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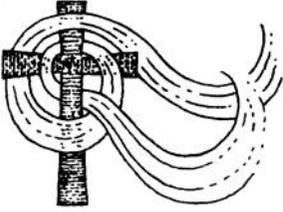
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The Chaplain Writes

**Moving
towards Easter**

Dear Saints,

We are moving. Our Lenten Journey with Jesus and each other is coming to its climax. The most holy of weeks is dawning upon us and of course the glorious celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, one of the most central events in the life of Christendom, of Christian communities and of individual Christians.

Every year we follow the same trajectory with challenges linked to the times we live in. In the past few years there have been world events that forced and still force us to spiritually, physiologically, mentally and physically dig deep into our belief and real time faith experiences.

We have been and still are confronted with COVID, an event which has dramatically changed and is still changing the world in ways which are incrementally being revealed to us. Presently many of us are acting as if COVID is gone, something of the past, yet we know we are kidding ourselves, but we do not care because we have COVID fatigue. The attitude we seem to be having is expressed in a Dutch saying, "Laat God's water over God's Aker vloeien" (a rough English translation: "Let Go and let God!"), seems to be our basic spiritual reality. We are back to 'normal' in a "limbo-ish" way. We are in limbo, yet trying our best to journey with Jesus!

While we are still in this recovery/non recovery COVID space, the Russians invade Ukraine, starting a war, which their leadership does not want to end! We on our side pray that God deals with the Russian leadership, ensuring that they stop their aggression, as we are not ready to deal with the effects of war, death of innocent people, streams of refugees, lost and confused mothers and children, young people who have to move from computer war games to real war, uncertainty and powerlessness, as we do not have an effective and efficient answer to Russian aggression. What to do?

St. Mary's Chapel News



With AGMs at church in mind...

A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done.

Dem Bones, dem bones

It has been said that the body of any organisation is made up of four types of bones....

There are the Wishbones - who spend their time wishing someone else would do something about the problem under discussion....

There are the Jawbones - who spend their time talking about the problem.

There are the Knucklebones - who spend their time knocking everything that everyone has already done or would like to do.

Finally, there are

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Notices

Annual General Meeting and Electoral Roll

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Anglican Church Twente will be held on Sunday 24th April 2022.

The Electoral Roll is a list of members who are eligible to vote at the AGM. As usual, we have to freeze the Electoral Roll two weeks before the AGM. If anyone who is not yet on the Electoral Roll, but who would like to be, can join by filling in the attached form and returning it to our Electoral Roll Officer (Simone) by 9th April 2022.

Passover meal

There will be a Passover meal on the Tuesday of Holy Week, 12 April at 19:00 in De Welle. If you would like to attend please register with Jeanet.

A Word from Wales

On Mothering Sunday, Marilyn and I made our way to St Deiniol's Church, both for the service and out of curiosity. Due to the pandemic, this would be the first Mothering Sunday we could attend since arriving in Wales.

As expected, it was a beautiful service but what really struck me was how the church has progressed. I remember as a child attending church where women were allowed to organize fetes, cake sales, clean the church and do the flowers. They were not allowed beyond the altar rail during a service!

At our first Mothering Sunday service in Wales there were three priests conducting the service. The Rector and two curates. (Recently ordained priests). All three of the priest were also mothers. When they spoke about mothering, both in the context of the Mother Church, and in the challenges of rearing a family, it came from the heart.

During the service, a grandmother and her granddaughter brought two Simnel cakes up to the altar. The Rector blessed the cakes. The cakes were then taken away to be cut up and distributed with coffee and tea after the service. The sermon was centred on the religious message carried by the Simnel cake and the origins of Mothering Sunday.

During the last hymn, the same grandmother and granddaughter duo, distributed a cut, and de-thorned, rose to all member of the congregation. Walking back to the car through the ancient church yard, enjoying the sunshine and the scent of our roses, we both felt elated by the service.

For a moment I stopped at the edge and looked back across the ancient graves. There surrounded by crocus and snowdrops were memorials to men who had died in the Boer War. Further on, the graves of those who had died in the two world wars that had followed. At the service we had prayed for the people of the Ukraine. How many more mothers would have to weep for their fallen child?

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>

The True Meaning of Easter?

