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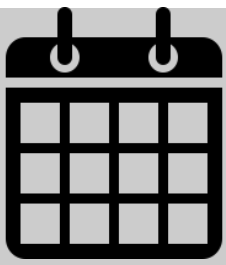
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# April Events

for worship services see page 24

April 1st	Easter feast. All welcome to join! Starts around 1:30 at the parsonage, Utrecht	
April 3rd	Thomas Telford Academy High School Band and Choir Starts 8 PM at the St. Ansfriduskerk, Amersfoort	see page 12
April 18th	First of two evenings exploring Anglican music. Starts 8 PM at the Lutheran church, Zwolle	see page 08
April 21st	Ontmoetingsdag, starts 10:30 AM in Utrecht	see page 18
April 22nd	Annual General Meeting for Holy Trinity <u>Church Utrecht</u> Starts after the 10:30 service	see page 24
April 23rd	Kerk & Israel Leerhuisavond, starts 20:00	see page 06
April 29th	Annual General Meeting for Holy Trinity <u>Chaplaincy</u> Starts after the 10:30 service	see page 24

## Bible Study Groups Utrecht

- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 20:00 in the parsonage (door open 19:45)
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 10:00 - 12:00; Kloostertuin 15, 3994 ZJ Houten. Contact: Susette Fink-Jensen
- The 'Betuwe Bible Study Group': Waalbandijk 48, 4175 AC Haaften. Contact: Isabel & Hans Baars, 0418 592525.

## Bible Study Groups Groningen

- Tuesdays (fortnightly) at 19:00 and at other times: **Grace Housegroup Bible Studies**. For information, contact Dragos Stefanescu at dragos.stef@gmail.com.
- Fridays at 15:30 (during term): **Prayer Group**, place each week t.b.a on Facebook group page.



# CHAPLAIN'S LETTER



*This month's Chaplain's Letter was written by the Rev. Sam van Leer, Groningen Chaplain*

In the forty days before Easter, we remember when Jesus, just after his baptism, was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, to fast and to pray, but also to be subjected to temptation by the devil. Jesus resisted the devil's beguiling offers, parrying each with robust and apt responses from Scripture. Jesus passed the test. In the original Greek, the word πειρασμός can be translated as 'temptation', but also as 'test' or 'trial', which is why these alternatives are seen in different versions of the Lord's Prayer. In Luke's Gospel, chapter 4, the 40-day period of trial for Jesus concludes with the menacing words: <sup>13</sup> καὶ συντελέσας πάντα πειρασμὸν ὁ διάβολος ἀπέστη ἀπ' αὐτοῦ ἄχρι καιροῦ (<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.) Jesus would be tested again, and again. Yet ever did he remain true to His Father in Heaven and to His calling to witness God's love on earth.

One would wish this kind of torturous moral testing upon no one, and we can be reassured by Paul's comforting words that <sup>13</sup> 'No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.' (1 Corinthians 10)

Jesus did come out of his 40 days of testing with a clearer confirmation of his purpose and mission. Returning to Galilee and hearing of his cousin John's arrest,



Jesus then Himself began to proclaim the Good News and urge all hearers to repent, for the Kingdom of God had come near!

A time of testing can bring greater clarity about one's true calling, what we need to say 'No' to and how we can say 'Yes' to God. Not for nothing did Paul also insist to Timothy that anyone interested in ministering in the Christian fellowship needed to be 'tested' (e.g. deacons, in 1 Timothy 3:10, though a different word for testing is used). Though such testing can be quite hard, it can ultimately prove helpful.

I was recently asked to speak to students at the international school in Groningen about twists and turns in my own career path. There have been many! Fortunately, when I was younger, I was able safely to explore and pursue many different educational and vocational possibilities. I have no regrets, as I have learned a great deal, but I do, in retrospect, wonder if I might have come to my true calling sooner had I been tested

more. Perhaps the many fantasies and distractions I entertained about what I wanted to do or be might have rightly been sifted away sooner?

Ironically there are parallels between my own vocational exploration and that of the Samuel in the Bible (1 Samuel 3), insofar as he was called several times before he understood how, and only did finally recognize God was calling him with the help of wiser mentors. When he did receive his calling, though, it was not unchallenging! (As it should be!)

In my own pilgrimage, I do not have regrets about the twists and turns, for I have learned a lot and broadened my perspective, but I do think earlier and harder testing might have served me well.

