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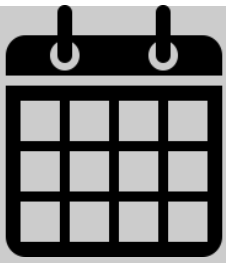
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

This summer will be even more joyful as we celebrate three marriages in our congregation:

July 8 at 1pm **Janneke van den Berge** and **Bob Suiker**  
 July 8 at 4pm **Annemieke Goelema** and **Francis Clark**  
 Aug 18 at 4pm **Rosemarie Strengtholt** and **Erik Heemskerk**

We wish them boundless joy and love in their new lives together and hope that you will remember them in your prayers on their wedding dates.

## 1 July

Mofish concert at Holy Trinity Church Utrecht. Doors open 18:40. Concert starts at 19:00 and finishes at about 20:30. With this concert Mofish is supporting the The South African Family Relief Project

## 22-28 July

The New Wine Netherlands Conference (for more info speak with Grant or Jolanda Crowe, Andre or Ninke van der Werk at All Saints or Adrian or Danielle Los at Holy Trinity)

## 14-17 August

The Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham (for more info speak with Fr Barry Birch at St John and St Philip in the Hague, or Judy Miller or Judith Riet at Holy Trinity)

## 22-23 September

Lecture weekend on "Why did God become man?" See page 9

## 13 October

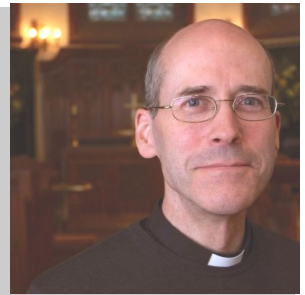
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## CHAPLAIN'S LETTER: RETREATING FROM THE WORLD

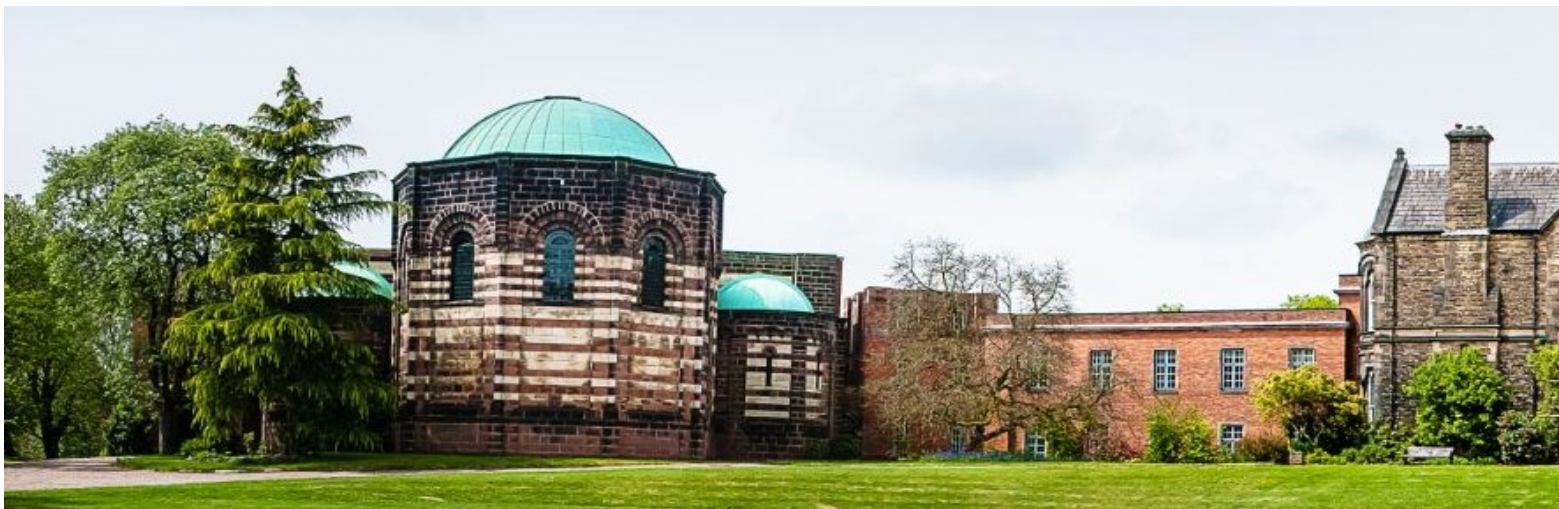


*This month's Chaplain's Letter is written by the Rev David Phillips, Utrecht Chaplain*

Summer is upon us once again and with the fair weather we turn our minds to holidays! The word "holidays" comes from "holy days", which was, in an earlier age, a reason for taking time off from work, on days other than the Sunday Sabbath. Or in the past, in Europe, there were more extended "holi-days" for those who chose to go on pilgrimages to holy sites. Taking time off nowadays is more often associated with travel for sightseeing or some physical exercise or rest – all of which are great gifts – and in the breaking from the normal routine, we can allow more opportunity than usual for rest, renewal and the hearing of God's voice. One could also give some time more intentionally for a spiritual retreat. Here are three reasons to go on a monastic retreat: for personal growth; for refreshment in the stillness; and to hear God's voice. St Augustine wrote beautifully about why in retreating from the

world we might draw closer to God.

*I have learned to love you late, Beauty at once so ancient and so new! I have learned to love you late! You were within me, and I was in the world outside myself. I searched for you outside myself and, disfigured as I was, I fell upon the lovely things of your creation. You were with me, but I was not with you. The beautiful things of this world kept me far from you and yet, if they had not been in you, they would have had no being at all. You called me; you cried aloud to me; you broke my barrier of deafness. You shone upon me; your radiance enveloped me; you put my blindness to flight. You shed your fragrance about me; I drew breath and now I gasp for your sweet scent. I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am inflamed with love of your peace. [Confessions, Bk X Ch 27]*





Augustine understood the call of Jesus, who says, the kingdom of God is within you. [St Luke 17:20-21] Jesus has promised to come and dwell in us. [e.g. St John 14:15-23] And the way to seek God is to turn away from being absorbed in the external world, to a movement within, and then to the One who is above us.

