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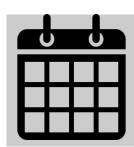
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Friday Feb 1st

EVENTS COMING UP

ChoRuss concert at HTC, doors open 7:30 PM

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FOR WORSHIP SERVICES SEE LAST PAGE

Feb 10th Welcome to Utrecht student event see page 16

Tuesday Feb 12th Student Bible study see page 16

Tuesday Feb 19th Betuwe Bible study see below

Tuesday Feb 26th Student Bible study see page 16

Tuesday Mar 5th Shrove Tuesday (pancake Tuesday) see page 16

BIBLE STUDY GROUP BETUWE

- Our small Bible study team Iris and Freek Dill and Isabel and Hans Baars come together once per month on a Tuesday. The Betuwe Bible study group will in February continue the study of the Bible text used in Händels Messiah. Tuesday February 19 at 20 pm we will start with the verses related to the Birth of Christ. We will also listen to the music
- The HTC student group will start a new Bible study series in February on the vices. See page 16 for more information on this.





CHAPLAIN'S LETTER

This month's Chaplain's letter is written by the Rev. Grant Crowe, ASA chaplain.

"On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived." (NIV, Luke 2:21). The eight day old baby is named Jesus. Jesus is the Greek translation in our Bibles, for the name he would have been called by people on that day - 'Yeshua'.

Yeshua is circumcised like thousands of Jewish boys

before him. He followed an ancient tradition given by God in Genesis 17. The Lord says to Abraham: "This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: every male among you shall be circumcised." (NIV, Genesis 17:10) It was to be a sign of the covenant between God and the Jewish people. This sign was one of great value, a sign of continuity - from Yeshua all the way back to Abraham and the other males in his household who were the first to be circumcised (17:27). A sign of continuity. A sign of tradition. Something old, you could say.

As we are about to enter the second month of 2019, can I ask a question?



What customs, traditions, did you develop in 2018, that you are planning to continue in 2019, or perhaps are already continuing as January comes to an end? Family habits? Healthy work or study habits? Spiritual practices that have helped nourish your relationship with the Lord? Sometimes what is old, what are 'traditions' for us - what nourishes, shapes us - we need to choose to protect and continue, as well as consider what new things to do or what to change as the year continues.

Through circumcision, his parents,
Joseph and Mary, by making this choice,
state Yeshua, their son, is within the
covenant people. However, Yeshua /
Jesus is the one to fulfil the covenants

God has made, we learn. He is about the *old* and the *new*. As that eight day old lay there, the people who gathered (circumcision was usually a public event) could have said, as Matthew describes Jesus (Matthew 1:1): "This was a son of Abraham and a son of David," (a boy within David's line). 'A son of Abraham', stating his Jewish identity. And true Jewish bloodline mattered in those times. Herod the Great - the king in the times when Jesus is born, and who would later to try to kill him (as we heard a few weeks ago on Epiphany Sunday) - he was not a popular king. He was half Edomite - not a true blood Jewish king. Herod had the official records destroyed so no one could prove and dispute his lineage, for he claimed to be a true blood king.

But that word 'Abraham' carries more weight. It recalls the Abrahamic promise

that through Abraham's descendant would come blessing to the nations (Genesis 12:1-3, 22:17-18). Jesus is the one through whom blessing will come to the whole world, (see Acts 3:24-26). He will fulfil the covenant promise. Yeshua / Jesus is fulfilling God's plan declared over 3000 years ago!

Jesus is 'a son of David' - not only of the tribe of Judah but also of the line of David. Yet that name, 'David' recalls the other great covenant - made by the Lord God with David centuries before. Recorded in 2 Samuel 7:8-13, King David is promised that one of his descendants would reign from an eternal throne. Jesus is that promised King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the Christ.

The baby who has been circumcised, he fulfils these key covenants, which are cornerstones of Jewish faith. Something new came.

So this year, 2019, what is new or will be new? A few weeks ago, we celebrated the beautiful marriage of David and Danielle! They will need our support and prayers as they adjust to and enjoy married life in Utrecht. We will see in the coming year, before the summer, that All Saints will become an



CHAPLAIN'S LETTER — CONTINUED

independent self standing self governing chaplaincy. We pray for All Saints as it prepares for this change. We are also mindful across Europe, there is 1.2 million British ex-patriots affected by the ongoing uncertainity of Brexit. We do continue to pray for those individuals as March 29th approaches. And we pray for the many in our nation of the Netherlands who will be affected by Brexit - perhaps they work in companies whose business deals greatly with the UK, or who retired here and no longer what is the right decision whether to stay or return. A new time approaches for our continent of Europe.

