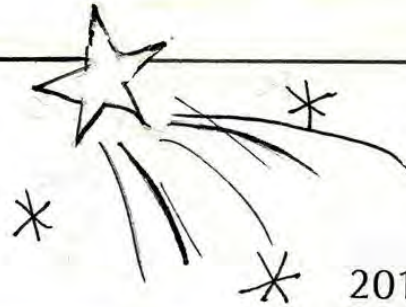


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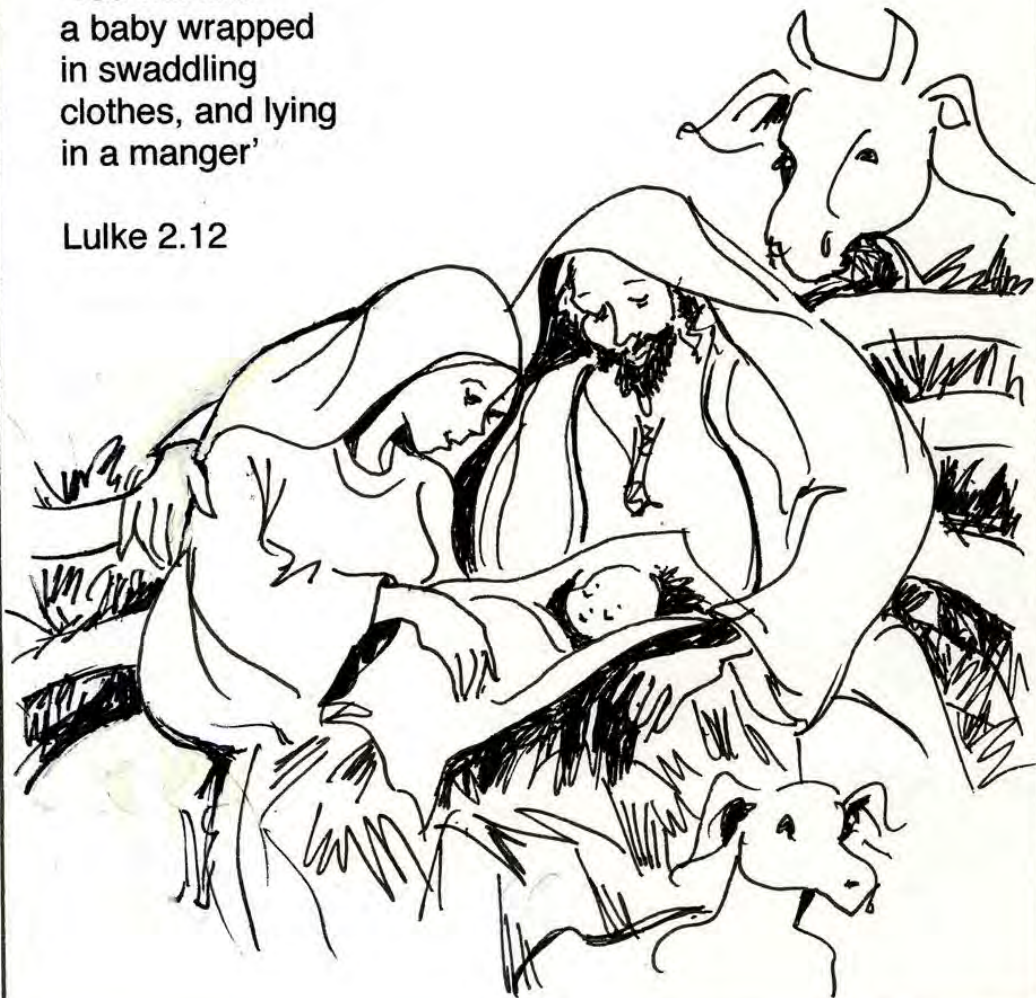
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'You will find
a baby wrapped
in swaddling
clothes, and lying
in a manger'

Lulke 2.12



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Chaplain's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ:



We begin the new Christian year with the season of Advent. Our colour has changed to purple to symbolize penitence. Spiritually it is meant to be a time greater self-reflection, in quiet, to prepare ourselves inwardly for the great feast and celebration of Christmas.