All followers of Christ are called to serve in one way or another, and there is an immense variety of valuable ministries for Christians to rise to. I am both humbled and honored that, despite my own peripatetic journey, I may help our Diocesan team by advising those seeking to discern their own vocations. And so put some of my experiences (fortunate and less fortunate) to use.

How is God calling you? How can you test it to ensure you are going in the right direction? There are a number of helpful resources and people to look to help you on your own journey. The first place to start is prayer and reflection. Then asking those near and dear to you and also your local ministry team. The Vocations page of Church of England's website is also very helpful: <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/vocations> .

The Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS:



<https://www.cpas.org.uk/> ) usefully sums up some key elements in discerning the direction of one's calling, under the fitting acronym 'C.O.M.P.A.S.S.'

**Consistency** Is this sense of calling something that is constant or recurring: a nagging sense that just won't go away over time? If so, then perhaps it is more than just an idea, a 'fad' or a phase you're going through. God won't give up on you just because you're confused or doubtful.

**Others** Is it through other people, maybe friends or colleagues, that you have received this call? Or have other people confirmed it? Can other people see the potential in you to fulfil this calling? What gifts do other people think you have? Often other people see us more objectively and honestly than we can see ourselves. It is worth talking to others who know you well, who will be honest with you and who you trust and respect. We are not called in isolation.

**Motives** Why are you thinking of pursuing this calling? Are your motives pure enough? Are you genuinely laying self-interest aside, and focused on core things that are important (not just money, lifestyle etc.)?

**Passions** What are the things that excite you and energise you? What turns



## Chaplain's letter - continued

you on? You are unique. There is nobody else quite like you. Does what you are thinking about as a profession, a calling, strike a chord with you and make you feel fulfilled as the person you were made to be?

**Aptitudes** What are you good at? What are your natural abilities? What are your gifts? Your God-given strengths? Your skills you have developed? Does the calling you're exploring fit with the tools already given you, or which are beginning to develop in you?

**Spirituality** How strong is your relationship with God, who can give you additional clues about your calling? Do you perceive God at work in the world and in your own life? How do you recognise the voice of God? Do you pray? Are you growing spiritually? And what will help you to help God help the world?

**Sense** Common sense, that is. When we're trying to discern our calling, we can't leave our brains at the door. What are the implications for you and for those around you? How does it fit with other callings you may already have to take seriously? Is the call realistic? With God all things are possible, but God also is a God of order, love and grace. God gives particular gifts and aptitudes to each of us. If a calling is



The Calling of Samuel (John Singleton Copley, 1780)

genuine and well-founded, at some point it will begin to make sense.

The above are things I wished I'd known sooner, but am grateful to share now.

Yours in Christ,

*Sam*

The Revd Sam Van Leer, Hon Assoc Chaplain for the congregation of Grace Church Groningen



## KERK & ISRAEL LEERHUISAVOND

23 april a.s. is er weer een leerhuisavond onder leiding van Tirtzah Middleton, de laatste voor dit seizoen.

Het onderwerp is het Lied der liederen, Sjier HaSjieriem, het Hooglied.

Ongetwijfeld wordt het weer een boeiende avond.

We beginnen als gewoonlijk om 20.00 u.; inloop vanaf 19.45 u.

Plaats: Thomas à Kempishuis (achter de Gerardus Majellakerk), [Broerestraat 12](#).

Vrij parkeren en vlakbij een bushalte.

Bijdrage 2 euro voor koffie/thee



## Introduction to the 2018 CrossFit series: Utrecht Chaplaincy's Men's Evening

In 2018 the 'Men's Evening' will be held five times at the home of Peter & Petra Gillies.

What is **CrossFit**? It is a play on the CrossFit fitness craze: a high-intensity fitness programme incorporating elements from several sports and types of exercise. We will not be doing anything but mental and spiritual exercises, although you are invited to come to the sessions on your bicycle!

The "red threads" of our particular brand of CrossFit will be three-fold:

- 1) To have fellowship between Christian men of all ages
- 2) To build our evenings around explore the subjects in the acronym: S.H.A.P.E.
- 3) To become "fit" for the world we live in and to fulfill the Lord's expectations

The five sessions will be as follows:

**"S" Evening (Spiritual Gifts)** – Which gifts of the Spirit do you have? How do we discern gifts? – **17 March 2018**

- Where: Scheg 1, Nijkerk - RSVP
- Time: 18:00 – BBQ; ending around 22:30
- Subject: The awareness of Spiritual Gifts in your life.