When we retreat from the world into a time of silence, it can be disconcerting at first. There may be something we are avoiding or afraid to face in our own soul. We might find ourselves distracted continually, our mind racing. Often when I've gone on retreat, at the start, for the first couple of days I wonder why I've come, and part of me wants to leave, I feel a real inner rebellion. But staying a little longer this feeling soon leaves as a deep rest and refreshment comes upon the soul and the imagination is reopened to new possibilities.

Monastic retreats are great because monks are guided by the Rule of St Benedict: Chapter 53 states, "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ for he himself will say: 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'" Imagine, you are welcomed as if you are



Jesus himself! I have experienced this kind of hospitality from monks in many monasteries. As a priest it is especially refreshing to enter into the daily rhythm of prayer and daily Holy Communion led by others. Their prayers are such a spiritual boost, one begins to feel lifted on eagles' wings. You can join in as much or as little as you want of their daily prayer life – usually I join in less at the start (getting caught up on sleep!) and more at the end of the retreat. Also, all of the meals are taken care of – you just appear and are fed! You have a private room with a bed and desk and usually access to a library if you want. Often the monasteries have grounds around it and are often in the countryside where you can take longer



## CHAPLAIN'S LETTER - CONTINUED

walks. I like to have one or two books to read between the times of prayer, walking, eating, being still. There are plenty of monasteries and convents close by in the Netherlands and Belgium or you can go further afield for worship in other languages – you normally need to call ahead of time to reserve a place.

In the stillness and silence we have greater opportunity to turn inward, to be recollected. God shows us our inner motivations, sometimes we discover the need for repentance from some of these and we can seek his grace and resolve to follow him more closely. We can bring before God a question that is on our heart, seeking to discern his will, and then rest content while we await an answer from him, should he desire to make something clearer. The retreat *from* the world prepares us to return *to* the world and to God's service with heart, mind and body renewed.

Here are some Bible verses on the call to

be still, to move within to know oneself and God, to enter into God's rest, if you want further reflection: Psalms 4:4, 46:10; Proverbs 8:34, 9:1; John 10:9; Luke 11:52; Acts 1:8-14; 1 Cor 6:19; Eph 4:22-24; Heb 4:1-11.

In the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield in the North of England, they have quotations on some of the walls of the halls of the guest house. Here's a quotation from a Quaker, William Penn, that describes something we might find easier to do in our daily lives, if we have taken more extensive time to experience God's presence within us on a spiritual retreat from the world.

*In the rush and noise of life, as you have intervals, step within yourselves and be still. Wait upon God and feel his good presence; this will carry you through your day's business.*

In the love of Christ,  
**David**







# Bishop Geoffrey Rowell

13 February AD 1943 - 11 June AD 2017

*May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

Our former Bishop in Europe, who retired in 2013, departed this life on Trinity Sunday peacefully, after suffering a short illness. Bishop Robert Innes, his successor, has written this tribute:



enviable quantity and quality of correspondence with ecumenical partners and friends. He travelled with remarkable energy and stamina. He inspired loyal devotion in those who worked most closely

“The news of Bishop Geoffrey Rowell’s death is a source of sadness and sorrow to many, including me personally. I first met Geoffrey in 2005, when I joined the Diocese in Europe. I experienced him as unfailingly kind, warm and hospitable. He stayed at our home in Belgium on a number of occasions. I recall with affection long conversations over a bottle of whisky late into the night. When I was appointed his successor, he was wonderfully encouraging and helpful. Geoffrey valued highly his friendship with his clergy, and those of us who served as his priests and deacons will miss him dearly.

For 12 years as Diocesan Bishop, Geoffrey embodied the Diocese in Europe in his own character and personality. He managed to remain a serious academic whilst also carrying out a demanding pastoral ministry. He was a great ambassador for a traditional, catholic, Anglicanism. He maintained an

with him.

Many of us wondered how he would cope with the transition to retirement, but he seemed to handle it marvellously. His home in Fishbourne was beautifully furnished and served as a workshop for his continuing academic projects. It is sad that, after a demanding European ministry, he did not have long to enjoy retirement. His passing feels as if it marks the end of an era. We commend him to his Lord, praying that he will rest in peace and at the last day rise in glory.”

+Robert Innes  
4th Bishop in Europe

*Archdeacon Meurig Williams, who was Bishop Geoffrey's Chaplain for the last few years, has written a beautiful tribute at this site:*

*<http://anglicanfrance.fr/2017/06/12/bishop-geoffrey-rowell/>*



## UPDATE FROM KARIN AND TREVOR WHITFIELD

### To the People of Holy Trinity Utrecht, Amersfoort and Zwolle

THANK YOU for your generosity and kindness towards Karin and myself, for your cards and messages, your Bible verses ...!

When I retired from Holy Trinity Maisons Laffitte, three and a half years ago, Harry Barrowclough happened to have a house to rent, so we came back. "To cause trouble?" asked a young visiting clergyman. On the contrary, to help where possible, but to be totally irresponsible, i.e. not to have the responsibility of being priest in charge.

The decision to move back to England after more than twenty five years in the the Diocese in Europe was prompted by the desire to be closer to our four year old grand children, Ada and Emmy. We have now been in England for less than two weeks: on our first night there was a terrorist attack next to Southwark Cathedral where I was ordained almost forty years ago; we have had a general

election so we went to vote at our local polling station; we have taken the girls to nursery school in Bloxwich, the sixth most deprived area in the country; and our hire car has been useful for visits to Walsall hospital where Ada has had a cyst removed.