It is a penitential season – and yet it is also a season full of hope! We see lights going up in the streets at night to make up for the shorter days. We have an expectation of holidays coming on us, of visiting with loved ones, a sense that the normal routine is being interrupted for the festive. I'm learning of the special ways this is celebrated in the Netherlands – with Sinterklaas! Most people feel this excitement, even if they are not Christian. We have a special sense of it, as believers, remembering Christ's first coming, his coming again in glory, but also his coming to us in this life: *Know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep!*

Maybe it seems like a bit of a game – pretending we are waiting for Jesus' birth, when we already know he has come. Well it is and it isn't – because in the Christian walk we know that although if we are baptized and believe, we are assured of our salvation, we also know that we can always go deeper in our walk with Jesus.

It is not God who holds back, be we who keep him at a distance. Is there anything we can do to wake up more fully to the life that Jesus would bring us?

We think about cleaning up our house for company who may be coming to visit during the Christmas holidays. If Jesus is going to enter more fully into my soul – I must attend to that house – is there something I am doing that is offensive to God, then I am to stop doing that, if I would prepare my soul to make a home for Him.

The high standards of the Law of love confound every one of us – the moral Law confronts us, it is like we have crashed into something, there is an

inward turmoil as there was on the day when Jesus came into the Temple in Jerusalem. Perhaps now we understand better that rather violent image of Christ driving out the moneychangers from the Temple – it describes our experience of unease in the face of Truth.



But we are not called in Advent to introspection, to some house cleaning of our souls, just so that we might feel guilty and bad about ourselves when we discover what is going on within.

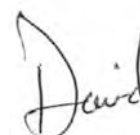
Jesus knows more than anyone that this is the predicament of *every* human soul. He confronts each one of us, not to condemn us, but rather to sanctify us, to lead us out of our predicament step by step, truth by truth, as we can bear it, that we might become in time holy as he is holy. And we become holy not as an end in itself but to be able to see God and to enjoy Him forever.

Jesus is not angry with us but wants to make our hearts the paradise of God – His dwelling place – the place where prayer ascends as a sweet smelling fragrance to God and so that Christ is perceived by our neighbours in our every encounter with them.

As we allow the Son to rise within us, as we allow the Truth to fill us, then we are no longer asleep, stuck in vague uncertain dreams, but more awake and alive to God and to our neighbours' needs.

I wish you all a blessed Advent preparation and the joy of Christmas - God taking flesh in Jesus Christ and in us.

In the love of Jesus,



Charitable Givings Report

The Charitable Givings Committee is elected at the first meeting of the Chaplaincy Church Council after the Annual General Meeting. They are responsible for deciding on charitable projects to be supported by funding given in our Sunday blue bag offerings and set aside by the Council. This year the committee members are: Sheila Kooijman, Debby van Rotterdam, Gonny Eijkelenboom and Susan van der Werff. This is their report...



Gonny, Debby and Shiela

We are pleased to be able to announce where your donations to the blue bag every Sunday are going. Every year we have a core of regular local charities and deserving causes further away that we support. We try to keep an eye on how the money is actually spent so we require good feedback from an organization before considering further donations. We prefer to give to causes where the amount we can give actually makes a difference rather than just being a drop in the ocean. We are particularly keen on helping groups in which members of the congregation, past or present, are involved.

It is our policy not to build up a large bank account but just to keep a float of sufficient funds to be able to make immediate payments when there are urgent needs, for example, after a natural disaster.

By the time of our meeting in April we had accumulated enough offerings to make most of our regular annual contributions plus a couple of new ones.

Holy Trinity contributed €500 to each of the following organisations:

- Schiphol Airport Ministry
- OMDUW (helping homeless in Utrecht)
- THD (Stichting Sensor) a telephone helpdesk
- Stiltecentrum (Hoog Catherijne Utrecht)
- CU for International students, Utrecht
- Bishop's Lent Appeal (to support literacy for women in Afghanistan)
- Kigama School breakfast club in Kenya
- Stichting Zonnestraal - Eye hospital in Ghana
- Quality Centre Vluchtelingvrouwen Utrecht
- Noah's Ark (helping orphan children in Uganda)

In June Alison and Grant Cooney held a concert in aid of Imibala (helping underprivileged children in South Africa) and we doubled the amount they collected.

