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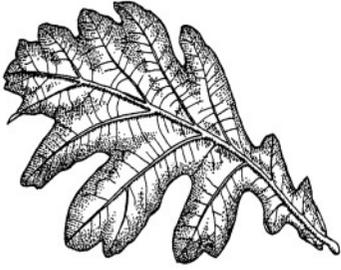
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October 2023

Bible Sunday - 29th October

At the recent Coronation, the King was given a Bible with the words *'the most valuable thing that this world affords'*. As Bible Sunday is celebrated this month, let's ask why we should read the Bible?

The Bible isn't a single book but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over 1500 years in various styles, including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking at the end times). Despite having several different writers, it claims one authority - God Himself! *'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work'* (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired (*'the word of God in the words of men'*) and equips us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us when we read: *'When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth'* (John 16:13).

How should we read the Bible? Let's consider the following guidelines:

Right time: We need a regular routine to meet our needs. This will vary according to our circumstances: e.g., a mum at home with young children, somebody with a demanding job or a retired person.

Right Place: We need to find a space to be undisturbed (e.g. lounge, bedroom, train or kitchen).

Right Version: We need a version of the Bible that we can readily understand and use. Several versions are available (e.g. NIV, The Message), and Bible apps we can access on our phones.

Right Help: Reading notes also help us understand and apply a passage to our lives.
Contributor Canon Paul Hardingham Parish Pump

(The Chaplain is away, hopefully, enjoying a well earned holiday.)

St Mary's Chapel News



As October brings St Luke's day, and as St Luke is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons, I thought you might enjoy these comments, allegedly taken from actual medical records, dictated by doctors.

From medical records...

~ On the second day, the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.

~ The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 2022.

~ Alive, but without permission.

~ She slipped on wet leaves in late September, and her legs went in separate directions.

~ The patient was released to the Outpatient department without dressing.

~ She is numb from the toes down.

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Chaplain's holiday

The Chaplain was on holiday over the last Sunday of September and the first Sunday of October. The service on Sunday 24th September was taken by Lay Minister Simone Yallop. The service on Sunday 1st October will be taken by the Revd Chris Nicholls who is the Assistant Chaplain in the Hague.

Services to look forward to in October:

On **St. Francis' Day**, Wednesday 4th October there will be a service of **Blessing of Animals**.

This was a great success last year when we welcomed many dogs and their owners to a special outdoor service in front of the chapel.

On Sunday 8th October we will hold our **Dedication Festival**. This is little later this year since our chaplain will be away on holiday in September when it is usually held. (The chapel was dedicated to St. Mary on 20th September 1987.) After the service on 8th October there will be a **bring-and-share lunch**.

Archdeaconry Synod

The Archdeaconry Synod takes place from 5th to 7th October in Drongen, Belgium. It will be attended by our chaplain and lay representatives.

5th November 2023

There will be a special General meeting for the Election of two new Churchwardens.

Prayer for Ukraine and Russia

Please do continue to pray for peace and particularly for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

Prayer for the charities that we support.

Please continue to pray for the charities we support: "Young Achievers" working with young people in Namibia, the food bank in Goor and "Our Daily Bread" working in Ukraine, .

We give thanks for our stall at the Castle Fair and the money we could raise for two livelihood projects in Oleksandrivka (small agricultural town 60 km west of Kramatorsk): people keeping chickens as a microbusiness and households receiving vegetable seeds to grow their own vegetables. Please pray for wisdom as we further develop both of these projects next year.

The "Our Daily Bread" charity has the following prayer request:

Pray for the teenager club of our partner church in Sumy

(northeast Ukraine). This is led by two young men Mark and Gosha. The club wants to reach out to non-Christian teenagers and be a place where they feel safe, can have fun together and explore life issues.

Foodbank

At St. Mary's we continue to make a weekly collection for the foodbank. There is a box in the chapel where you can put non-perishable food items for the foodbank. Please do continue to support this action.

Contributor Simone Yallop



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 for the 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 or the Chaplain, 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 Chaplain, the Wardens and the Intercessor will simultaneously receive your message via this tool. The link below will take you directly to the Prayer Request.

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What would Jesus do?

While waiting in line to check out at a Christian bookstore, a man in front of me asked the clerk about a display of hats with the letters WWJD on them. The clerk explained that WWJD stands for 'What would Jesus do?', and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions.

The man pondered a moment, then replied, "I don't think He'd pay €17.99 for that hat."

Don't mention it!

As part of his annual talk to our local Town Council, our vicar told some funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at the forthcoming Harvest Dinner at church, he asked the young reporter covering the event not to include them in his report.