But for *you*? What *is* new or will be new for you in 2019 - in career, church involvements, work, family, studies? And what *needs* to be new? What no longer works, what needs to change? In relationships? In work-life balance?

In our spiritual lives what needs to change? Do certain spiritual practices no longer nourish us? At times we feel we need to try harder spiritually. But perhaps instead we need to try and do things differently? Is it times of silence? Is it solitude? Is it time in 'God's cathedral' - in creation? Is it increased times of celebration (singing worship hymns and songs)? Is it engaging more with Christian art or other elements that tap into and engage with our senses?

And as we look ahead, what is the Lord calling of us in 2019? Lots of questions here! Do we assume, that things continue as they are... old? Or is the Lord calling new things of us in this year? Is he

inviting us into new areas of commitment within our congregation or an invitation to grow deeper with him in a particular way? How could he be calling you into joining in with his work? "As the Father sent me, so I send you." John 20:21 reminds us, in Jesus' words, that we join in with the work of God.

So one task can be to set aside quality time - with friends if that works for you (some of us find it hard to be alone and instead we need to talk or pray with others), or alone if that works. To consider our walk with the Lord.

As we do this, can I suggest a prayer to reflect upon, which is from the English Methodist tradition.

When I worked in England, we had close links with the Methodist Church, (the Methodist Church grew out of the Church of England in the 19th century). Many Methodist Churches - in the UK certainly usually on the first Sunday of January hold a 'Covenant Service'. This service has two elements. A celebration of God's faithfulness and what he has done - in the congregation and personally, within and through and around the believers. But also it is seen as a time to renew our own personal covenant - a covenant, is in effect, an agreement between two parties - to renew and restate our personal commitment to the Lord. In one way we are always in relationship with the Lord. On the other hand, as we begin each day, God is inviting us to commit ourselves to him afresh, anew, to believe, trust and follow. For most of us, each day, it is a

subconcious act of commitment. We keep on keeping on!

The Covenant Service is that moment in the Methodist Church Year, for Christians to *consciously* commit themselves afresh to the Lord.

The main prayer the service uses, is:

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing, put me to suffering;

put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

exalted for you, or brought low for you;

let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessèd God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

It is a way we accept afresh the relationship the Lord offers. It is about putting God first in our lives, about being a disciple. As we see from the words, it is very challenging. However, note it's words towards the end - "you are mine and I am yours." These words remind us that we do all our discipleship not in our strength but in a close relationship with the Lord, seeking his help, through his Spirit.

It is worth taking time to reflect upon this

prayer. To consider its words, what it asks of us, can we pray it? What jumps out at you? What would you find easy to say? What would you find difficult to say? How might it apply to your whole life?

So as January comes to an end, can we set aside time in the weeks ahead, to prayerfully consider: what is on God's heart for you the year ahead? To seek that the Lord's thoughts would be sown in our thoughts. To seek that his plans would be our plans, whether they are old or new, whether his plans are continuing what has gone before, or are something new. Whether we follow the traditions or the past or he is inviting us into change. Maybe he affirms what we already do. Maybe he shows us the next stage, next step.

But we do all this, confident in those helpful Methodist words:

"And now, glorious and blessèd God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. Amen."

Revd Grant Crowe.



BREXIT: AN EUROPEAN VOICE

DIOCESE IN EUROPE

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Bishop in Europe:

The Right Reverend Dr. Robert Innes



In the 1960s, it was said UK entry to the "Common Market" would mark the end of a thousand years of British history. Fastforwarding to 2019, the clock is now ticking rapidly towards the end of British membership of the European Union. Where are we, and where are we going on Brexit?

Brexit is a UK choice

The UK has decided to leave the EU. It's the choice made in the June 2016 referendum, whatever you think about the campaign and the result (and many UK citizens in my diocese didn't get to vote). The UK Government started the clock to withdraw from the EU. It's suggested by some that the EU somehow is choosing not to deal with the UK; but the EU waited for two years before the UK proposed, last summer, what kind of future relationship it wants. Meanwhile, the EU's Court of Justice has said, last December, that the UK can decide not to withdraw from the EU.