In September we chose to support a few new causes and to make further donations to others we have supported in the past:

- Missionaries of Charity (Zusters van Moeder Theresa)
- Schaarlaken Koord (helping prostitutes in major Dutch cities)
- Colibri - peuterzalen in Peru
- ZOA in Sudan (helps displaced persons and refugees)
- Mission for Seafarers-Vlissingen

- Mission for Seafarers-Rotterdam
Later after some follow up we intend to also make a donation to:
- Gadra (education and training in Grahamstown, South Africa)

Occasionally we hold special collections (which are announced during the service). In this way we have supported the Dalai Lama Institute for Higher Education in Tibet through Maya's adopted daughter, Pema and also Imibala and, in November there was the annual Poppy Appeal for the

British Legion. We always chose a specific charity to support at our Christmas services and this year it will be SNDV (Stichting Noodopvang Dakloze Vreemdelingen).

Please make our job easier by bringing deserving causes to our attention either by putting information in the blue box in the church porch or by talking to one of us. ✂

Sheila, Debby, Gonny, and Susan

Bishop's Advent Appeal

Every year our Bishop chooses a worthy cause for chaplaincies to consider contributing to as a whole for Advent. Bishop Robert Innes has written the following appeal...



One year after the tragedy off Lampedusa

I am writing this letter on the anniversary of the Lampedusa migrant shipwreck.

On 3rd October 2013, a 20 metre fishing boat carrying migrants from Africa caught fire and sank just off the southernmost point of Italy, killing over 360 people. The tragedy was marked by a day of mourning in Italy. The European Commissioner for Home Affairs said: "let's make sure what happened in Lampedusa will be a wakeup call to increase solidarity and mutual support and to prevent similar tragedies in the future."

The plight of migrants crossing the sea to the Italian coast

Following the Lampedusa tragedy, the Italian government has launched the Operation "Mare Nostrum" with a wide scope to save and rescue persons in distress at sea. Despite this impressive operation, many other tragic incidents have

happened and still happen in Greek, Italian, Spanish, Cypriot or Maltese waters. These tragedies remind us of the plight of all those fleeing war and conflict - people desperate to find sanctuary in the relative safety of Europe. At the present time, we are particularly conscious of those escaping cruelty and destruction in the Middle East, particularly refugees from Syria and Iraq.

In this light, I present to you my first Advent Appeal as Bishop with the intention that our European diocese can express solidarity with some of the most vulnerable people in Europe.

The Sant'Egidio Programme for asylum seekers arriving in Sicily

This project aims to give emergency help to those who land off the Sicilian coast, to raise awareness of their rights as asylum seekers and eventually to help their integration in Italian society. It focuses particularly on young people and children.

Sant'Egidio intervenes in the following

major areas:

- Emergency help at harbours (Lampedusa, Crotone and Augusta): distributing food, first-aid kits, blankets, clothes and hygiene products.
- Community support and education: literacy and language courses, counselling, assisting with celebration of religious festivals, support to victims of trafficking.
- Funerals: support to identify remains; networking with Orthodox, Coptic, Muslim, Roman Catholic and Pentecostal clergy and communities for funerals and burial for people who died during sea voyages.

Staffing

- The Sant'Egidio project working on this project is made up of:
- 8 Sant'Egidio volunteers with responsibility for co-ordinating the work
- 20 foreign (non-Italian) volunteers mostly from new member states
- 4-6 cultural mediators.

Costs

The estimated cost of running the project for 24 months is 30,000 euros. The money is used for: mediation services, transport costs for volunteers, aid materials, costs involved with identification of remains and tracing families.

Overall, this is a low cost project where our Advent Appeal could make a huge



Distribution of First aid Kits



difference!

Who is involved?