**"H" Evening (Heart)** – What do I have a passion for and love to do? – **June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Where: Scheg 1, Nijkerk - RSVP
- Time: 18:00 – BBQ; ending around 22:30
- Subject: Exploring what gets you going, what drives you, what attracts you, & where your passion is.

**"A" Evening (Abilities)** – What natural talents and skills do I have? – **August 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Where: Scheg 1, Nijkerk - RSVP
- Time: 18:00 – BBQ; ending around 22:30
- Subject: Thinking more deeply about what your talents are and how you might use them to serve God.

**"P" Evening (Personality)** – Where does your personality best suit you to serve? – **October 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Where: Scheg 1, Nijkerk - RSVP
- Time: 18:00 – BBQ; ending around 22:30
- Subject: What is your personal "software" and how does that affect your behavior?

**"E" Evening (Experiences)** – What spiritual, educational, or other experiences have you had? – **December 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Where: Scheg 1, Nijkerk - RSVP
- Time: 18:00 – BBQ; ending around 22:30
- Subject: Thinking about how your experiences have affected your life and how to leverage that for the Lord.

# CROSSFIT





# EXPLORING ANGLICAN CHURCH MUSIC!

TWO SPECIAL EVENINGS ORGANISED BY THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN ZWOLLE

## On April 18th and May 16th..

The Anglican Church in Zwolle are organising two music evenings focusing on Anglican Church Music.

It will be led by Christiaan Winter, and assisted by Bob van der Linde (one of our organists here at Zwolle). Christiaan was one of the editors of the new Protestant hymnal.

Each evening starts at 8pm until 10pm. It will be a mixture of listening, singing, and a lecture by Christiaan. Refreshments will be served in the evening.

**April 18th:** 8pm here in the Lutheran Church. Our first evening, we will review the Book of Common Prayer, renaissance and baroque composers, which includes some of the composers we have heard this evening - (Tallis, Byrd, Blow, Purcell). We will discuss the development of the Anglican chant and the early hymn.

**May 16th:** 8pm here in the Lutheran Church. Our second evening we will consider Victorian and modern composers, such as Wesley, Wood, Parry, Stanford, Howells, and Rutter. We will consider the further development of the hymn and the new musical ways (namely the influence of popular styles and world music and other musical forms).

These will be highly informative, and as we have



stated, participative. Each evening will be delivered in English with Dutch language notes and materials. The evenings are free, however people will have the opportunity to make a donation towards the costs of these events.

We hope that you will be able attend two special events. Please let other people know - whether they are part of an Anglican tradition of another denomination. They will be special, informative and enjoyable times together.

**Address: Koestraat 2, 8011 NK Zwolle, in the Lutheran Church at that address. The Church is located beside the Museum de Fundatie. There is only a very small amount of limited parking in the church grounds.**

**For more information contact: chaplain@allsaintsamersfoort.nl**







**Venue:** Koestraat 2, 8011 NK Zwolle, in the Lutheran Church at that address. The Church is located beside the Museum de Fundatie.



## **Exploring Anglican Church Music!**

Two special, informative and participative evenings focussing on Anglican Church Music are being organised by the Anglican Church in Zwolle.

***These will take place from 8 pm to 10pm on  
Wednesday ,18th April 2018 and  
Wednesday, 16th May 2018***



They will be led by Christiaan Winter, assisted by Bob van der Linde (one of our organists here at Zwolle). Christiaan was one of the editors of the new Protestant hymnal.

The evenings will be a mixture of listening, singing, and a lecture by Christiaan. They will cover material from the 16th century through to modern day.

***Refreshments will be served during the evening.***

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# UITNODIGING PAASJUBEL



Protestantse  
**Diaconie**  
**Utrecht**

Betreft: Paasjubel Domplein 2018

Utrecht, maart 2018

Aan voorgangers en leiders van alle kerken en christelijke geloofsgemeenschappen in de stad Utrecht,

Hierbij nodigen we u allen hartelijk uit om op 1 april a.s. naar het Domplein te komen. Om in alle vroegte – bij het aanbreken van de dag – elkaar te ontmoeten en de opstanding van de Heer te vieren tijdens de oecumenische Paasjubel op het Domplein. Velen van ons zullen later op de dag het Paasfeest in de eigen gemeenschap vieren, maar met deze oecumenische viering getuigen we in het hart van de stad.