The story is told of Russia under the Communist regime. A member of the Communist Party addressed a packed audience at length, seeking to discredit the resurrection of Christ. At the end an Orthodox priest rose and asked if he might reply. He was warned that he only had five minutes. *'Five seconds is all I need!'* He turned to the audience and gave the traditional Easter greeting: *'Christ is risen!'* Back with a deafening roar came the traditional reply: *'He is risen indeed!'*

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the Backbones who quietly come along, get under the load, and carry it!

Which type of bone are you?

What a hoot

One evening a bird-loving vicar strolled over to his huge country churchyard, and just for fun, hooted softly, like an owl. To his delight, an owl hooted softly back. The next night the same thing happened, and again, the night after that. Soon it became a regular habit, and every night for the following year, no matter what the weather, the vicar would go to the churchyard and hoot back and forth with his feathered friend. The hoots became longer and more complicated, and the vicar kept a careful log of the 'conversation'.

Just as he thought he was on the verge of a real breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with the neighbour who lived in a big house and garden next

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door to the church. "My husband comes here each night," she said, to "hoot to the owl in the churchyard."

"That's odd," the neighbour replied, "so does my husband."

April rains

The rain, though raining every day upon the just and unjust fellow, falls chiefly on the just, because the unjust has the just's umbrella.

The drums of Borneo

A missionary went to Borneo and settled in a remote clearing in the forest of Sumatra, where he could build a church. But at dusk on the very first day, the missionary was startled by the sound of tribal drums in the distance. As the minutes passed, the drums got louder. His guide looked uneasy. "I don't like the sound of those drums," he said.

Soon dusk turned to evening, and the drums got even louder, and much closer. The

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The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

On how maintaining the churchyard can lead to turf wars

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Consider yourself fortunate that your churchyard consists of no more than a small, paved area, and that keeping it tidy requires ten minutes of picking up discarded takeaway boxes on Sunday morning. Our four acres of grass and randomly placed gravestones absorbs a large portion of the time and energy of half the parish.

By getting different people to adopt sections of the churchyard, the hope was that an element of competition would be introduced; Major Rutherford would never let Admiral Crompton's section look tidier than his and the local farmers would want to show the amateurs that they knew far more about land maintenance.

Sadly, human nature has got in the way - as it invariably does. Miss Timmins has declared her section a nature reserve, so that the cuddly field mice and darling hedgehogs have somewhere to live in. This now means that crossing from her patch to the next feels like crossing from Kew Gardens to the Amazon Rainforest. Two feet high grass and a profusion of dandelions give way to manicured lawn with any weed daring to pop its head above the parapet being beheaded in seconds. Miss T is toying with erecting a fence round her plot, to keep her dear furry friends safe and Sir Horace is threatening to have it electrified, to make sure they do not defile his grass billiard table.

Mr Tremble, a retired health and safety officer, whose well-meaning advice on avoiding accidents is such a burden, is applying to have all the gravestones on his patch levelled, so that no one could be killed by having a fall on them. The fact that this has never happened in 600 years, seems an irrelevance to him. On the other hand, his neighbour spends summer evenings painting his stones with sour milk, in order to encourage lichen. Mr Tremble's warning that some lichens can be quite poisonous have so far fallen on deaf ears.

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A local farmer, who maintains the boundary walls, generously planted cherry trees all around the perimeter; not only for their looks in Spring, but so that the birds would have somewhere to roost. Sadly, Lady Lipton, while resting from maintaining her plot, tends to stupefy them when she smokes her briar pipe.

The only area which no one dares criticise surrounds the mausoleum of the Luscombes, maintained by the gardening staff of the present Lord. It contains such a collection of rogues and miscreants that parishioners fear their anger at being disturbed may even cross the divide of death.

I hesitate to admit it, but the thought of an area of concrete with a few pizza boxes scattered round does at times hold a certain attraction.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

National Pet Month 1st April – 2nd May 2022



Here is an educational campaign that is unique in bringing together animal welfare charities, professional bodies, pet business, schools, youth groups and pet lovers.

The Campaign is coordinated by the National Office of Animal Health (NOAH) and the Pet Food Manufacturers' Association (PFMA).

The aim this month is to raise awareness of responsible pet ownership across the UK.



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guide kept glancing around him. He said again to the missionary, "I don't like the sound of those drums."

Evening turned to night. The two men sat close to their fire, listening to the approaching drums. Soon it was obvious that the drummers must be almost upon them. The guide said again, "I really don't like the sound of those drums."