Sant'Egidio is a pan-European lay Roman Catholic community with particular concerns for the plight of the poor. I have the highest opinion of Sant'Egidio, and the link person with the Anglican Church, Monica Attias, is known personally to me. The project has been proposed by Archdeacon Jonathan Boardman and the Rome chaplaincy.

Please do consider this project for your charitable giving and/or bring it to the attention of your mission committee. This is a very practical way in which our diocese can come to the aid of some of the most vulnerable people in Europe at the

southernmost tip of our continent. Money collected for the Advent Appeal should be sent, as usual, to the Diocesan Office. ☩

With every blessing,

A party for teenagers at the Augusta Centre for minors



Meeting with Eritrean survivors in Crotona

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

Green Awareness Group



As well as being a member of the Charitable Giving Committee and the Local Contacts Group, Sheila Kooijman is also a lively member of the Green Awareness group. She has forwarded to the editor a thoughtful message sent to her by Madeleine Holmes, also printed in the Green Anglicans publication.

A Heart for Creation

Shows us how to do things well today

So that others may not suffer

Here or there

Now or in the future

Show us how to make our contribution

As we change the way we live

Travel, make and consume

Distribute and sell

Use and reuse

Energy and products

Show us how to do simple things well in our home

Places of work and daily lives

Show us how to protect the world You made

In all its diversity and goodness

From our carbon emissions—

Global warming and climate change

Rising temperatures and sea levels

The displacement of peoples environmental poverty

Harm and destruction

Show us how and show us why

So that alone and with others

Our contribution will make a difference.

Amen.

Written by Robin Morrison

(*A Heart for Creation* by Chris Polhill)

Book, worship resources and reflections on the environment. Wild Goose Publications—the publishing house of the Iona Community. See www.ionabooks.com

Christian Education in December

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY IN ADVENT

Advent is the time of preparing for Christ's coming. Angels and persons involved burst out in singing! Will we be ready to sing God's glory and speak prophetic words when Christ comes again?

During Advent we will read, study and sing each Tuesday another song from the Bible related to Christ's first coming. Let's pray that we find a connection to our current circumstances and be prepared for His second coming, His coming again in glory. Maranatha!

We meet in the Parsonage hall from 20.00 till 21.45, coffee or tea at 19.45.

Tuesday November 25 – The Magnificat
– the song of Mary – Luke 1:46-55

Tuesday December 2 – The Benedictus
– the song of Zechariah – Luke 1:68-79

Tuesday December 9 – The Nunc dimittis
– the song of Simeon – Luke 2:29-32



Tuesday December 16 – The Song of the Angels – Luke 2:14

Everybody is very welcome. It is an opportunity also for Christian fellowship and to pray for one another. Let us have together, as Christians – as brothers and sisters in the Lord, a fruitful preparation for Christ's coming! ☩

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STUDENT BIBLE STUDY UTRECHT

Jonathan Fink-Jensen (right) is coordinating student ministry at Holy Trinity Church. A monthly study group for students continues its investigation of the virtues and vices. On **Tuesday December 2** the Student Bible Study Group will consider **the Virtue of Hope**.



If you are interested it starts at 18:15 at Rosemarie's place: **Mijdrechtstraat 87, Utrecht**.

This is also the focus of the theme being reflected on in talks at the Saturday night Prayer and Praise services held at Holy Trinity Church. **Jonathan will preach on Hope on December 13 at 19.30** at the Saturday night Prayer and Praise service.

Please contact Jonathan if you have any other questions at 06 20 96 16 78 or j_finkjensen@hotmail.com ☩

Christian Education in January

Christian Classics Study Group

The Mysterious Charles Williams! Friday January 17, 6:30pm

We turn from Dante to Charles Williams (1886-1945). Williams' novels – or, 'metaphysical thrillers' – first brought him the attention, then friendship, of T.S. Eliot and of C.S. Lewis, whose *Allegory of Love* he had been reading in proof as part of his work at the Oxford University Press. During World War II he moved to Oxford and became an active member of the literary circle, the Inklings, which included Tolkien, Lewis and Dorothy Sayers.