De voorbereidingen voor de Paasjubel zijn inmiddels begonnen. Om 6.15 uur – bij het aanbreken van de ochtend - zullen we op het Domplein bijeen komen en met elkaar zingen en bidden en het Paasevangelie lezen. Het overweldigende geluid van de Domklokken neemt ons lied over: De Heer is waarlijk opgestaan! Aansluitend bent u welkom bij een gezamenlijk ontbijt in de Domkerk (hiervoor vragen we wel een vrijwillige bijdrage)

We hopen dat ook u zich aangesproken voelt en dat u hier bekendheid aan wilt geven in uw eigen gemeente.

Om het u gemakkelijk te maken zijn daarvoor een **persbericht** en een **poster** bijgevoegd. U kunt deze opnemen in uw maandelijkse of wekelijkse contactblad, neerleggen of ophangen op uw publicatiebord of –tafel of voor een raam aan de straat.

Heeft u vragen, opmerkingen of ideeën voor volgend jaar of wilt u dan zelf meewerken, neem dan contact op met [paasjubel@gvsnet.nl](mailto:paasjubel@gvsnet.nl) of met het secretariaat van de Protestantse Diaconie Utrecht [diaconie@protestant-utrecht.nl](mailto:diaconie@protestant-utrecht.nl).

We hopen velen te zien bij de Paasjubel!

U allen een goede lijdenstijd, uitlopend op een vrolijk Paasfeest gewenst,

Met vriendelijke groet,

namens de Protestantse Gemeente Utrecht,

Pim Brouwer, Marian van Giezen, Hanna Rijken en Rixt van de Voorde



# Welkom bij de Paasjubel tijdens zonsopgang !



## DOMPLEIN UTRECHT

**PAASZONDAG 1 APRIL 2018 – 06.15 UUR**



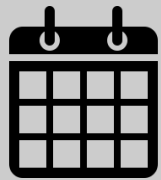
- in de stilte in het donker komen wij samen
- een gedicht, lied, trompetgeschal ... het wordt licht
- we lezen het Paasevangelie
- we zingen en bidden
- tot alle klokken van de Domtoren ons bijvallen met een overweldigend gelui

Voor wie dat wil is er Paasontbijt in de Domkerk.

De Paasjubel is een oecumenische activiteit, georganiseerd vanuit de Protestantse Gemeente Utrecht .







# ALL SAINTS NEWS

MUSIC CONCERT IN ST. ANSFRIDUS KERK AMERSFOORT,  
TUESDAY 3RD APRIL



All Saints is very happy to welcome a concert band and choir from the High School of Thomas Telford Academy from Telford Shropshire England.

Our Minister, Revd Grant, previously worked in Telford, Shropshire in England. His church already had a good relationship with the Thomas Telford Academy (11-18 year olds) when he arrived. That good relationship continued during the 8 years Grant was working in Telford. The School would hold Harvest and Christmas Services in the church and invite Revd Grant or another minister to speak at their Carols and Lessons Service held in their school. Before he moved to the Netherlands to lead All Saints, the Head of Music, suggested that if the school would do a tour in the Netherlands in the coming few years, maybe they could come to Amersfoort. And so they are coming this April! They are on a week long tour in the Netherlands and, will play on a Tuesday



evening here in Amersfoort. They are on a tour in the Netherlands and, in April, will play on a Tuesday evening here in Amersfoort. All Saints is organising this event and has arranged the use of St Ansfridus Church in the south of Amersfoort.

Tuesday 3rd April, 8pm start. In St Ansfridus Kerk, Jacob Catslaan 28, 3818 WK Amersfoort.

The evening is in two parts: 45 minute programme; a 15 minute break for refreshments; 45 minute second programme.

They will bring a choir of up to 60 members and a band of around 35 members.





### The Programme will include:

The Choir will be singing pieces such as Goodall's 'The Lord is my Shepherd' Mozart's 'Ave Verum' Rutter's 'the Lord bless you and keep you', Karl Jenkins 'Adiemus' and some Ed Sheeran and Toto for good measure! Gareth Howard, who is head of music at Thomas Telford Academy.