The EU speaks with one voice on Brexit

The other 27 EU countries have remained together and largely united during the



Brexit negotiations. The Irish Border issue shows this clearly. Avoiding a new hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic goes to the heart of the Good Friday agreement, which has led to peace, security and reconciliation for 20 years. It's also about what customs arrangements there will be between a Northern Ireland that continues to be close to EU rules, and the rest of a UK that may want to break with them in future. The UK Government concluded a Withdrawal Agreement with the rest of the EU last November. The UK Government, under acute domestic pressure in Parliament to re-open discussions about the terms of the Agreement, now says it needs further clarifications and reassurances about the Irish Border text. Ireland and the rest of



the EU are saying repeatedly they will offer to clarify but are not prepared to rewrite the Agreement.

The UK has Brexit (and post-Brexit) choices

Parliament is expected to vote on Brexit on 15 January. The UK Government maintains the vote on the PM's November deal next week, deferred from December, is the only way to avoid no deal. As a bishop based in Brussels, with a diocese that stretches across the EU and beyond, I remain perplexed. We were told 'no deal is better than a bad deal', then we were told that 'no deal' was the worst of all worlds, and now we are again being told to prepare for 'no deal'. If you are in my diocese, 'deal or no deal' slogans mean everything in terms of your basic rights to live in your chosen country, receive health care and draw a pension. There's been no genuine consideration of future relationship options the EU has put on the table a year ago, e.g., a variant on Norway. Leaving the EU without a deal will lose our largest trading relationship. What's the alternative vision and future for us in the world on trade. prosperity, peace and security?

The Church is here to stay in Europe beyond Brexit

Amid all this Brexit confusion, I was delighted that The House of Bishops issued a statement before Christmas. urging our political leaders to work together across tribal divisions, exhorting them to speak to each other and to us with integrity, courage and clarity. The Diocese in Europe, the 42nd in the Church of England, has a presence right across the European continent. We have over 300 chaplaincies, from Iceland in the north, to Turkey in the east. We maintain close relationships with our brothers and sisters in other Christian Churches in Europe. And we will continue to campaign in the European Institutions on key issues of human rights, migration and freedom of religious expression and belief. The UK may be set to leave the EU after 45 years: Anglicans have been in Europe for over 400 and will remain here.

In the 1975 referendum, the campaign lobby to get the UK out of the EEC used the slogan 'Out, and into the world'. The real risk we face without a deal is that the UK will be just 'out' ...

Rt Revd Dr Robert Innes is the Anglican Bishop in Europe. He writes on Brexit at https://bishopineurope.wordpress.com and tweets at @Bishop Europe



ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

The Chaplaincy Electoral Roll must be completely renewed for 2019, which means everyone who wants to be a voting member of Holy Trinity Chaplaincy must be recorded. This allows you to vote at the Annual Church Meeting, offer yourself for election to Council or various formal committees or as an officer, such as Churchwarden.

It is also important for the Chaplaincy that we have accurate information. The number of members on the Electoral Roll influences how big our Council is, how many representatives we have on Archdeaconry Synod or other bodies and how much our formal financial contribution to the Diocese is.

This year there are some significant events that will give this exercise more importance and require it to be accurate in its information.

You may recollect that last year we asked you indicate informally, of which church you consider yourself to be a member, within our Chaplaincy. This has allowed for some detailed forward planning on how we will operate, following the creation of the new All Saints Amersfoort Chaplaincy happening at the Bishop's visit on Sunday 12 May next year.

There will be a new Electoral Roll Enrolment Form, enabling you to go onto the 2019 Roll, which is being produced and managed by the Electoral Roll Officer, Sheila Kooijman. The timetable is tight for issuing and returning this form so

that the Roll may be constituted. The form will be issued to you at the beginning of January with a return requested by mid-February so that the Electoral Roll can be finalised before the various local meetings. These will take place late February/early March to choose representatives to serve on Local Leadership Teams and to be recommended for service on Church Council at the Annual General Meeting, which will take place on Sunday 24 March.

The new Enrolment Form will ask you for detailed information, so that we can ensure our database is current and allows contact. However, because of the new Data Protection requirements, you will be asked specifically if we may keep this information and told how we will use it.