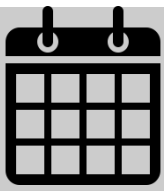
On Pentecost Sunday we worshipped in Lichfield Cathedral, and yesterday we attended worship in inner city Walsall. The vicar spoke to us before the service and when we said we had come from the Netherlands he started speaking Dutch. His first job after university had been in Nijmegen and he knew the East Netherlands Chaplaincy.

Where does God want us to be? Wherever we have gone, God has gone before and blessed us. As we settle into life in Walsall, Karin has already ordered The Comic Mystery Plays by Chris Lambert, taking inspiration from the medieval Mystery Cycles from York and Wakefield. She just needs a cast and an audience....

In Christ, Trevor Whitfield





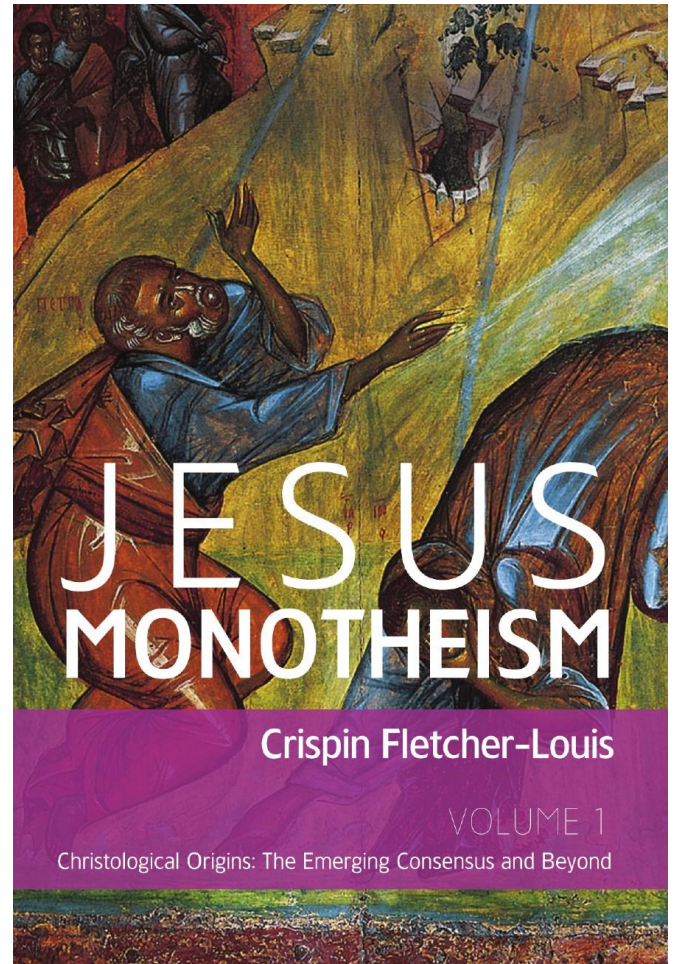


# THE 2017 UTRECHT LECTURES: WHY DID GOD BECOME MAN?

*Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Utrecht is hosting a self-supporting annual seminar bringing in lecturers from around the world to enliven and deepen our theological discussion. This September we will host the first of these seminars. We are grateful to Fr Jos Strengholt who had the idea and is bringing this new initiative about!*

This year New Testament Scholar Dr Crispin Fletcher-Louis will be visiting the Netherlands in September and will offer a 2-day seminar on 'Why did God become man?', Friday 22 September 10-5pm and Saturday 23 September 10-5pm, both at Holy Trinity Utrecht.

The teaching and discussion will be anchored in foundational Old Testament texts (especially Genesis 1) and the Gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry (esp. Mark 1–8) and address these questions: What does it mean to be human? Why did God become a man, in Jesus of Nazareth? What difference does it make to our humanity that God became a human being? The material will be informed by some of the latest research on the meaning of biblical texts in their original first century Jewish and ancient Israelite contexts. It will also be oriented to the practical realities of our lives and spirituality (in the workplace, in our families, in our church communities and the public square).



There is space for 25 participants. Snacks, coffee / tea and lunch are included, as well as all study handouts. All-in 50 Euro per person for both days together.

For further information, contact Jos at [jos@strengholt.info](mailto:jos@strengholt.info).



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See more on his website: [www.jesusmonotheism.com](http://www.jesusmonotheism.com)



# A PLAYGROUP AT HOLY TRINITY!



*This contribution is written by Ineke Cornet, who is setting up a playgroup at HTC Utrecht*

Holy Trinity Utrecht plans to set up a playgroup for babies and pre-schoolers (aged 0-4) and their parents or carers, starting in September 2017, on Friday mornings during school terms, from 10.00am to 11.30am, in the parsonage.

What is a playgroup? A playgroup is a group for children and (one of) their parents or carers together, run by the local church (in this case), and includes a number of activities such as playtime for the children while the parents have some time to chat and have morning tea, and a time to sing some songs and read some stories. This playgroup is open to people of all faiths and none. We haven't decided yet if the language will be English or Dutch, as it will depend on the participants.

Playgroups are a major part of the life of the Anglican Church all over the world. It brings together parents and their children and strengthens the community feeling within the church and also with the wider community. Playgroups are an important source of support, including for

young families that have recently moved to the Netherlands and may feel quite isolated. My children and I have clearly experienced a great deal of support and fun through church-related activities for young parents and children when we were living in Melbourne, Australia over the past 4 1/2 years.

We are open to ideas as to how to run the playgroup and where to send our invitations and flyers to. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to me or send me an email.