Reading the newspaper on the following morning, he noticed that the well-meaning reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation "The vicar told a number of stories that cannot be published."

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Long wait

We went away for a short break but found the service in the local restaurant abysmally slow.

My husband was getting really irritated, so I tried to distract him with small talk. "You know," I said, "my friend Christine is getting her baby baptised."

"Really?" my husband snapped. "It was even born when we walked in here."

Noise

The wheel of my grocery cart was making a horrible scraping sound as I rolled it through the supermarket. Nevertheless, when I finished my shopping and saw a cartless woman, I offered it up, explaining, "It makes an awful complaining noise, but it works."

"That's okay," she said cheerfully, taking it. "I have a husband at home like that."

Apples

Mother: "Martin, last night I put two apples in this

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St James the Least of All

On the perils of Harvest

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

In the unlikely event of ever being put in charge of designing the course for those being trained for ordination, I would make a few significant changes. Modules on doctrine, Church history and Greek would all be dropped as unnecessary. In their place, I would add courses on how to run a tight jumble sale, ways to keep your church council in order - and especially close to my heart at present, how to negotiate Harvest.

The first skirmish starts in early Summer when it becomes clear that the flower arrangers' plans mean that the choir would disappear behind a huge array of chrysanthemums. The choir then retaliate by announcing that their Harvest anthem must take place just when the Sunday School intended to re-enact the parable of the Good Samaritan. They, in turn, raise the stakes by insisting that a stage will be needed for their performance, thus ensuring that I will be separated from the congregation by an impenetrable barricade.

In September, therefore, there is the traditional meeting to iron out all these little difficulties. This inevitably results with the annual act of the verger handing in his resignation, of the bell ringers threatening a mass walk-out, and those who organise coffee afterwards demanding that my sermon lasts no more than three minutes, so there will be plenty of time for socialising after the Service.

I greet all suggestions with a spontaneous burst of indifference, smile, agree with it all - and do nothing (this, incidentally, is a good policy for all decision-making). Inevitably, everything goes ahead exactly as it has always done for the last century.

Come the day, there will be the usual arrangement of eggs round the font, with the strategically placed card saying 'Given anonymously by Elsie Jones' and the pyramid of apples temptingly near the choirboys, so designed that when someone tries to pinch one during the sermon, the whole pile disintegrates as they roll all over the chancel.

On the following Friday, all will leave after the Harvest Supper saying that the entertainment was worse than the previous year and that the absence of red cabbage had

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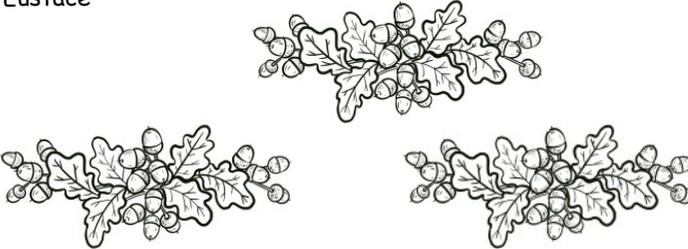
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quite ruined the hot pot. Everyone therefore has had an enjoyable evening.

My Harvest training course would be compulsory and a pass mark of 90% would be needed before ordination could be considered.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Hans's recollection on the 2023 Castle Fair

The Castle Fair this year was the warmest ever- at 30C- even the Chocolate stall had to cancel the day before! Despite the heat, there were a good number (918) of visitors.

The traditional opening of the Fair at 10.30 started off with the Pipe band at the entrance. The tearoom had a terrific turnout, with the tea terrace full of guests and only 2 cakes left over.

There was a lot of interest in our church stall, which had a prominent position near the entrance, with our raffle prizes and the various small products for sale. Joyce and her jams and chutney stall had an excellent turnover, as did many other stalls.

St. Mary's Chapel was well visited and the choir "The Veluwe Cantorij", to which Louw belongs, gave two lovely performances.

On their departure from the event, many visitors showed their approval. They spoke of a good ambience and quality. After the traditional "Songs of Praise" at 5.00 pm, the difficult task of tidying up was completed efficiently and quickly, followed by some pizzas! The net turnover was, as it was last year, extremely successful.

Contributed by Hans Siertsema

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cupboard and now there is only one. How do you explain that?"

Martin: "I expect it was so dark I couldn't see the other one."

Salt

The Sunday School teacher was describing how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt. Young James nodded with understanding. "My mum looked back once while she was driving," he observed, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Hereafter

A vicar was talking to one of his parishioners. He said: "When you get to my age, you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter."