Your name must be displayed on the Electoral Roll but any other contact information, such as address, phone number and e-mail address, will be kept only for direct use by our Chaplaincy. It will not be shared with any other party without your explicit permission. You may alter or withdraw the information we hold at any time.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Electoral Roll is not a document produced for its own sake, as it is an important tool for many things that flow in our church life, not least the Annual Meeting.

The Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting, which will take place on Sunday 24 March in Utrecht, approves the past year's accounts and appoints Council and some officers. It will also endorse the renewed Electoral Roll. However the 2019 meeting will be slightly different as it prepares for the new All Saints Chaplaincy.

Whilst complying with our requirements under Church rules, it will also shape its procedures to allow for a smooth separation, when All Saints is formed. The Electoral Roll, with its information of who is planning to worship where, can be handed over.

The Chaplaincy Council for 2019 will be appointed at the Annual Meeting in March, as usual but with foresight of the creation of the new Chaplaincy. The Leadership team for Amersfoort would form the basis for their new Council, when constituted but its composition will be a matter for them. Any members on the Utrecht Chaplaincy Council from Amersfoort, appointed at the meeting, would cease to be members at the time of independence.

The Utrecht Chaplaincy Council will continue with members from the three churches in Zwolle, Groningen and Utrecht. Leadership teams will have considered this when they make their recommendations to Council, prior to the Annual Meeting.

The appointment of Wardens and Officers will also take account of the imminent changes, to minimise any duplication or disruption.

A lot of work and planning has happened and will continue, to make the next year a success for all our churches. The creation of All Saints is a great witness to our growth and the enabling of Anglican worship, for which we give thanks and praise.

We hope that you will be able to assist in that smooth transition and success by helping to keep to the timetable. If there is anything in the process that you are not sure of and would like to ask, please contact one of us.

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OUR FRIENDS IN TIRANA

As we walked up to the fourth church plant of the Illyricum Network in Tirana, it looked much like any strip mall store front. Once the doors had opened, however, you could immediately see the enormous amount of work that had been done to make the interior an open and welcoming sanctuary. (see video montage at: https://youtu.be/XEhvGNhN7G0) How nice it was to be in Tirana again last September!

Again, Edi Demo, his wife Bona and their sons Noel and Sion, were kind and gracious hosts to Rev. Grant and myself. Grant preached a couple of sermons on the Prodigal Son and on Matthew 1, and he spent a few hours teaching on Christology,

i.e. Jesus as fully God and fully Human.

For me, it was an honor to share my search for Christ with new and potential Christian brothers and sisters who, like me, found their faith growing in the midst of a Muslim land. I also got to put some of my psychology of leadership to good use for the Tirana Pastors.

The Albanian churches continue to root and grow – with all the expected pains associated with that! They need and deserve your prayers and mine – may they reach all those who hear the calling of the Spirit!

Peter Gillies





This page, top: Grant preaching evening service This page, left: Peter teaching on Leadership

Next page, top left: English teaching Emmanuel church

Next page, top right: Kids church on Sunday at Emmanuel

Next page, middle: Kids church at Emmanuel, Peter shares why he is a Christian

Next page, bottom: Peter teaching.













A MESSAGE FROM CAMBRIDGE

As many of you will know, I moved to Cambridge in September to take up the study of theology and formation for ministry. I feel richly blessed being able to live and study in this place. I live in a room in my seminary, Westcott House, on Jesus Lane, in the middle of the city. I am part of a lovely community of about 50 ordinands and a staff of circa 10. It is an interesting mixture of ages and academic and professional backgrounds. There are also some families with small children living here. We have our own chapel for the Daily Offices and daily Holy Communion. We also make of use of the big neogothic All Saints church, next door. During terms we share our meals and there is a Common Room to meet each other in spare time. All of the students are attached to churches around, many of them to college chapels. I am attached to Great Saint Mary's, the university church in the middle of the city. In terms of style of worship it is comparable to HTC. Throughout the year there are a number of special services in this church, bringing in all kinds of dignitaries from both the university and the local authorities They may wear all kinds of fancy uniforms and colourful academic hoods. In the past months, for instance, we had a few 'university sermons'. There was also a special, moving service focused on traffic accidents and a service for all who are working in the judiciary. On Remembrance Day the church was packed with service men