A great ambition of Williams from around 1913 was a verse retelling of the King Arthur stories, which would do justice to the Quest for the Holy Grail. It resulted in two volumes of a new cycle, which together constitute *the* major imaginative work about the Grail in the twentieth century, even though he died before completing it. Eliot said, "no one who has known both the man and his works would have willingly foregone either experience."

We will read samples of his poetry and prose, including some from *The Descent of the Dove: A Short History of the Holy Spirit in the Church* (which Rowan Williams, as a young Cambridge don, always had his students read) – in the context of his life, not excluding the dark aspects which only began to become widely known in the 1970s and 1980s.

David Llewellyn Dodds will introduce us to the works of Charles Williams. David is a member of the Arnhem – Nijmegen Chaplaincy and is an expert in Williams poetry and prose. He is currently working

on a complete critical edition of Charles Williams' unpublished Arthurian poetry and prose.



The Accolade (1901), Edmund Blair Leighton (1852-1922)

The evening at the Parsonage begins with supper at 6:30pm followed by a presentation and discussion (7:45pm) and we will end with drinks and fellowship at 9:30pm.

Please contact Hanna, our Parish Administrator, if you plan to attend so we know how many to cook for and so you can be sent materials ahead of time:

Administration@holytrinityutrecht.nl ☞

Praising God in Koutouloufari

Sent to the editor by Madeleine de Boer following her holiday with her husband Rop on the Island of Crete in Greece.



At 5.30 in the morning the light ringing sound of the bell of tiny Agios Vasilios church in Koutouloufari floats into the bedrooms of sleepy tourists. It is another glorious Sunday on Crete and

the bell is the call to the four hour long service, which is divided into four different sections. Matins is from 8.30 to 9.30 am and that is the part I attend. Hardly anyone goes to church for four hours – apart from the priest, of course, and the liturgy singers.



In a Greek service the whole of the liturgy, prayers and the bible readings, are sung by the priest and the male singers. The only spoken part is the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed and this is where the congregation joins in. People tend to wander in and out of church during the

service, going outside occasionally for a chat or a smoke and then coming back in.



Agios Vasilios Church (Saint Basil) is old fashioned in its set up. The women sit on chairs in the back half of the nave and the men sit along the wall or stand in the front half. The singers are close to the sanctuary, which is separated from the nave by a wall, covered with beautiful icons, and with a door in the middle. The priest is in the sanctuary most of the time and comes through the door occasionally to bless the congregation, sing the Gospel or a prayer.

When people come into church (at all times) they first make the sign of the cross (once, three times or more). The sign of the cross is done, with the index finger touching the thumb, from forehead to heart, right shoulder, left shoulder and then the heart again. Next they take a candle from the pile at the entrance, put a donation in the box close to it and go over to the enormous painting of Agios Vasilios - adorned with a string of special prayer plates (tama) and jewellery (thanksgiving) - to kiss the glass covering of the painting. This is a typical Greek tradition: icons and

paintings of Saints and Mother Mary with the Christ child are kissed, while again making several signs of the cross at great speed. Lastly the candle is lit and placed in the stand with the other burning candles near the painting and then they go to their seat or standing area.

The atmosphere is magical. The constant singing gives me the feeling of slowly being drawn into a trance. The singers at this church are extremely good. There are usually two of them, sometimes joined by others or by young boys learning the trade. At the end of the service there is a tradition where the rest of the loaf that was not used for Holy Communion is cut up and distributed to the people so they won't faint on the way (assuming they have fasted before coming to church) [see Matt 15:32]. The men line up first in front of the priest to greet the priest and receive the bread and the women follow. While handing the bread to each individual the priest says: "Kali mera" (good morning) and the person kisses the ring of the priest after accepting the bread.



paintings above the Holy Bema (altar area) are from the 14th century! (above)

Crete plays a special role in church history. Saint Paul landed in the south of Crete at Kalo Limenes - to find shelter from a storm - on his way to Rome. Saint Paul also appointed the first Christian bishop during his stay on Crete: Saint Titus. In Heraklion (now capital of Crete) there is a large icon of Saint Paul in the Cathedral of Saint Titus.