**The Concert band** will be playing music from Mamma Mia, Jurassic Park, Les Miserables and a lovely piece called 'And The Angels Called'. The evening will be free, there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards the costs of the evening. It will be a special event and you are warmly invited to attend and to bring your friends and family.



## CHARITABLE GIVINGS APRIL

*This was submitted by Sheila Kooijman*

This month we support local charities Sensoor en Omduw. Sensoor provides telephone help to those in crisis and OMDUW helps the homeless.

For more information, see websites:

<https://www.sensoor.nl/>

<https://stichtingomduw.wordpress.com/>



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**OMDUW**



## MOTHERS' UNION AT UNCSW62

*This article was submitted by Judy Miller*

The 62<sup>nd</sup> United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) takes place between March 12th and 23<sup>rd</sup> and for the second year running Mother's Union will be sending a delegation of members and staff to attend. The theme for this year is "facing the challenge of empowering rural women and girls". As an organisation with around 4 million members, many of whom are rural women themselves, our delegation is well placed to be able to contribute to the discussions representing our members worldwide. That is why we're sending a delegation of members and staff who will share their experience and unique knowledge with the forum.

The issues facing rural women are many and complex. As a member from South Africa wrote "poverty... bears the face of a woman" highlighting how the burden of poverty disproportionately falls on the rural poor, especially women. Mothers' Union have produced a statement for UNCSW based upon responses from over 250 members from around the world on the issue. Our findings proved that is that



issues such as isolation are universal across countries worldwide. However is emphasised that when rural women gain skills such as literacy and numeracy there are numerous positive outcomes including reductions in domestic abuse.

The UNCSW is an important opportunity for our members to discuss these issues with representatives from their governments. One of our delegates this year, Chipepa Leah Chiwepe, told us how she plans "to engage with Zambia's Minister of Guidance and Religious Affairs using the outcomes document as the basis for discussion on how Mothers' Union can work with governments." Through these discussions we hope that more women and girls than ever before will be given access to infrastructure, education and be more widely represented politically.

This political participation is particularly important not only for women's futures but also for peace in general. Studies have

shown that peace agreements rarely even mention women, and even fewer have female negotiators and signatories. Despite this it has been shown that peace and reconciliation efforts that do provide for women, and involve them at the top level are far more likely to succeed. This is why we





feel that it is so important that Mothers' Union are representing at UNCSW so their voices can be heard.

Finally, although challenges exist for many rural women, rural communities can also be some of the most tight-knit, empowering and supportive and should be preserved when this is the case. The UNCSW will also discuss the problems facing all women, including those living in urban areas. Throughout the week we will share live updates on twitter – follow us @MothersUnion. You can also find out more about Mothers' Union, our delegation and read the full statement to the UNCSW on our website:  
<http://mothersunion.org/mu-uncsw>



*Leah Chipepa, Mothers' Union member from Zambia*



## CHARITABLE GIVINGS UPDATE

*This was submitted by Sheila Kooijman*

I want to thank you and through you Holy Trinity Church for your unwavering and faithful support to the school feeding program. Our estimates are that it costs USD 5 to feed a child for a year, your donations last year helped to feed 220 children, who got breakfast every single day they went to school. The donations from Holy Trinity Church were a life line. Last year we spent less than previous years. This is because, as you may know, in 2017 there were presidential elections, the result was disputed by the opposition and the Supreme Court ordered a new election. This created a lot of uncertainty and tension and, given the deadly election violence that happened almost 10 years ago, the government decided to close

the schools early, in October, which meant that the feeding program ran for 3 months less than it normally does.

God bless you!  
 Priscila





# MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



*This contribution was written by Ruth Alkema*

*Written in response to an invitation in the #LiveLent 2018 app, where it said: "Make some time to write down the story of your relationship with God, how it began, how it has grown, what it means today"*

Can we have a relationship with God? What would, or could, be the nature of that relationship? Is anything like an equal balance and mutual respect possible? When I read the invitation in the Live Lent app, I was immediately enthusiastic to reflect on my own relationship with God, which has not always been easy, but still fills me with gratitude, awe and love.

The first memory that now comes to mind, is of a teacher in preschool, who taught us the Lord's prayer. She said that we should close our eyes, because then we would see God. I tried that out, but it didn't seem to work. This was disappointing, and puzzled me. Yet her remark stayed with me, as a treasured memory of someone who showed me what might be possible.