and women in all kinds of uniforms and a former general in uniform was preaching. This is all very English. In the Netherlands we are not used to having an 'established church'. But in this country the church plays an important and natural role in public life, which in my view is very powerful. Connected to Great Saint Mary is a 'pioneering ministry' in an old church which is divided into a café at the front and a chapel in the back. In this chapel all kinds of activities find place that are less fitting in the big church, such as a lovely service for toddlers and their parents on Wednesday mornings and services with a more informal or meditative style. I am happy to be able to gain a lot of valuable

experiences with assisting and leading all kinds of services and of course with preaching as well. But studying theology is of course the main activity. Cambridge is a very good place for this, with fine scholars and excellent libraries around. Next year I will also do a number of social placements as part of my formation in church and secular contexts. The whole study will take me two years. And after that, I hope to start my curacy somewhere in the Diocese in Europe.

I do miss our community of Holy Trinity Utrecht. I regard you as my sending parish with which I will always feel a special connection and I keep you in my prayers. When I am visiting family and friends in the Netherlands I will try to join you in worship on Sundays. And if anyone of you happens to be around in Cambridge in the coming 1,5 year, don't hesitate to contact me!



Blessings, Wim Kuiper wimkuiper.br@gmail.com



CHARITABLE GIVING IN FEBRUARY

The Kigama School breakfast club in rural Kenya provides daily porridge to school children who otherwise would go hungry. Ex-congregation member Priscila Rodriguez worked at this school for a while and help start the program.

The ecumenical Meditation Centre in Hoog Catherijne, supported by Utrecht churches, is a place of silence, reflection, inspiration and encounter amid the hustle and bustle of modern society.





STUDENT ACTIVITIES HTC

Our student group is starting a new Bible study series in February. In the coming months we'll discuss the vices (Gluttony, Lust, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, Anger and Pride) in our Student Bible Studies. We have biweekly meetings and you can find our schedule here. Of course these evenings are open to anyone that feels young of heart - you do not need to be a student to attend!

Please let Erik Heemskerk know if there's a theme you particularly want to lead the Bible Study on or an evening you want to share your cooking talents with us (contact info on first page).

On the non-Bible study Tuesdays usually another social activity is scheduled, such as Pancake Tuesday. See schedule, subscribe to the Facebook group or ask Erik about these.

Schedule

29 January 2019: Bible Study: Introduction to the vices

10 February 2019: Welcome to Utrechtevent

12 February 2019: Bible Study: Gluttony 26 February 2019: Bible Study: Greed

5 March 2019: Pancake Tuesday –

Short introduction on fasting

6 March 2019: Ash Wednesday (Church service)

19 March 2019: Sloth

29-31 March 2019: Chevetogne

Weekend

9 April 2019: Bible Study: Lust

21 April 2019: Easter Feast

23 April 2019: Bible Study: What does

the resurrection of Jesus mean? 7 May 2019: Bible Study: Wrath 21 May 2019: Bible Study: Envy

4 June 2019: Bible Study: Pride

18 June 2019: Bible Study: Concluding

session on vices

25 June 2019: Concluding Activity

(BBQ)

Chevetogne Weekend 29-31 March

The student group will also go to Chevetogne again! This is a Byzantine rite Catholic monastery in Belgium. You can find out more about it on this website: https://

www.monasteredechevetogne.com/

We'll be staying there from Friday 29 to Sunday 31 March. There is space for 12 people to join. If you're interested in joining, just let Erik Heemskerk know!





CONFIRMATION SERVICE MAY 19TH

God willing, Bishop Robert Innes, Diocese in Europe, will be coming to lead a confirmation service in our chaplaincy on Sunday 19th of May.

Any who are interested in confirmation in Amersfoort or in Utrecht should contact Grant or David, respectively. They will let you know of precise dates for confirmation preparation.

Preparing for Confirmation is an opportunity for questioning and learning. No aspect of the faith is "off-limits" to your sincere and honest enquiry as you prepare for Confirmation. The Chaplain, or fellow Christians who travel the same road, have the same needs and questions as you, will listen and teach as you prepare for Confirmation.

Confirmation is derived from the Latin word *confirmare*, which means "to

strengthen." Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith which, for those baptised as infants, was confessed by parents and God-parents at baptism. It is also a means of grace, a sacramental gift where the bishop prays while laying hands on each confirmand that he or she may be confirmed or strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Church administers confirmation in response to the example of the Apostles laying their hands on disciples of Christ and praying for the gift of the Spirit (Acts 7.14-17) and New Testament teaching about the sealing or anointing of the Holy Spirit (Heb. 6:2, Eph. 1:13,14, 2 Cor. 1:21).