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# OUR LORD ALL RADIANT!

*This submission is from a member of the congregation at Holy Trinity Utrecht, who was encouraged to share her experience during worship, and who wishes to remain anonymous.*

November 2016, All Souls

On that Sunday I went to Church especially because I had an appointment with my cousin. We had arranged for both of us to go to our own churches and, at exactly eleven o'clock, to pray for the souls of our deceased family members. So that is what I did. At eleven o'clock I knelt down and started praying. It happened to be the exact moment of the breaking of the bread. At the moment Fr. David broke the bread,

I saw HIM: our beloved, radiant, surrounded by living soft colours, Lord Jesus! From his chest shone a beautiful light that expanded outwards. Those beautiful colours around Him, moved and lived.

Dear people, I could not believe my eyes!! My heart started pounding when He started scattering pieces of bread. Then followed white rose petals, with a mother-of-pearl like glow.

I opened my eyes and thought: did I see it right? Was it bread or were they rose petals?

"Yes," said the Lord, "you

saw it right." He showed me again and said, "Someone is getting married!"

I thought, that won't be me, I haven't even got a boyfriend!

While the Lord kept throwing the petals, he said

"I BLESS YOU IN ALL MY GLORY!"

I felt so emotional, I did not understand what happened. My heart was beating like fireworks! I thought, I am getting a panic attack! Please don't do that to me Lord!



By now it was my turn to go to the altar for Holy Communion, but I stood waiting for a few moments, insecure. I was afraid I would collapse at the altar. My heart almost exploded, but I managed to walk to and from the altar without collapsing.

Back in my seat, I could no longer control those emotions. The Lord had held me up, so I would not fall, but once back I started sobbing.

Suddenly it turned very quiet around me. No shuffling or rustling, nobody moved. Even the children that never sit still, could not be heard. I was afraid everyone could hear my pounding heart, for it was beating so fiercely. Probably

## OUR LORD ALL RADIANT - CONTINUED

everyone thought I was extremely sad and they hardly dare breathe, but I was not sad! I felt so happy, confused, and incredibly fulfilled!

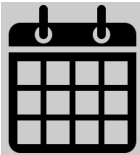
Someone started stroking my arm to comfort me, but I could not talk at that moment. I could not tell what I had seen, heard and felt. I did not want that moment to pass.

In the end, I calmed down and the service had finished. Fr David announced the coming weddings of four couples, saying that there was a true explosion of love today, well, I noticed that!

The following months I felt like I was in love. The image and feeling I had received, stayed with me day and night. Dear people, we have been blessed by Our Lord Himself! All of us!

Now, seven months later I think I understand why He said: "Someone is getting married", and not "four couples are getting married."

And yes, He is always with us. He always walks up and down the aisle. He never leaves us alone. That is how beautiful, radiant and full of love He is for each one of us.



## PILGRIMAGE TO WITTENBERG

It has been 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. To celebrate this historical event, the Finnish family Rusama (Heikki, Elisa & the three little boys Aaron, Isak & Filip) is planning a pilgrimage trip to Wittenberg in the second week of November. We would like to make this trip together with our fellow Christians in the Netherlands!

The plan is to rent a bus and stay at the Old Latin School in Wittenberg. We are leaving Thursday morning and coming back on Saturday evening.  
(November 16-18, 2017)

Would you like to join Family Rusama and Father David on a Pilgrimage to Wittenberg? Please contact Heikki Rusama 06-53549236  
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More details will be given in the September Newsletter.





# 35 YEAR VISITING CHURCHES IN UTRECHT (KERKEN KIJKEN UTRECHT)

CULTURAL HISTORICAL PROJECT  
JUNE 23 - SEPTEMBER 9 2017

*This contribution was written by Hans Baars*

Utrecht has a large number of historic churches dating from its rich medieval past to the early 20th century. Since the early 80's of last century a number of these historic churches in cooperation with museum Catharijne Convent will be open to the public.

The rich history of Utrecht is reflected in its many historical churches, including the central Cathedral – de Dom - with its tall tower, near the place where St Willibrord built St Martin's and St Saviour's in 695 AD.

In the 11th century, Bishop Bernold designed a cross of churches around the Romanesque Cathedral, of which only St John's and St Peter's have survived. Most of St Paul's and St Mary's have nearly complete disappeared.

The not clergy and monastic people had their parish churches. All four of which are still in their medieval form: the Buurkerk- now the museum 'Speeldoos', St Nicholas' (Klaas), St James' (Jacobi) and St Gertrude's (Geerte).

St Catherine's is the only large convent church left; it is now the Roman Catholic cathedral. The chapels of the St Agnes (now part of the Central museum) and St Ursula convents (now the Lutheran



Church) have stood the test of time.

After the Reformation (1580), the Utrecht churches were used for the Protestant service or for non-religious purposes. Other denominations gathered in hidden churches such as the chapel of St Gertrude's or the Mennonite Church. English persons had during these ages services in som of these churches, see Arnold Rietveld's book.

Roman Catholic churches were not built until the 19th century: St Augustine's – not open in 2017, due to maintenance -, St Willibrord's and St Martin's (now containing appartments).

The Old Catholic Cathedral St Gertrude's was finished in 1914.

## KERKEN KIJKEN UTRECHT - CONTINUED

Every year there is a special theme, this year it will be – of course – ‘The Style’. 100 years ago Utrecht was the centre of a development in art, called “De Stijl”, with names as Rietveld, Koch and van der Lek. Every church will handle this theme according the architectural style of the building.

In the St James church, where I’m guide since 1999, we will focus on the influence of the reformation, and particular on the person of Hubert Duifhuis – “the Utrecht Martin Luther” -. We are preparing, just

before All Saints, a symposium about ‘Tolerance and Forbearance in Historical Perspective’, with Dr Truus van Bueren and Professor James Kennedy.