Later on, I learned more things about God in school and Church. I must have been a strange kid, for I had the habit of actually believing what was told and then acting accordingly. For example when I heard about David and Goliath: the next time I encountered a bully, I told him that I trusted God and therefore he would not be able to hurt me. In response, he kicked me extra hard. What I learned thereafter is



**Saturday 3rd March**

## Drink

Jesus returns to Jerusalem for a religious festival. It is a risky visit, because already some people are looking for a way to kill him. His teaching has puzzled some and provoked others.

## WITNESS

Make some time to write down the story of your relationship with God, how it began, how it has grown, what it means today. Look for an opportunity to share the story.

that most adults are not able or willing to explain these differences between theory and practice. Basically, they seemed to think that I had been rather silly to actually believe what I had been told, and that was that.

Then I began to be puzzled about God's omnipotence. I wondered how he controls everything I do, even my decisions. Once, cycling back from school, I wanted to explore this by experiment. I figured that I might detect God influencing my will if I could manage to stop willing something consciously. So I tried to cycle as



unconsciously as possible. This proved rather difficult - I fell in the attempt - and the whole experiment was a failure because I had still been slightly consciously aware that it was my own decision to stop pedalling. These experiments may seem extraordinarily silly and impractical, but I enjoyed them as a way of exploring something that is highly intangible, but real.

Thus I had three questions: can we see God; can we trust God; can we be autonomous in our relationship with God. And these seem to define my struggles in coming to grips with this bizarre relationship that we might have with this being who is different from us in almost all respects, although he says we have been made in his image.

I don't think these questions ever really left me, but for a long time they had been lingering somewhere in the back of my mind, whilst I was busy studying, working, marrying and raising children. But now in the past three years they have come back in full force. I had a lot of serious doubts,

shattered illusions and fears that God might be shutting me out. Looking back, I think I was most of all haunted by my own inner critic, constantly questioning my own motives. This went with panic attacks and long periods without sleep. During the last such episode, I sought rest by going for a walk, and ended up in a church. Many things were special in that walk, and the things that God seemed to be telling me, but one thing really was a turning point: a few days later, when I had finally had some sleep, and came back to my senses, it was as if God told me: "See: you really love me, otherwise you would not have gone to a church in such a state!". This argument convinced me, and helped me shut up that inner critic. It seems to me that this personal way of dealing with people is typical for God, and shows his respect for my autonomous choice and personality.

I know that he created me, and gave that love in my heart as a gift. But it feels very much as if God considered it really important to create the space and opportunity for me to make an autonomous choice to use that gift and love him back.





# Ontmoetingsdag

## anglicanen, oosters-orthodoxen, oud-katholieken en oriëntalen

### 21 april 2018

Opstandig bidden  
Gebed en zang in de Paastijd: in kerk en (t)huis

#### Sprekers:

**Theodoor van der Voort**

aartspriester Russisch-orthodoxe parochie Deventer

**Rudolf Scheltinga**

pastoor oud-katholieke parochie Egmond aan Zee

**Samoil Dogan**

priester Syrisch-orthodoxe Kerk Hengelo

#### Gastheer:

**mgr. Joris Vercammen**

oud-katholiek aartsbisschop van Utrecht,

in samenspraak met

**metropoliet Athenagoras,**

Oecumenisch Patriarchaat van Constantinopel



Henk Groen, Egmond aan Zee

Tijd: 10.30 uur (inloop vanaf 10.00 uur) - 15.30 uur

(aansluitend viering van de vesper in de Ste. Gertrudiskathedraal)

Middagprogramma: workshops en vesper

Kosten: €10 (inclusief koffie/thee/lunch), te betalen bij binnenkomst

Aanmelden: tot uiterlijk 13 april via: [secretarisoek@gmail.com](mailto:secretarisoek@gmail.com) of via 06-17857683

Vergadercentrum "In de Driehoek", Willemsplantsoen 1-c, 3511 LA Utrecht  
(ca. 10 minuten lopen vanaf station Utrecht CS)





# ANTHEM EVENSONG IN ZWOLLE

*This article was submitted by the Rev Grant Crowe*



'Anthem' choir, photo taken after the service, from the balcony.

**Who are Anthem?**  
ANTHEM was founded in 1979 at Zwolle. This choir is inspired by the tradition of the Anglican church and the choral works and arrangements of English composers. Next year is their 40th anniversary of being founded. Anthem is well known for their Evensongs and

On Sunday 18th March, the Anglican Church in Zwolle, enjoyed a Passiontide Evensong led by the choir "Anthem".