Our confirmation will be held in Utrecht—venue to be announced, depending on the number of candidates.



Confirmation service 2018



FEBRUARY 1ST

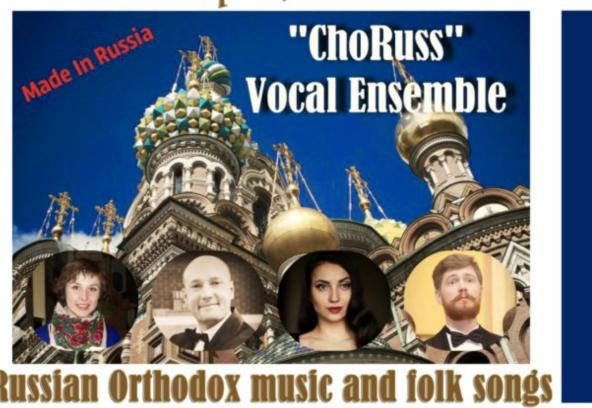
CONCERT CHORUSS

On Friday February 1st the Russian vocal ensemble "ChoRuss"will be singing at Holy Trinity Church. We are fortunate to have them back to sing a beautiful selection of Russian Orthodox music and folk songs.

The concert starts at 8:00 pm, doors open at 7:30 pm. The concert lasts approximately one and a half hours, including a break.

Admission free, donations are welcome.

February 1st Concert Admission Free 8:00 pm/20:00 Donations Welcome



ChoRuss will also join us at Holy Trinity Church in Utrecht for the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord (Candlemas) at 8pm on Saturday 2 February. They will sing the liturgical portions of the service, using the equivalents from the Russian Orthodox Tradition, and sing an Anthem. Please join us for this special Christian Feast Day when we remember Mary and Joseph bringing the Christ child to the Temple 40 days after his birth! (The stained glass window to the right of the centre window at Holy Trinity Church at the front, represents this moment.)



POEM



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

Kind in winter

Child in winter

Buiten
hangt de stille winter
kale takken
een schimmenspel in mist

dan is daar het kind een schaterlach

de sneeuwpop
met zijn rode
veel te grote scheve hoed
vult blij
haar hele dag

Outside
the quiet winter hovers
empty branches
a ghostly shadow spectre
in the mist
then there is the child
roaring with laughter
and the snowman
with his red hood
slanting and much too big
filling her whole day







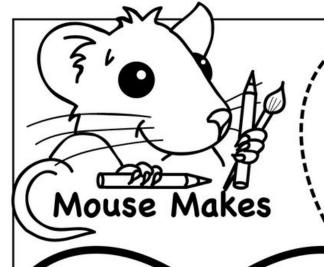
It has really happened!

Thanks to all who have helped and supported us in various ways. Thank you for your presence and your prayers! With love and gratitude, Daniëlle and David





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WHAT IS LOVE?

Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.

OHNKEWJLOSHCNP CGHUADPBTFEKRA FJOMUORD VWEURDSKEV

TOEGNP

God's love is...

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.

"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvdi uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp uibu fwfszpof xip cfmjfwft jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu ibwf fufsobm mjgf."

Kpio 3:16



Look at this in a mirror!

God showed His **love** for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through Him ?3

1 John 4:9

HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?

Cross out all the xxx to find out!

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"The steadfast **love** of the Lord *never* ceases" Lamentations 3:22





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 Feastday, which we begin to celebrate the night before.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 2

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Мо	orning Prayer	Evening Prayer		
Monday	Habakkuk 1	1 Corinthians 7	Habakkuk 2	1 Corinthians 8	
Tuesday	Habakkuk 3:2-end	1 Corinthians 9	Zephaniah 1	1 Corinthians 10:1- 11:1	
Wednesday	Zephaniah 2	1 Corinthians 11:2-end	Zephaniah 3	1 Corinthians 12.1-27	
Thursday	Zechariah 11	1 Corinthians 12:27—13-end	Zechariah 13	1 Corinthians 14:1-19	
Friday	Malachi 1	1 Corinth. 14:20-end	Exodus 13:11-16	Galatians 4:1-7	
Purification of the BVM	1 Sam 1:21-end	Hebrews 10:1-10	Haggai 2:1-9	Romans 12:1-5	

