attached.

It read:

"No Christians in Cardiff - try Swansea."

Less calories

A minister took his young daughter to the grocery store with him. In addition to the healthful items on the carefully prepared shopping list, they returned with a box of sugar-laden biscuits. The minister noticed the glare of his wife and quickly said, "It's okay, this box of biscuits has one-third fewer calories than usual."

"And why is that?" she asked.

"Because we ate a third of them on the way home," he replied.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

Have you ever considered that..

~ We need to save the Earth.

It's the only planet with chocolate.

**Lord Jesus,
in this time of waiting
open our hearts to learn more
of the mystery of your Cross,
strengthen us to follow
in your Way
and draw us ever deeper
into your Love.**



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.*