Three of the congregation sing in the choir and it was lovely to welcome their friends and colleagues from this 40 strong choir to help lead our worship. They sung the evening canticles of Hail, Gladdening Light, (tune by John Stainer), Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis (from the Short Service by Orlando Gibbons), as well as the Anthem 'Out of the Deep' by Thomas Morley, and finished with the vesper 'if ye love me' by Thomas Tallis. The Congregation at Zwolle enjoyed welcoming and were encouraged by the number of visitors who attended.

The Anglican Church in Zwolle look forward in the future to welcoming 'Anthem' back to help lead an Evensong or another service

Festivals of Nine Lessons and Carols. Anthem visits the United Kingdom regularly to get new inspiration and to sing in the many beautiful cathedrals across Britain.

*For more information: [www.anthem.nl](http://www.anthem.nl)  
The below photo was taken in another service, in 2016.*





# POEM



*The poem was written by Oeke Kruythof. English translation/transcreation by Jenny Narraway*

## **Psalm**

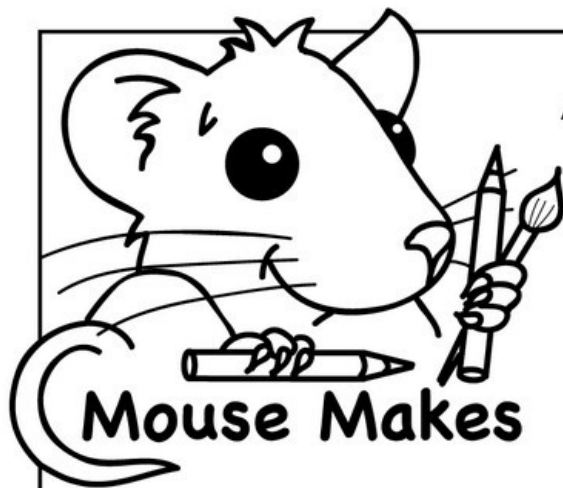
**Als ik vastgelopen ben  
geen uitzicht zie  
ontsluit U voor mij een weg  
en daar laat U het niet bij  
U pakt mijn hand  
en gaat mij voor  
omgeeft mij met Uw licht en  
kracht  
zo trekt U mij door de duisternis  
weer naar de dag  
zo vind ik weer de weg  
en wat mij ook belaagt  
van links of rechts  
ik sla het af  
zo blijf ik staande op Uw weg  
ga ik voort moedig en met vaste  
tred  
gesterkt door Uw liefde, licht en  
kracht**

## **Psalm for Easter**

**When I am stuck  
my vision blurred  
You open a way for me  
You take my hand  
and lead me  
surrounding me with  
Your light and strength  
so You pull me through the  
darkness  
back to the day  
that is how I find the way again  
and what also belittles me  
from left and right  
I will remove it  
that is how I stay with You  
I continue boldly on  
with a steady pace  
Strengthened  
by Your love, light and power**







## JESUS IS ALIVE!

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age.**"

Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*



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# 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 it is too much, chose just the Old Testament or Gospel or Epistle readings. Grey highlighted boxes are special readings related to a day of Fasting or a Feast day, which we begin to celebrate the night before.

## Easter Week – April 1 to 7

*Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech you, that as by your special grace you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<i>Easter Day</i>	Exodus 12:1-14	Revelations 1:4-18	Ex. 14:5-end	John 20:1-23
<i>Easter Monday</i>	Exodus 15:1-18	Luke 24:1-12	Isaiah 12	1 Peter 1:1-12
<i>Easter Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 25:1-9	Matthew 28:1-10	Isaiah 26:1-19	1 Peter 1:13-end
<i>Easter Wed</i>	Isaiah 61	John 21:1-14	S. of Sol. 2:8-end	Revelations 7:9-end
<i>Easter Thursday</i>	1 Kings 17:8-end	Mark 5:21-end	Daniel 12	1 Thess. 4:13-end
<i>Easter Friday</i>	2 Kings 4:8-37	Luke 7:11-17	Zeph 3:14-end	Acts 17:16-31
<i>Easter Saturday</i>	Jeremiah 31:1-14	John 11:17-44	Micah 7:7-end	Acts 26:1-23