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - FEBRUARY 4 TO 9

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer		
Monday	Jeremiah 1	2 Corinthians 1.1-2.11	Jeremiah 2.1-13	2 Corinthians 2.12-3 end	
Tuesday	Jeremiah 4.1-18	2 Corinthians 4	Jeremiah 5.1-19	2 Corinthians 5	
Wednesday	Jeremiah 5.20-end	2 Corinthians 5.20-7.1	Jeremiah 6.1-21	2 Corinthians 7.2-end	
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.1-28	2 Corinthians 8	Jeremiah 8	2 Corinthians 9	
Friday	Jeremiah 9.1-24	2 Corinthians 10	Jeremiah 10	2 Corinthians 11	
Saturday	Jeremiah 14	2 Corinthians 12.1-13	Jeremiah 15	2 Corinthians 12.14-13 end	

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – FEBRUARY 11 TO 16

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

	Morning Prayer			Evening Prayer		
Monday	Jeremiah 17.1-18	Acts 15.1-29	Jer	remiah 17.19-end	Acts 15.30-16.5	
Tuesday	Jeremiah 18.1-17	Acts 16.6-end	Jer	remiah 20	Acts 17.1-15	
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23.9-32	Acts 17.16-end	Jer	remiah 30.1-22	Acts 18.1-23	
Thursday	Jeremiah 31.1-20	Acts 18.24-19.7	Jer	remiah 31.23-end	Acts 19.8-20	
Friday	Jeremiah 33.1-13	Acts 19.21-end	Jer	remiah 33.14-end	Acts 20.1-16	
Saturday	Ezekiel 1	Acts 20.17-end	Ez	ekiel 11.1-13	Acts 21, 1-16	

SEPTUAGESIMA – FEBRUARY 18 TO 23

O LORD, we beseech you favourably to hear the prayers of your people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

	Morn	ing Prayer	Evening Prayer		
Monday	Genesis 3	Matthew 15:29—16:12	Genesis 4:1-16	Romans 1	
Tuesday	Genesis 6:5-end	Matthew 16:13-end	Genesis 7	Romans 2	
Wednesday	Genesis 8:1-14	Matthew 17:1-23	Genesis 8:15—9:17	Romans 3	
Thursday	Genesis 11:1-9	Matthew 17:24—18:14	Genesis 11:27—12:10	Romans 4	
Purification of the BVM	Genesis 13	Matthew 18:15-end	Genesis 14	Romans 5	
Saturday/St Mathias	Genesis 15	Matthew 19:1-15	Isaiah 22:15-22	John 15:1-16	

SEXAGESIMA – FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 2

O LORD God, who sees that we do not put our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Mornir	ng Prayer	Evening Prayer		
Monday	Genesis 17:1-22	Matt 19:16—20:16	Genesis 18	Romans 7	
Tuesday	Gen 19:1-3,12-29	Matthew 20:17-end	Genesis 21	Romans 8:1-17	
Wednesday	Genesis 22:1-19	Matthew 21:1-22	Genesis 23	Rom. 8:18-end	
Thursday	Genesis 24:1-28	Matthew 21:23-end	Genesis 24.29-end	Romans 9	
Friday	Gen 25:7-11,19-end	Matthew 22:1-33	Genesis 26:1-5,12-end	Romans 10	
Saturday	Genesis 27:1-40	Matthew 22:34—23:12	Genesis 27:41—28:end	Romans 11	



WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

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)

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 10:30am 4th Sunday (Holy Communion) every Month

HOLY TRINITY UTRECHT

services are in English unless otherwise specified

Saturday 2nd February The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple (The Purification)

20:00 Choral Communion with liturgical songs

sung by the Russian Choir: ChoRuss

Sunday 3rd February The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 All Age Worship - Sung Communion

Sunday 10th February The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

10:30 Sung Communion14:30 Choral Evensong

Saturday 16th February **Evening Prayer and Praise**

19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band

Sunday 17th February **Septuagesima**

Weekly:

10:30 Choral Communion

(with Healing Ministry offered after the service)

Sunday 24th February Sexagesima (St Matthias the Apostle)

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

10:30 Choral Communion

In addition to the above services, we have these regular midweek services at Holy Trinity Utrecht:

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

Evening Prayer (Tues to Fri 17.30; Sat 17:00) Holy Communion (said) (Wednesday at 19.00)