With that, the drums abruptly stopped. There was a brief silence. Then an aggrieved voice came out of the darkness: "Hey man, he's not our regular drummer!"

Comfort

As the new vicar in the community, I tried to have a friendly word for everybody. And so, even while I sat in the reception area of my doctor's surgery, I felt 'on duty'.

Just then a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. I was thinking I should make small talk with him when a

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Forthcoming Services

3 April 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Lent 5

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Anne Powell

Isaiah. 43, 16-22

Louw Talstra

Philippians 3. 4b-14

Gospel

John 7. 1-8

April 10 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Liturgy of the Passion

Palm Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Vivian Reinders

Isaiah. 50, 4-9a

Andy Klom

Philippians 2. 5-11

Gospel

Luke 22. 14-23 end or Luke 23, 1-49

April 14 2022

20:00 Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Frances Gothard

Exodus 12, 1-4, [5-10] 11-14

Victor Pirenne

1 Corinthians 11. 23-26

Gospel

John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

Forthcoming Services

April 15 2022

20:00

Good Friday

Celebrant

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Klaas Prins

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Erica Schotman

Isaiah 52. 13-53end

Elizabeth v.d Heide

Hebrews 10, 16-25

Gospel

John 18. 1-19 end

April 17 2022

10:30 Eucharist

Easter Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Gerdien Sloof

t.b.d.

Jonathan der Groot

t.b.d.

Gospel

t.b.d.

April 24 2022

10:30 Eucharist

(AGM follows) **Easter 2**

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Klaas Prins

Intercessor:
Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Linda ten Berge

Acts 5, 27- 32

Elisa Hannan

Revelations 1, 4-8

Gospel

John 20, 19 - end

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little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair.

Placing his hand on the man's, he said

companionably, "I know just how stupid you feel. My mum makes me ride in the pushchair, too."

Jesus' grannie

The little boy came home from his first day at Sunday School and casually told his mother that the Sunday School teacher was Jesus' grannie.

Astonished, his mother asked: "Whatever makes you think that?"

Well, it's pretty obvious," said her son. "She never stopped talking about Him all morning. She told us Jesus is smarter and stronger and better-behaved than anyone else she knows. She even showed us a picture of Him. Who but a grannie would do that?"

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We are on a journey with Jesus, where are we actually going in the short term? We are in a place where God is, at a time when God seems silent. We are in a place where we can only yearn for the fulfilment of Christ's promise for us and those who are in a state of war:

"I have come that you may have life and life in its fullest."

As St Mary's community we continue with our Lenten Programme, reminding ourselves that we are People of the Way on a Journey to God in God with Christ.

- We continue to have our daily meditations from the Gospel of Luke
- We pray together as a Diocesan community every Wednesday for those in war situations and especially for the people of the Ukraine and have our Midweek evening prayer on Zoom
- We have our morning prayer on Thursday from the Hut with a meditative walk
- We have our weekly fast with Stations of the Cross on Fridays, a reminder of the Passion of Christ
- We listen, hear and learn together on the theme "Living in Love and Faith" on Saturdays during Lent.

Our Holy Week programme continues to give us opportunities to move closer to God and each other.

- Saturday before Palm Sunday we make Palm Crosses in the Hut after the Living in Love and Faith course
- Palm Sunday we come together in Church for worship and the traditional Palm Sunday procession
- Monday in Holy Week we have morning prayer in Church

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- Tuesday in Holy Week we share the Passover Meal at De Welle in Stokkum and we celebrate God's liberating power
- Wednesday in Holy Week in our Midweek Zoom meeting we focus on the Stations of the Cross
- Maundy Thursday we have our morning prayer in the Hut and the traditional feet washing evening Eucharist in Church
- Good Friday we come together in Church in the evening to commemorate the death of Jesus
- On Holy Saturday we have the last session of the Lenten course "Living in Love and Faith" and we clean the church for Easter
- On Easter morning we have two services in Church: The Service of the Light at 06:00 and the Easter service at 10:30.

In all these activities we remind ourselves and each other that we are the People of the Way, the followers of Christ, who has come so that we may have life and life in its fullest. Christ who was raised from the dead.

We are on the move towards wholeness in its fullness.

Yours in Christ,
Revd Jacqu



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The Italian pasta diet that really works

You walka pasta da bakery
You walka pasta da sweet shop
You walka pasta da ice cream shop
You walka pasta da table and fridge
You gonna lose da weight!