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## CHRISTIAN CLASSICS STUDY GROUP

### Christian Classics Study Group - The Mystical Dimensions of the Liturgy.

Mark your calendar for Friday 13th October (we are not superstitious!) to join in dinner (6:30pm) and discussion (8pm)! Ineke Cornet will give a presentation on the Mystical Dimensions of the Liturgy as understood by

Dutch divines from the counter Reformation. She will provide texts ahead of time for us to read through. Ineke did her doctorate on *The Arnhem Mystical Sermons: Preaching Liturgical Mysticism in the Context of Catholic Reform*.



## THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRIES

Our chaplaincy reaches out to God in prayer to hold up the chaplaincy and its members in particular need. We are offer this ministry both in Utrecht and Zwolle. If you have requests for the prayer chain, or if feel called be a part in this ministry of intercession, please contact:

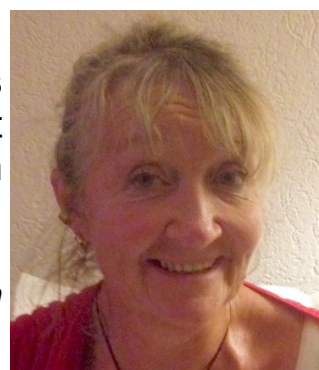


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# POEM

*Here's this month's poem from Oeke Kruythof.  
English translation/transcreation is by Jenny Narraway*



## Zomer

**In zomerlichte luchten  
zag ik plots  
een vlinder gaan  
van links naar rechts  
van rechts naar links**

**zwenkend  
op de vleugelvucht  
van mijn gedachten  
verdween hij  
naar de horizon**

**welk een vreugde  
schonk hij mij  
in zijn zo kort bestaan**

## Summer

**In the air of a summer evening  
I suddenly saw a butterfly  
going from left to right  
from right to left**

**Swerving in the flight of my thoughts  
he disappeared over the horizon  
what joy he gave to me  
during his so short a life**

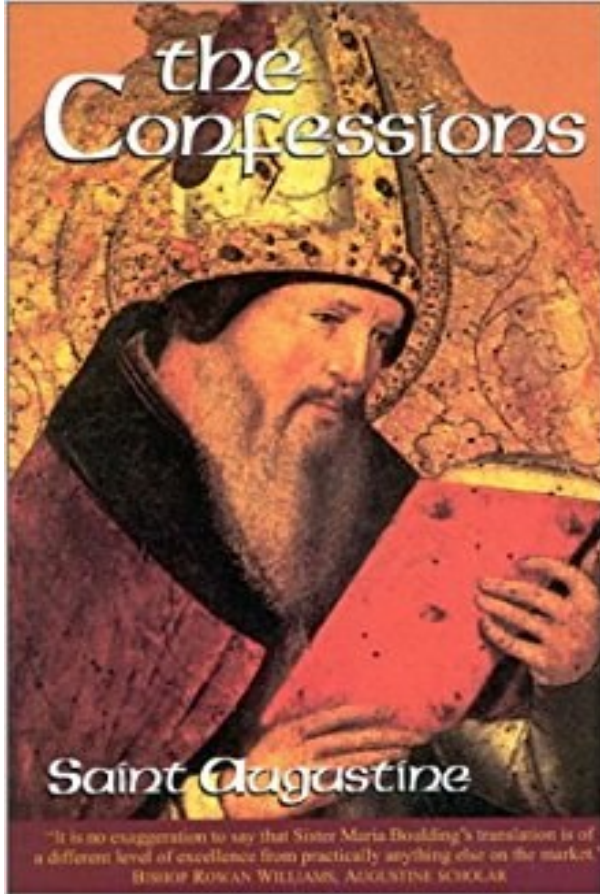




# BOOK REVIEWS



*Ruth Alkema has contributed these three book reviews - all three are highly recommended reading!*



## Confessions

By Saint Augustine

Wow! What a wonderful book was this! I am so glad that I read it!

Everything that I had heard about Augustine was proven false. I really love this man, he is so open and sensitive and honest, and very intelligent and broad minded!

For a long time I had wanted to read this book, but not really felt up to it, since I thought it would be very difficult and perhaps even depressing. Therefore I first listened to the great introductory course St. Augustine's Confessions (by

the great courses), which was very interesting in itself, provided lots of useful background information, and was a really good appetizer to read the actual book itself!

To my surprise it is not difficult or downcast at all. He is just so very open about his thoughts and feelings and how he came to be a Christian. I found his struggles very recognizable, even though they were written so very long ago. The word 'confession' makes me think of self accusation, but Augustine is different. To him it is just an honest reflection on all his inner motives, both good and bad. I find it very comforting that such an exemplary Christian can write with confidence that quite a few of his inner motives were sincere and praiseworthy.