The parishioner was impressed and asked him to for more details. The vicar replied: "Well, I often find myself going into a room and thinking: whatever did I come in here after?"

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Forthcoming Services

If you are unable to come to church on the day that you are on duty, please swop with someone else and let the wardens know

October 1 2023

10:30 Eucharist		Trinity 17
Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Chris Nicholls	
Duty Warden Caroline Siertsema	Intercessor: Lea Meijnen	
Sidesperson/Reader		Readings
Jan de Beij		Exodus 17. 1-7
Jeanet Luiten		Philippians 2. 1-13
Gospel		Matthew 21. 23-32

October 4 2023

16: 00 At the Chapel door	Blessing of the Animals
Chaplain	Rev. Jacqueline Williams
Reading Klaas Prins	Luke 9. 57-end

October 8 2023

10:30 Eucharist	Trinity 18 / Dedication Sunday
Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden Caroline Siertsema	Intercessor: Caroline Siertsema
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Joyce Wigboldus	Hebrews 12. 18-24
Linda ten Berge	1 Kings 8. 22-30
Gospel	Matthew 21. 12-16

October 15 2023

10:30 Eucharist	Trinity 19 / Harvest Sunday
Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Jacqueline Williams
Duty Warden: Klaas Prins	Intercessor Klaas Prins
Sidesperson/Reader	Readings
Patrick Saridjan	Deuteronomy. 8. 7-18
Arthur Cass	2 Corinthians 9. 6-15
Gospel	Luke 17. 11-19

October 22 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 20

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Caroline Siertsema

Intercessor:

Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Lea Meijnen

Exodus 33. 12-end

Louw Talstra

1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10

Gospel

Matthew 22. 15-22

October 29 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Last Sunday after Trinity/All Saints Day

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Klaas Prins

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Elisa Hannan

Revelation 7. 9-end

Jaccolien Molenaar

1 John 3. 1-3

Gospel

Matthew 5. 1-12

November 5 2023

10:30 Eucharist

4th Sunday before Advent/All Souls Day

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

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Intercessor:

Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Ann Powell

Lament. 3. 17-26, 31-33

Arthur Cass

Romans 5. 5-11

Gospel

John 5. 19-25

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Chicken and pig

A chicken and a pig were walking by a church where a gala charity event was taking place. Getting caught up in the spirit of the fun, the chicken suggested to the pig that they each contribute to the meal.

"Let's offer them ham and eggs!"

"Not so fast," said the pig. "For you, that's a contribution. For me, it's a total commitment."

Working

First friend:
Who are you working for nowadays?

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

Heredity

Everyone believes in it, until their child does something really stupid.

Relativity

Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough, we're all related.

Past & present

As half-term ended, the English teacher

Just what the Doctor ordered

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. (Luke 1 1-4)



Saint Luke, the gospel writer and author of the Book of Acts, is celebrated on 18th October. It reminds me of a series of sermons which we once had in church.

One sermon was on the law, and a doctor preached about them. When my turn came up, I had to talk about doctors. In my daily work as a lawyer, I frequently work with medical colleagues. The two professions have one big thing in common: that is that we both deal with evidence.

Of course, we have different types of evidence to consider. A doctor needs evidence of someone's symptoms to make a diagnosis, while a lawyer needs witnesses or paperwork to prove a case. (Though sometimes, when clients come to tell me about a problem, they are surprised when I ask what witnesses or papers they have as evidence. Without that, the case is not going to get very far.)

I wonder if that is why Luke was chosen as a gospel writer. He explains in the opening verses of his gospel that he relied on "eyewitnesses" and that he, himself, had also "...carefully investigated everything from the beginning."

So, his faith, like our faith, was based not on feelings and made-up stories, but on *hard facts*. Just what the doctor ordered!

Collect

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give Your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

© David Pickup, a solicitor, considers St Luke.

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St Francis of Assisi - love for the Creation 4 October

St Francis (1181 - 1226) is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi 'Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down'.

This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused, in fact he was furious - until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.

His inspiration was always religious, not social, and the object of his quest was always the Crucified Christ, not Lady Poverty for her own sake. Francis rebuilt San Samiano, and then travelled as a pilgrim. His compassion for the poor and lepers became famous. Soon disciples joined him, and they set up a communal life in simple wattle and daub huts. They went on occasional preaching tours. (Not until later did they become an Order whose theologians won fame in the Universities.)