Apart from numerous smaller and bigger Greek churches, there is also an Anglican Church on Crete: St. Thomas. It is situated at Kefalas village, just east of Chania. This time on Crete it was too far off to attend a service there, but - God willing - maybe next time! Happy Christmas season everyone!

The Greek Lord's prayer (in phonetic English pronunciation – bold vowels are emphasised):

Pater eemon o an tees ouranees; ajastheeto to onoma sou; eltheto ee vasileea sou, jenitheeto to theleema sou, os an ourano, ke epi tees jees. Ton arton eemon, ton epiyousion, thos eemon seemeron. Ke afes eemeen ta ofeeleemata eemon, os ke emees afeemen tees ofeeletes eemon. Ke mee eesenejees eemas ees peerasmon, ala reese eemas apo tou ponirou. Ameen. ✠

Madeleine



This time the priest took some photographs, after the service, of the inner sanctuary for our HTC Newsletter. The

Ecumenical News and Events

Sent to the editor by one of our Holy Trinity Utrecht Ecumenical Representatives, Judith Riet.



Update on the Toevlucht

Good news: the city council has agreed to carry the financial cost of housing a group of 30 undocumented men. That means their accommodation for the night will be guaranteed until July 2015. The project started a year ago as an initiative from different churches in Utrecht to help undocumented and rejected migrants who are (literally) left in the cold by the government. The European Committee for Social Rights has recently ruled that every person has the right to be provided with 'bed, bath and bread', regardless of their legal status. This is a great encouragement to all the people involved.



During a celebration of Sint Maarten, last November 11, Toevlucht was awarded the 'Cloak of Sint Maarten', a special award for an initiative that shows solidarity in practice. All in all, it is a lot of good news for Toevlucht. Yet volunteers for the night shifts and donations remain more than welcome. Rosemarie Strengolt, one of our wardens at Holy Trinity, volunteers – she or I would be happy to answer any questions. You can also see their website: toevluchtutrecht.nl.

USRK Ecumenical New Year celebration

Dec 1, Jeruzalem church, 19.00 - 21.30h

The USRK and the City Pastoral Care invite all member churches to celebrate the new church year (which begins with Advent) with a short vesper and drinks afterwards.

Night of Light

Dec 20, Dom church, 20.30 - 23.30h

The third Night of Light is an event worth visiting! The Dom church invites people from the streets into the church to light a candle, enjoy the music and reflect for a moment on daily life. The last two nights were a big success with over 750 people visiting the church.

Candlelight route Utrecht-Oost

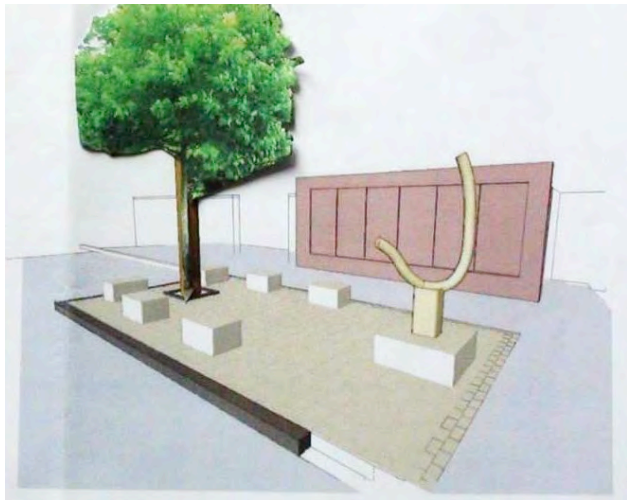
Dec 19, Holy Trinity (start) 18 -20h

Christmas in the open air! A trail of small candles will guide you from HTC to the Aloysius church. On the way you will meet scenes of the Christmas story, choirs and in the end a life-size crib. This event is the result of a unique cooperation between De Wilg (an activity centre for people with limitations), Puur Oost (a business association) and the Anglican, Protestant and Roman Catholic churches.

A contribution of empty jars to hold the candles so they don't blow out is most welcome! They can be left in the church hall. ☩

JEWISH MONUMENT

Utrecht remembers.