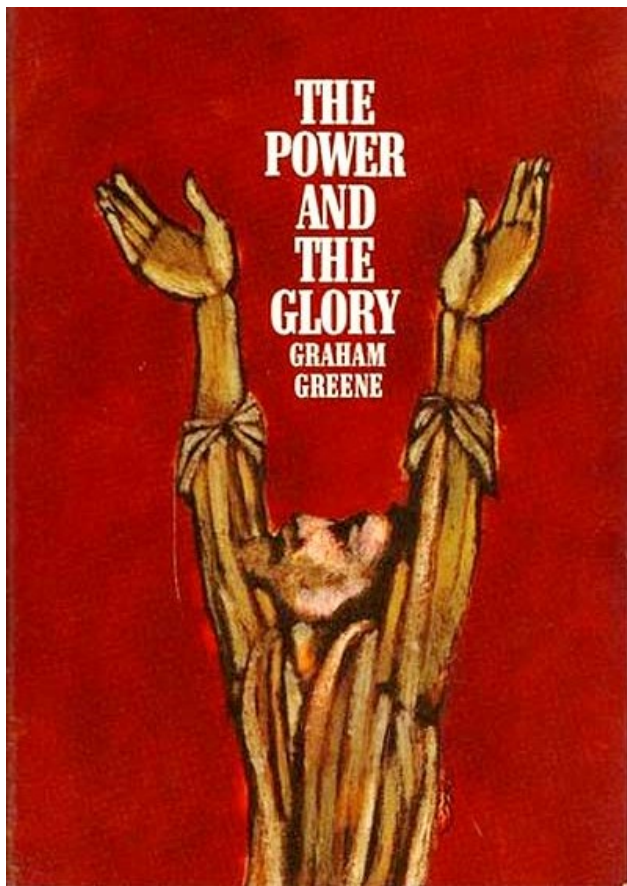
The famous chapter of his conversion was most moving. He describes his inner turmoil so vividly, and realistically! How you can want something and not want it at the same time. All the time knowing that he did want to make a profound choice for God, but feeling himself bound by old habits and unable to break free by himself. Then after that famous scene comes book IX where he describes his newfound joy in the church and in reading scripture with new eyes. His relief at finally feeling free and having



experienced God's grace is so palpable, it shines from the pages.

The autobiographical part is in the first 9 books. Then book 10-13 are of a more philosophical nature. These are most stunning too. I think they really show how much better we can see and understand ourselves and the world and the whole of creation, if we see it in God's light. He has some wonderful descriptions of our

mind, and memory, of time and matter (very modern ideas, really, comes close to general relativity). Also the way he explains the creation story in Genesis is very wonderful to read. I am amazed at how confidently he states that God explained some of these things to him. I think it is a wonderful testimony about how God answers to those who really honestly seek him.



## The Power and the Glory

By Graham Greene

*In a poor, steamy and barren Mexican state, the Red Shirts have gained control, outlawed God, and murdered priests. But one still lives, the whisky priest, who has an illegitimate daughter and believes he has lost his soul.*

*Now he is on the move, trying to escape his executioners. As he tramps*

*anonymously through the glowing white streets of baking villages and tortuous mountain trails - which lead not to heaven - it is a long time before he is able to stop running and find God.*

I listened to the audiobook, narrated by Andrew Sachs. I really enjoyed listening to this story, Andrew Sachs narrated in such a way that I could easily imagine the scenes. Really good how he had different voices for each person, especially the voice of the main character, the priest, and another character: the half-caste. The tone of the voices fitted the characters very well. It made me feel as if I were traveling in Mexico, getting to know that world a little better.

The story made me think. It shows really well how good intentions can be lead to bad results and vice versa. For example: precisely because the priest believes he is in state of mortal sin, he can feel love and compassion for everyone he meets (except for himself, it seems, that is really sad). So it seems that it was a good thing that he failed. Some other characters in the book that try to do good, end up

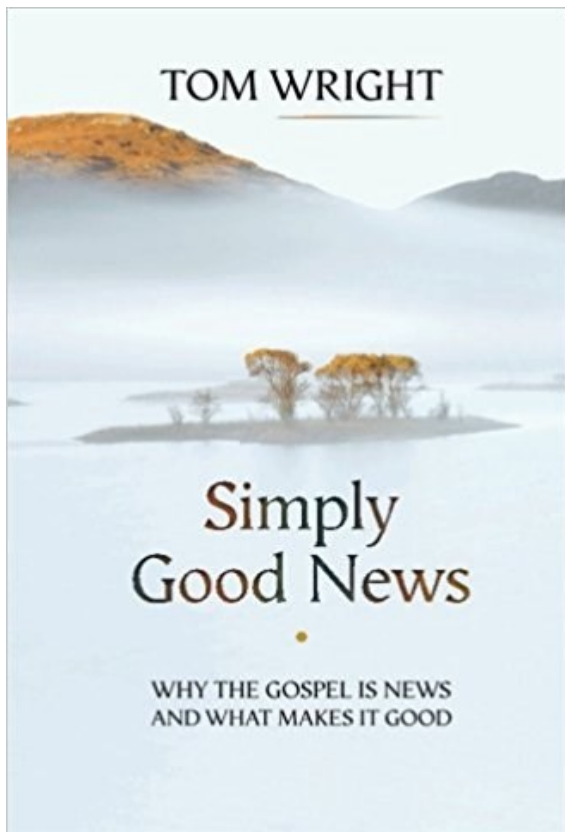
## BOOK REVIEWS - CONTINUED

oppressing people. All this really makes me wonder. When you try to do good, it might very well be that you are proud. Is it then better not to try? Be more relaxed, so you can feel more love and connection with other people? What do I believe about sins, forgiveness, charity? Can you ever feel sure of God's forgiveness without becoming

complacent? Or is it somehow a good thing to be as anxious as this priest?

I think I will be pondering the themes of this book for quite a while.

But the most impressive theme is the hope that shines from the book. Even though there is so much poverty and failure, we see that precisely there, hope breaks through.



### Simply good news

By N.T. Wright

I read this book with a bible study group in the Jeruzalemkerk. Even though most of us found the writing style really tedious, lots of repetitions, we still had a very lively discussion afterwards. He writes by giving loads of examples, all explaining another aspect of his point, but it is difficult to detect what the point is. What helped was that we had made summaries for each chapter, so that we could more easily see the structure.

There is also an interesting lecture by N.T. Wright on this theme on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-phmahd\\_N48](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-phmahd_N48)

But the main message is very interesting.

The theme of this book is, that Christians have a tendency to take one aspect of the gospel, and focus exclusively on that as being the entire good news. And through that, they actually lose the news itself and turn it into advice or a religious system.