Quiet in church

A mother who took her fidgety seven-year-old to church finally had an idea: about halfway through the long sermon she leaned over and whispered: "If you don't be quiet, the preacher is going to lose his place, and he will have to start the sermon all over again." It worked.

No sunbeams

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his anxious mother, he explained: "This morning they told me that Jesus wants me for a sunbeam. But I want to be a train driver!"

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Grandparents

Grandmothers are mums with lots of frosting. - Anon

Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother. The next you are all-wise and prehistoric.

- Pam Brown

Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is good because grandfathers have only so many horsy rides in them.

- Gene Perret

You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother.

- Proverb

Looking forward through Lent to Palm Sunday and Easter

Good Friday, in a way...is not Good Friday at all. It is Black Friday - a very Black Friday. It is Good Friday only in the sense that we know Easter will follow.

- J E Lantz

He has outsoared the shadow of our

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Contemplations on Lent and Life

Last night I was sitting in my chair and digesting the news I had just seen on the TV, where nothing was said to make me less worried. All the negative messages about a world whose existence threatened to be destroyed by the humans who live on it, because we are too greedy and very selfish. A world where so much suffering is caused by people who use their power to abuse it. How can we believe that this is a world in which it is possible to celebrate the festive resurrection of God's own Son?

On the table before me was a little piece of text from the magazine of the Hofkerk in Goor. I still had not read it. I took it up and there it was: the answer on my desperate feelings. I hope you feel also find consolation in these words.

It is a part of a text that is written by the World Council of Churches. They reminded me of something my late husband Sjoerd once said to me on a difficult moment in my life, words I think were from the New Testament:

*"I never promised you a safe ride,
but I will always be close to you
and hold your hand".*

*We approach the feast, in faith, in hope,
but above all, in love,
because life is stronger than death,
whatever the circumstances may be.*

*God did not wait until the world was complete,
until the peoples made peace with each other.
God came when the need was at its greatest,
when people cried out to be set free.*

*God did not wait until the hearts were pure.
With joy, God came to a broken world,
to a world just like ours, often just as dark.
God came, and the light of God was infinite.*

*We cannot wait until the world is the City of God,
before we, with joyful voices, sing our hymns of praise.
God came to share our sorrow, to touch our pain.
God came in love. Rejoice, and share his love with all.*

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How to pray for the war in Ukraine

The war in Ukraine is moving fast and threatening millions of people's lives. Many of us feel overwhelmed by the scale and complexity of the threat. Several Christian organisations have posted prayers which may help readers to formulate their prayers.

Prayer from the Church of England

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/praying-peace-world>)

Intercession for Ukraine

*In peace let us pray to the Lord.
We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice
and truth.*

*Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.*

*We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,
that they may have discipline and discernment,
courage and compassion.*

*Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.*

*We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friend-
ship.*

*Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.*

*We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.*

*Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.*

*Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.*

*Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

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night; envy and
calumny and hate and
pain,
And that unrest
which men miscall
delight, can touch
Him not nor torture
Him again.
- Percy Bysshe
Shelley

He Himself was
forsaken that none of
His children might
ever need to utter
His cry of loneliness.
- J H Vincent

On Good Friday, the
most sacred day of
the year, when God's
justice and mercy are
intertwined, I take
heart for myself and
the whole human race
by meditating on this
text: "There is one
God and one mediator
between God and
mankind, the man
Christ Jesus, who
gave himself as a
ransom for all
people". [1 Timothy
2:5)
Archbishop John
Sentamu

Carry the cross
patiently, and with
perfect submission;
and in the end it shall
carry you.
- Thomas a Kempis

Who delivered up
Jesus to die? Not
Judas, for money; not
Pilate, for fear; not
the Jews, for envy;
but the Father,
for love!
- Octavious Winslow

Love to the Fullest

*Love to the fullest once roamed our earth.
He arrived here by means of a heavenly birth.*

*From the very beginning most everyone knew
there was something so special this child would do.*

*As time would prevail He became a man,
teaching us love from God's own hand.*

*Though to some He knew He would be such a dread.
They never could rest until He was dead!*

*He knew His own fate from beginning to end.
He knew and still loved His betraying friend.*

*He carried His cross using His own two feet
to die for our sins and our total defeat.*

*Why did He do it? No reason but love!
He wanted to help us to heaven above.*

*Who was this man with such merciful love?
None other than Jesus, our Saviour above!*

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Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/love-to-the-fullest>

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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