In 1219 Francis visited the Holy Land, and his illusions about the Crusaders were shattered. He went on to seek out the Sultan, and tried to convert him. Back home, he found his Order was now 5,000 strong, and growing. Francis stepped down as head, but continued to preach and was immensely popular. He died after a prolonged illness at the age of 45, and was canonised in 1228.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical

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returned to teaching with a sigh. He felt nostalgic. He found the past perfect and the present tense.

Prove it

The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.

Here's a tip

Lean outside and ring your own doorbell on your way to bed at night. This will clear the dogs off the bed long enough for you to get in and be comfortable.

These are real classics - you may have already seen them, but they are still worth rerunning every few years. They are all true... thank heavens for those church ladies who type up church bulletins!

Those Church Bulletin notes that didn't quite work as intended

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

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The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new

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universe, as seen in his Canticle of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.

The 20th century witnessed a widespread revival of interest in Francis. Sadly, some films and books caricatured him as only a sentimental nature-lover or a hippie drop out from society. This ignores the real sternness of his character, and his all-pervasive love of God and identification with Christ's sufferings, which alone make sense of his life. Two ancient, and many modern English churches are dedicated to him. @Parish Pump



Euro It

If YOU go to the office, or the store, or the farm, try instead to go to church on Sunday morning; if you buy a new car every year or so, and pledge **One Euro** a week to support the church; if you go on long vacations and don't pay your pledge to the church; if you say that the church is always asking for money, and you don't give anyway, then the Euro sign is the symbol of your real God.

If YOU have company, if you play sports, if you stay in bed when it's raining, if you go fishing, if you loaf about the house - if you do these things rather than going to church on Sunday morning... if you stay away from church because you don't like the music, or sermon, or priest, or somebody who goes regularly - if you let these things keep you away from church, then "I" is the symbol of your real God.

If YOU worship God every Sunday in his church, and if you say your prayers morning and night and grace at meals, if you regularly examine your life past and confess your sins, if you work with organizations of the church, if you let nothing stand in the way of worshipping God with all your heart and mind and soul, then the cross is a symbol of your real God.

THINK IT OVER. In what class do you fit? It is your life that you are dealing with, and in the end (when the Lord shall come to judge the quick and the dead), you will be judged according to that life, and the way you have lived it. (From another parish paper)

Contributor Erica Schotman Bonting

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The man who created those lions in Trafalgar Square

It was 150 years ago, on 1st October 1873, that Sir Edwin Landseer, artist and sculptor, died. He is known mainly for his animal paintings, and for the lion sculptures at the base of Nelson's Column in London.

He was a popular painter in his lifetime, appealing to people across class boundaries, and his death was marked by houses lowering blinds, flags flying at half-mast and crowds lining the streets for his funeral at St Paul's Cathedral.

An art prodigy, the young Edwin learned swiftly from his father, who was a talented engraver, and received tuition from several skilled artists. He first exhibited at the Royal Academy at the age of 13 (an 'Honorary Exhibitor'), was elected an Associate at the minimum age of 24 and became an Academician in 1831, aged 29.

Although Landseer was a Londoner, having been born there in 1802, he became very fond of the Scottish Highlands, which he first visited in 1824, and many of his best-known paintings, such as *Monarch of the Glen*, are set there. Queen Victoria commissioned many from him.

But his connection with the Highlands also stemmed from the time he enjoyed there with his lover Georgiana, Duchess of Bedford, the wife of his first major patron - John Russell, the 6th Duke of Bedford. She was twice Landseer's age when he met her at the age of 21, having been commissioned to paint her portrait, but they fell in love, and the Duke, who was

considerably older, permitted the relationship, which continued after his death.

But because their only child, Lady Rachel Russell, did not bear his name, Landseer was unable to cope mentally, and he suffered a severe nervous breakdown, leading to prolonged depression and hypochondria. In 1872 he was declared insane at the request of his family. He had been knighted in 1850.

Contributed by Tim Lenton
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Thanks to technology, replacing the worn-out hymn books didn't cost a penny

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members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan in preparing for the girth of their first child.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Only Here for the Beer?

Two nuns were shopping in a supermarket and happened to be passing the wine and spirit section. One asks the other if she would like a beer. The other nun answered that that would be good, but that she would feel uncomfortable about purchasing it. The first nun said that she would handle it and picked up a six pack and took it to the cash out.

The assistant had a surprised look and the first nun said, "The beer is for washing our hair."

The assistant, without blinking an eye, reached under the counter and put a package of pretzels in the bag with the beer. "There you are, sister," she said, "don't forget the curlers."



St Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace.*

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

*O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to
Eternal Life.*

Amen.

(Attributed to St Francis)

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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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