I really agree with him, and for me this book comes at a time when I am beginning to see how limited my own views have been, and I found it very liberating and encouraging to be reminded that real healing and transformation is possible already now, however sporadically, knowing that we are still waiting for God's future when God will be all in all.

The last chapter was totally different in style and a great exception to what I said above. This was a very structured explanation about how most people seem to grow spiritually. He used the Lord's prayer to illustrate how we often come to God in the reverse order. I thought it was really funny and recognizable and encouraging. It changed the way I pray the Lord's prayer now. This really put it all together.





## St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31<sup>st</sup> July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad maiorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



## BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. a s h j o u
2. i m y t h o t
3. h u r t
4. k u e l
5. b r o s p r e v
6. t o n s l a m i n a t e
7. c h a i m a l
8. t h e r e s
9. c h a i n s t r o i n
10. h i m e r e a j




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**What kind of man was Boaz before he married?**  
Ruthless.

**Which Bible character had no parents?**  
Joshua, son of Nun.

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Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth  
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations  
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians  
10.Jeremiah



## DRINKING FROM THE WELL OF LIFE

THESE READINGS ARE FROM THE REVISED TABLES OF LESSONS 1922

This pattern of readings is taken from the Book of Common Prayer (revised 1922). It leads us each year through most of the Old Testament once and the whole New Testament twice. The readings are longer than you might be used to, but just let them wash over you and shape your soul like a rock in a river that is gradually shaped by the current. If you miss a bit, just pick up on the present day's readings when you return. Or if you find that it is too much for you, choose just the Old Testament or Gospel or Epistle readings. Grey highlighted boxes are special readings related to a day of Fasting or, more usually, a Feast day, which we begin to celebrate the night before. Try to see how these special readings fit the particular feast.

### THE WEEK OF TRINITY III – JULY 3 TO 8

*O LORD, we beseech you mercifully to hear us;  
and grant that we, to whom you have given a hearty desire to pray,  
may by your mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	2 Samuel 7	1 John 3:1-12	2 Samuel 9	Luke 7:1-17
<i>Tuesday</i>	2 Samuel 11	1 John 3:13--4:6	2 Samuel 12:1-23	Matt 11:2-end
<i>Wednesday</i>	2 Sam 13:38-14:24	1 John 4:7-end	2 Sam 14:25-15:12	Luke 7:36-8:3
<i>Thursday</i>	2 Sam 15:13-end	1 John 5	2 Samuel 16:1-19	Matt 12:22-end
<i>Friday</i>	2 Samuel 17:1-23	2 John	2 Sam 17:24-18:18	Matt 13:1-23
<i>Saturday</i>	2 Sam 18:19-end	3 John	2 Samuel 19:1-23	Matt 13:24-43

### THE WEEK OF TRINITY IV – JULY 10 TO 15

*O GOD, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, you being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal:  
Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.*



	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	2 Sam. 19:24-end	1 Thess. 1	2 Sam 23:1-17	Matt 13:44-end
<i>Tuesday</i>	2 Sam. 24	1 Thess. 2:1-17	1 Kings 1:5-31	Mark 4:35-5:20
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Kings 1:32-end	1 Thess. 2:18-3end	1 Chron 22:2-end	Mark 5:21-end
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Chron. 28:1-10	1 Thess. 4:1-12	1 Chr 28:20-29:9	Matt 9:27-10:23
<i>Friday</i>	1 Chron 29:10-end	1 Thess. 4:13-5:11	1 Kings 3	Matt 10:24-end
<i>Saturday</i>	1 Kings 4:21-end	1 Thess. 5:12-end	1 Kings 5	Mark 6:7-44

## THE WEEK OF TRINITY V – JULY 17 TO 22

*Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	1 Kings 6:1-14	2 Thessalonians 1	1 Kings 8:1-21	Matt 14:22-end
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 Kings 8:22-53	2 Thess. 2	1 Kings 8:54—9:9	Mark 8:1-26
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Kings 10	2 Thess. 3	1 Kings 11:1-13	Matt 16:13-end
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Kings 11:26-end	Galatians 1	1 Kings 12:1-24	Matt 17
<i>Friday</i>	1 Kings 12:25-13:10	Galatians 2	Proverbs 31:10-end	Luke 8:1-3
<i>St Mary Mag</i>	Isaiah 52:7-10	John 20:1-20	Zephaniah 3:14-end	Mark 15:40-end

## THE WEEK OF TRINITY VI – JULY 24 TO 29

*O GOD, who has 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.*

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	2 Chronicles 13	Galatians 4:1-5:1	2 Kings 1:1-15	Luke 9:46-56
<i>St James</i>	Jeremiah 45	Mark 1:14-20	Jeremiah 26:1-15	Mark 5:21-end
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Kings 16:15-end	Galatians 6	1 Kings 17	Luke 10:23-11:13
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Kings 18:1-16	1 Corinthians 1:1-25	1 Kings 18:17-end	Luke 12:1-34
<i>Friday</i>	1 Kings 19	1 Cor 1:26--2 end	1 Kings 21	Luke 12:35-end
<i>Saturday</i>	1 Kings 22:1-40	1 Corinthians 3	2 Chronicles 20:1-30	Luke 13