Seventy years after the war there are plans to build a memorial to the 1,224 Jewish victims sent to the death camps from Utrecht. The plan for the monument is a bronze shofar (a horn) next to a memorial wall with the 1224 names of the deported and murdered Jews of Utrecht (see above). The artist chosen is Amiran Djanasvili.

Churches and individuals have been given the opportunity to support this project – Holy Trinity Chaplaincy Council has recently approved a donation of €2,500 towards this project.

The monument will be set up at the entrance to the Railway Museum as that was the station from which these people were sent. It is hoped that this project will be ready for unveiling on Memorial Day next year (2015).

The organizers offer individuals the opportunity to symbolically adopt a name on the monument.

You can make a donation to this account: NL26 RABO 0113 8425 70 in the name of Stichting Joods Monument Utrecht.

For more information, in Dutch, see: joodsmonumentutrecht.nl

COPTIC CHRISTIANS in Utrecht

Maya Hoogveld has asked the editor to include this message of congratulations and thanks to the Coptic Christian congregation in Utrecht.

Coptic Christians are celebrating their 10th anniversary since obtaining a building in Utrecht where they can meet and worship. I will be pleased to deliver more clothes, shoes and toys to my friends in their church and these will be sent out to Egypt before Christmas. There is a basket in the Parsonage Hall if you have any donations or you can call me at 030 271 90 90. They thank you all heartily and wish you a blessed Christmas! ✂



THE PRAYER CHAIN



Our chaplaincy reaches out to God in prayer to hold up its members in particular need. If you have any requests for the prayer chain, or if you feel called to take part in this ministry of intercession, please call Anne Miechielsen.

Anne organizes and participates in this ministry at Holy Trinity Church in Utrecht. You can speak to her at church or she can be reached by telephone at 030 220 5049. ✂



Drinking from the Well of Life

Isaiah was written about 730 years before Christ. We read this book during Advent because it speaks most clearly in prophesy of the coming of God in the flesh in Jesus Christ.

Mark: We read through this shortest Gospel during Advent. One characteristic of Mark is that he refers to Jesus immediately doing this and immediately doing that. Advent is a time to wake up – NOW! – to the possibilities of the Christian life and a closer following of Jesus.

Revelation: We read Revelation through Advent. It is a vision that St. John wrote in his 90's (about 60 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus). He had been exiled by the Roman Emperor to the Island of Patmos because of his preaching. John is brought up in the spirit into heaven – it is a mystical vision, so don't expect it to be easy – but see what you can take from it, maybe just be led into a state of awe and wonder.

First Sunday in Advent – December 1 to 6

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Isaiah 3:1-15	Mark 1:1-20	Isaiah 4:2	Revelation 6
Tuesday	Isaiah 5:1-17	Mark 1:21	Isaiah 5:18	Revelation 7
Wednesday	Isaiah 6	Mark 8:16-9:7	Isaiah 2:1-22	Revelation 8
Thursday	Isaiah 9:8-10:4	Mark 2:23-3:12	Isaiah 10:5-23	Revelation 9
Friday	Isaiah 10:24-11:9	Mark 3:13	Isaiah 11:10 & 12	Revelation 10
Saturday	Isaiah 13:1-14:2	Mark 4:1-20	Isaiah 14:3-27	Revelation 11

Second Sunday in Advent – December 8 to 13

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Isaiah 17	Mark 4:21-end	Isaiah 18	Revelation 12
Tuesday	Isa. 19:1-17	Mk. 5:1-20	Isa. 19:18-end	Revelation 13
Wednesday	Isa. 21:1-12	Mk. 5:21-end	Isa. 22:1-14	Revelation 14
Thursday	Isa. 24	Mk. 6:1-13	Isa. 28:1-13	Revelation 15
Friday	Isa. 28:14-end	Mk. 6:14-29	Isa. 29:1-14	Revelation 16
Saturday	Isa. 29:15-end	Mk. 6:30-end	Isa. 30:1-18	Revelation 17