## The Week of Easter I – April 9 to 14

*Almighty Father, who has given your only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<u><i>Monday</i></u>	Deutetonomy 1:3-18	Acts 1:1-14	Deuteronomy 1.19-end	Acts 1.15-end
<u><i>Tuesday</i></u>	Deuteronomy 2.1-25	Acts 2.1-21	Deuteronomy 2.26-3.5	Acts 2.22-end
<u><i>Wednesday</i></u>	Deuteronomy 3:18-end	Acts 3:1--4:4	Deuteronomy 4:1-24	Acts 4:1-24
<u><i>Thursday</i></u>	Deuteronomy 4:25-40	Acts 4:32--5:11	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Acts 5:12--6:7
<u><i>Friday</i></u>	Deuteronomy 5:22-end	Acts 6:8--7:16	Deuteronomy 6	Acts 7:17-34
<u><i>Saturday</i></u>	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	Acts 7:35--8:4	Deuteronomy 7:12-end	Acts 8:4-25



### The Week of Easter II – April 16 to 21

*Almighty God, who has given your only Son to be to us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<i>St Philip &amp; St James</i>	Job 23:1-12	John 6:1-14	Isaiah 30:15-21	John 17:1-8
<i>Tuesday</i>	Deuteronomy 9:11-end	Acts 9:32-end	Deuteronomy 10	Acts 10:1-23
<i>Wednesday</i>	Deuteronomy 11:1-12	Acts 10:24-end	Deuteronomy 11:13-end	Acts 11:1-18
<i>Thursday</i>	Deuteronomy 12:1-14	Acts 11:19-end	Deuteronomy 15:1-18	Acts 12:1-24
<i>Friday</i>	Deuteronomy 16:1-20	Acts 12:25--13:12	Deuteronomy 17:8-end	Acts 13:13-43
<i>Saturday</i>	Deuteronomy 18:9-end	Acts 13:44--14:7	Deuteronomy 19	Acts 14:8-end

### The Week of Easter III – April 23 to 28

*Almighty God, who shows to those that be in error the light of your truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<i>Monday</i>	Deuteronomy 21:22--22:8	Acts 15:1-21	Deut. 24:5-end	Acts 15:22-35
<i>Tuesday</i>	Deuteronomy 26	Acts 15:36--16:5	Ezekiel 1	Acts 12:25-13:13
<i>St. Mark</i>	Ecclus 51:35-end	Acts 15:35-end	Isaiah 62:6-end	2 Timothy 4:1-11
<i>Thursday</i>	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	Acts 18:1-23	Deuteronomy 31:14-29	Acts 18:24--19:7
<i>Friday</i>	Deuteronomy 31:30--32:14	Acts 19:8-20	Deuteronomy 32:15-47	Acts 19:21-end
<i>Saturday</i>	Deuteronomy 33	Acts 20:1-16	Deut. 32:48-end & 34	Acts 20:17-end



# WORSHIP IN APRIL

## All Saints Amersfoort

Every Sunday: 9:30am Sung Holy Communion  
Nieuwe Erven, Heiligenbergerweg 144, 3816 AN Amersfoort  
(for midweek services and activities see: [www.allsaintsamersfoort.nl](http://www.allsaintsamersfoort.nl))

## Anglican Church Zwolle

4pm First Sunday (Holy Communion) and 4pm Third Sunday (Evensong)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> April

### EASTER SUNDAY

10:30 Choral Communion (English)

**Easter Monday** 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Easter Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10:00 Choral Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon)  
10:00 Holy Communion (said in English)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Sunday after Easter

9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon)  
10:30 Choral Communion  
14:30 Choral Evensong

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

### Second Sunday after Easter

10:30 Choral Communion with Anointing & Healing Ministry

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April

### Evening Prayer and Praise –

**Theme: "They shall obtain mercy."**

19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

### Third Sunday after Easter

9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon)  
10:30 Choral Communion

**2018 Holy Trinity Church Utrecht Annual General Meeting** after the service

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

### Feast of St Mark the Evangelist

19:00 Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

### Fourth Sunday after Easter

10:30 Solemn Choral Communion

**2018 Holy Trinity Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting** after the service

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

Daily: Morning Prayer (Tues to Fri 8.00; Sat 9.00) and Evening Prayer (Tues to Fri 17.30; Sat 17.00)

Weekly: Holy Communion (said) (Wednesday at 19.00)