

Services in August

(services are in English unless otherwise specified)

- Sunday 3rd August **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
Guest Preacher in Utrecht: *The Rev Dr Jos Strenghold*
9:00 Sung Communion
10:45 All Age Worship – Communion
Zwolle Anglican Church – 16:00 Sung Communion
- Wednesday 6th August **The Transfiguration of our Lord**
20:00 Sung Communion
- Sunday 13th August **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**
9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng)
10:45 Sung Communion
No Evensong in the Summer
- Sunday 20th August **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**
Guest Preacher in Utrecht: *The Rev Adriaan Verwijns*
9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng)
10:45 Choral Communion
- Sunday 27th August **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
Guest Preacher Utrecht: *The Rev Dr Benno Zuiddam*
9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng)
10:45 Choral Communion

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)

Saints & Holy Days: Holy Communion at 20.00

Please send your September Newsletter contributions by 10th August at the latest.



HOLY TRINITY UTRECHT AND ANGLICAN CHURCH IN ZWOLLE

AUGUST 2014

Chaplain's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am writing this in mid July from Clervaux Abbey in Luxembourg, where I have begun a two week silent retreat.

The first thing that strikes me as I begin, is an experience that I have had every time I begin such a retreat. There is a kind of internal battle – why have I come here? what kind of holiday is this? how do I escape? how can these monks follow this same discipline of prayer every day, the same Gregorian chant sung for centuries? These are the screams of the old Adam that come to the surface of my soul. I spend some time at the beginning tying up the loose ends from the world I've left, final emails, final details being sorted, it is part of the ritual of leaving that other world.



And, because I remember this inner rebellion from previous times, I just wait. And in a few days these screams quiet down and what opens up is a new kind of rest. All the meals are taken care of by others, I have my own comfortable and private room to return to, all is provided for, I can participate or not in the prayer life here as much I want. A spirit of gratitude is reawakened, and the inward streams of refreshment, there is a renewed desire to read. The offices of prayer through the day are no longer seen as interruptions, but more in the centre of the reason for being and for being here. There are opportunities to walk in the countryside to rest the mind and allow the sorting out of confused thoughts that need sorting, pondering and being put to rest. And soon, there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish the things one would like to here.

An image impresses itself onto my mind – of the monks in solemn assembly, led by the Abbot, going into the chapel for prayer and leaving after prayer. It expresses the procession and return of love from God and back to Him again, and the opportunity to enter into that love. Time is being sanctified, time is standing still.

I commend for your consideration, if you can set aside the time, such a retreat.

Yours in the love of Christ,

David

Drinking from the Well of Life

These daily readings are meant to augment and fit with the Sunday readings used at the services of Holy Communion. What follows is a principle of interpretation of the Bible from St Augustine (*On Christian Doctrine*, Ch.36):

Whoever thinks that he understands the Holy Scriptures, or any part of them, but puts such an interpretation upon them as does not tend to build up this twofold love of God and our neighbour, does not yet understand them as he ought. If, on the other hand, a person draws a meaning from them that may be used for the building up of love, even though he does not happen upon the precise meaning which the author whom he reads intended to express in that place, his error is not pernicious, and he is wholly clear from the charge of deception...

...Nevertheless, if his mistaken interpretation tends to build up love, which is the end of the commandment, he goes astray in much the same way as a man who by mistake quits the high road, but yet reaches through the fields the same place to which the road leads. He is to be corrected, however, and to be shown how much better it is not to quit the straight road, lest, if he get into a habit of going astray, he may sometimes take cross roads, or even go in the wrong direction altogether.

The Week of Trinity VI – July 28 to August 2

O GOD, you have prepared for those that love you such good things as pass man's understanding:

Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	1 Samuel 13	Romans 11:1-24	1 Samuel 14:1-23	Luke 5:17-end
Tuesday	1 Samuel 14:1-24	Romans 11:25-end	1 Samuel 15	Luke 6:1-19
Wednesday	1 Samuel 16	Romans 12	1 Samuel 17:1-30	Luke 6:20-38
Thursday	1 Samuel 17:31-54	Romans 13	1 Samuel 17:55--18:16	Luke 6:39--7:10
Friday	1 Samuel 19	Romans 14	1 Samuel 20:1-17	Luke 7:11-35
Saturday	1 Samuel 20:18-end	Romans 15:1-13	1 Samuel 21:1--22:5	Luke 7:36-end

The Week of Trinity VII – August 4 to 9

LORD of all power and might, you are the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	1 Samuel 22:6-end	Romans 15:14-end	1 Samuel 23	Luke 8:1-21
Tuesday	1 Samuel 24	Romans 16	1 Samuel 25:2-42	Luke 8:22-end
Wednesday	1 Samuel 26	1 Corinthians 1:1-25	1 Samuel 28:3-end	Luke 9:1-17
Thursday	1 Samuel 31	1 Corinth. 1:26--2 end	2 Samuel 1	Luke 9:18-50
Friday	2 Samuel 2:1--3:1	1 Corinthians 3	2 Samuel 3:17-end	Luke 9:51-end
Saturday	2 Samuel 5:1-12	1 Corinthians 4:1-17	2 Samuel 6	Luke 10:1-24

The Week of Trinity VIII – August 11 to 16

O GOD, your never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech you to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	2 Samuel 7	1 Cor. 4:18--5 end	2 Samuel 8	Luke 10:25-end
Tuesday	2 Samuel 9	1 Corinthians 6	2 Samuel 10	Luke 11:1-28
Wednesday	2 Samuel 13:38-14:24	1 Corinthians 7	2 Samuel 14:25--15:12	Luke 11:29-end
Thursday	2 Samuel 15:13-end	1 Corinthians 8	2 Samuel 16	Luke 12:1-34
Friday	2 Samuel 17:1-23	1 Corinthians 9	2 Samuel 17:24--18:18	Luke 12:35-53
Saturday	2 Samuel 18:19-end	1 Corinth 10:1--11:1	2 Samuel 19:1-23	Luke 12:54--13:9

The Week of Trinity IX – August 18 to 23

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	2 Samuel 19:24-end	1 Corinthians 11:2-end	2 Samuel 23:1-17	Luke 13:10-end
Tuesday	2 Samuel 24	1 Corinthians 12:1-27	1 Kings 1:5-31	Luke 14:1-24
Wednesday	1 Kings 1:32-end	1 Corin. 12:27--13 end	1 Chr. 22:2-end	Luke 14:25--15:10
Thursday	1 Chron. 28:1--29:9	1 Corinthians 14:1-19	1 Chron. 29:10-end	Luke 15:11-end
Friday	1 Kings 3	1 Corinthians 14:20-40	1 Kings 4:21-end	Luke 16
Saturday	1 Kings 5	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	1 Kings 6:1-14	Luke 17:1-19

The Week of Trinity X – August 25 to 30

LET your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	1 Kings 8:1-21	1 Cor. 15:35-end	1 Kings 8:22-53	Luke 17:20-end
Tuesday	1 Kings 8:54--9:9	1 Corinthians 16	1 Kings 10	Luke 18:1-30
Wednesday	1 Kings 11:1-13, 26-end	2 Corinth. 1:1-22	1 Kings 12:1-24	Luke 18:31--19:10
Thursday	1 Kings 12:25--13:10	2 Cor. 1:23--2 end	1 Kings 13:11-end	Luke 19:11-28
Friday	1 Kings 14:1-20	2 Corinthians 3	2 Chronicles 12	Luke 19:29-end
Saturday	2 Chronicles 13	2 Corinthians 4	2 Chronicles 14	Luke 20:1-26