Third Sunday in Advent – December 15 to 20

LORD Jesu Christ, who at your first coming did send your messenger to prepare the way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Isaiah 10:19-end	Mark 7:1-23	Isaiah 31	Revelation 18
<i>Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 38:1-20	Mark 7:24—8:10	Isaiah 40:1-11	Revelation 19
<i>Wednesday</i>	Isaiah 40:12-end	Mark 8:11—9:1	Isaiah 41	Revelation 20
<i>Thursday</i>	Isaiah 42:1-17	Mark 9:2-32	Isaiah 42:18—43:13	Revelation 21:1-14
<i>Friday</i>	Isaiah 43:14—44:5	Mark 9:33-end	Isaiah 44:6-23	Revelation 21:15-22:5
<i>Saturday</i>	Isaiah 44:24—45:13	Mark 10:1-31	Isaiah 45:15-end	Revelation 22:6-end

Fourth Sunday in Advent and Christmas – December 22 to 27

O LORD, raise up (we pray) your power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of your Son our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Isaiah 46	Mark 10:32-end	Isaiah 47	Jude 1-16
<i>Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 48	Mark 11:1-26	Isaiah 50:4-10	Jude 17-end
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Isaiah 51:1-16	Mark 11:27—12:12	Zechariah 2:10-end	Titus 2:11—3:7
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Isaiah 9:2-7	Luke 2:1-20	Isaiah 7:10-14	1 John 4:7-end
<i>St Stephen</i>	Genesis 4:1-10	Acts 6	2 Chronicles 24:15-22	Acts 7:54—8:4
<i>St John</i>	Exodus 33:9-19	John 13:21-35	Isaiah 6:1-8	1 John 5:1-12

Sunday after Christmas – December 29 to January 3

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Isaiah 55	Luke 12:1-21	Isaiah 60:1-12	Colossians 2:6-17
<i>Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 60:13-end	Luke 12:22-34	Isaiah 61	Colossians 3:1-17
<i>Wednesday</i>	Isaiah 62	Luke 12:35-48	Deut 10:12—11:1	Luke 21:25-36
<i>Circumcision</i>	Genesis 17:1-13	Romans 2:17-end	Deuteronomy 30	Romans 13
<i>Friday</i>	Isaiah 63:1-6	Matthew 1:18-end	Isaiah 63:7-end	1 Thessalonians 1
<i>Saturday</i>	Isaiah 64	Matthew 2	Isaiah 65:1-16	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

Sunday 30th November	Advent 1 (St Andrew's Day) <i>Preacher: The Rev Rik Florentinus</i> 9:00 Sung Communion (English) 11:00 Solemn Choral Communion (English)
Sunday 7 th December	Advent 2 9:00 Sung Communion (English) 11:00 All Age Worship Communion (English) Zwolle 16:00 Sung Communion
Saturday 13 th December	Prayer and Praise 19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band <i>Preacher: Mr Jonathan Fink-Jensen</i>
Sunday 14 th December	Advent 3 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion (English) 14:30 Choral Evensong (Canticles: Tomkins (2 nd service))
Sunday 21 st December	Advent 4 (St Thomas's Day) 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion (English) Zwolle 16:00 Nine Lessons and Carols Service Utrecht 20.00 Nine Lessons and Carols Service
Wednesday 24 th December	CHRISTMAS EVE 17:00 Crib Service for families (English/Dutch) 23:00 Midnight Choral Mass (English)
Thursday 25 th December	CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 Choral Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Festal Choral Mass (English)
Friday 26 th December	St Stephen's Day (CHRISTMAS celebrated) <i>Preacher: Mr Peter Boswijk</i> 10:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng)
Saturday 27 th December	St John's Day 10:00 Holy Communion (said service in English)
Sunday 28 th December	Christmas 1 (The Innocents) 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch) 11:00 Sung Communion (English)
Thursday 1 st January	The Circumcision of our Lord (Octave of Christmas) <i>Preacher: Peter Boswijk</i> 10:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng)

In addition to the above services we normally offer at Holy Trinity Utrecht:

Daily:	Morning Prayer (Tuesday to Friday 8.00; Saturday 9.00) and Evening Prayer (Tuesday to Friday 17.30; Saturday 17:00)
Weekly:	Holy Communion (said) (Wed at 19.00)