## DRINKING FROM THE WELL OF LIFE - CONTINUED

### THE WEEK OF TRINITY VII – JULY 31 TO AUGUST 5

*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	
<i>Monday</i>	2 Kings 1	1 Corinthians 4:1-17	2 Kings 2:1-22	Luke 14
<i>Tuesday</i>	2 Kings 4:1-37	1 Cor 4:18—5 end	2 Kings 5	Luke 15
<i>Wednesday</i>	2 Kings 6:1-23	1 Corinthians 6	2 Kings 6:24—7:2	Luke 16
<i>Thursday</i>	2 Kings 7:3-end	1 Corinthians 7	2 Kings 8:1-15	Luke 17
<i>Friday</i>	2 Kings 9	1 Corinthians 8	2 Kings 11:1-20	Luke 18:1-14
<i>Sat / Transfig.</i>	2 Kings 11:21-12 end	1 Corinthians 9	Exodus 24:12-end	Luke 9:28-45

### THE WEEK OF TRINITY VIII – AUGUST 7 TO 12

*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	
<i>Monday</i>	2 Kings 14	1 Cor 10:1-11:1	2 Chronicles 26	Mark 10:32-end
<i>Tuesday</i>	2 Kings 15:17-end	1 Cor 11:2-end	2 Kings 16	Luke 19:1-28
<i>Wednesday</i>	Isaiah 7:1-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-27	Isaiah 8:1-18	Luke 19:29-44
<i>Thursday</i>	2 Kings 24:18—25:7	1 Cor 12:27-13 end	2 Kings 17:24-end	Mark 11:11-12:12
<i>Friday</i>	2 Kings 18:1-8	1 Corinthians 14:1-19	2 Chronicles 30	Matthew 22:1-22
<i>Saturday</i>	2 Kings 18:13-end	1 Corinthians 14:20-end	2 Kings 19	Matthew 22:23-end

### THE WEEK OF TRINITY IX – AUGUST 14 TO 19

*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.*



	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	2 Kings 20	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	2 Chronicles 33	Matthew 23
<i>Tuesday</i>	2 Kings 22	1 Corinthians 15:35-end	2 Kings 23:1-20	Mark 12:41-13:13
<i>Wednesday</i>	2 Kings 23:21-35	1 Corinthians 16	2 Kings 23:36-24:17	Mark 13:14-end
<i>Thursday</i>	2 Kings 24:18-25:7	2 Corinthians 1:1-22	2 Kings 25:8-end	Matthew 25:1-30
<i>Friday</i>	Jeremiah 19	2 Corinthians 1:23-2 end	Jeremiah 21:1-10	Matthew 25:31-end
<i>Saturday</i>	Jeremiah 22:20-23:8	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	Jeremiah 24	Mark 14:1-26

## THE WEEK OF TRINITY X – AUGUST 21 TO 26

*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.*

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Jeremiah 25:1-14	2 Corinthians 4	Jeremiah 27:2-end	Mark 14:27-52
<i>Tuesday</i>	Jeremiah 28	2 Corinthians 5	Jeremiah 29:1-20	Mark 14:53-end
<i>Wednesday</i>	Jeremiah 32:1-25	2 Cor. 5:20-7:1	Genesis 28:10-17	John 1:43-end
<i>St Bartholomew</i>	Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10	Matthew 10:1-15	Deuteronomy 18:15-19	Matthew 10:16-22
<i>Friday</i>	Jeremiah 37	2 Corinthians 8	Jeremiah 38:1-13	Mark 15:42-16 end
<i>Saturday</i>	Jeremiah 38:14-end	2 Corinthians 9	Jeremiah 39	Luke 24:13-end

## THE WEEK OF TRINITY XI – AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2

*O GOD, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we,  
running the way of your commandments, may obtain your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Jeremiah 40	2 Corinthians 10	Jeremiah 41	John 1:1-28
<i>Tuesday</i>	Jeremiah 42	2 Corinthians 11	Jeremiah 43	John 1:29-end
<i>Wednesday</i>	Jeremiah 44:1-14	2 Corinthians 12:1-13	Jeremiah 44:15-end	John 2
<i>Thursday</i>	Ezekiel 2	2 Cor 12:14-13 end	Ezekiel 3:4-end	John 3:1-21
<i>Friday</i>	Ezekiel 8	Romans 1	Ezekiel 9	John 3:22-end
<i>Saturday</i>	Ezekiel 11:14-end	Romans 2:1-16	Ezekiel 33:21-end	John 4:1-26



# WORSHIP IN JULY & AUGUST 2017

## ALL SAINTS' AMERSFOORT

Every Sunday: 9:30am Sung Holy Communion  
(midweek services begin again in September)

Heilige Geestkerk, Mozartweg 54, Amersfoort (see: [www.allsaintsamersfoort.nl](http://www.allsaintsamersfoort.nl))

## ANGLICAN CHURCH ZWOLLE

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 4pm Holy Communion (GC)

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 4pm Holy Communion – **The Transfiguration of our Lord**

## GRACE CHURCH GRONINGEN

10:30am 2nd Sunday (Service of the Word) and 4th Sunday (Holy Communion) every Month

## HOLY TRINITY UTRECHT

*services are in English unless otherwise specified*

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b> 10:30 All Age Worship Sung Communion (followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Hall)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b> 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon) 10:30 Sung Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b> 10:30 Sung Communion and Prayers/Anointing for Healing
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i> 17:00 Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b> 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon) 10:30 Sung Communion
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Eve of Feast of St James</i> 20:00 Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b> 10:30 Solemn Sung Communion
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>The Transfiguration of our Lord (Trinity 8)</b> 10:30 Sung Communion
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday</b> 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon) 10:30 Sung Communion
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b> 10:30 Sung Communion (Prayer ministry for healing offered after the service)
Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	<i>Eve of Feast St Bartholomew the Apostle</i> 19:00 Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b> 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon) 10:30 Sung Communion

*In addition to the above services, we have these regular midweek services:*

Daily:	Morning Prayer (Tues to Fri 8.00; Sat 9.00) Evening Prayer (Tues to Fri 17.30; Sat 17:00)
Weekly:	Holy Communion (said) every Wednesday at 19:00