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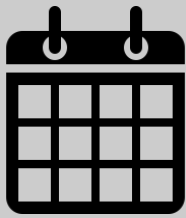
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COMING UP: STUDENT ACTIVITIES

FOR WORSHIP SERVICES SEE LAST PAGE

Our student group in Utrecht have started a new Bible study series in February, but you can join in any time! 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 below, subscribe to the Facebook group or ask Erik about these.

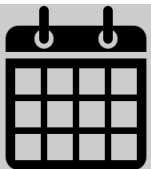
Schedule

4 June 2019: Bible Study: Pride

18 June 2019: Bible Study:

Concluding session on vices

25 June 2019: Concluding Activity (BBQ)



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

- Betuwe group: our small Bible study team – Iris and Freek Dill and Isabel and Hans Baars - come together once per month on a Tuesday.
- The HTC student group has started a Bible study series on the vices. See above.





CHAPLAIN'S LETTER



This month's Chaplain's letter is written by the Rev. Sam van Leer, Groningen chaplain

A birthday celebration

After 40 penitential days of Lent and then the magnificence of our greatest Christian festival, the Feast of the Resurrection (Easter), we now would seem to be moving into a period of calm, where (once our young people can see beyond any exams), late-spring public holidays seem to abound and we can perhaps look on to summer plans for rest and relaxation.

But actually, we have come upon one of the most momentous moments of the Church's year – not just in our chaplaincy and congregations, as annual meetings and new beginnings take place, but for the whole, eternal and universal Church!

In the early centuries, the fifty days after Easter were considered almost as one, long and joyous time of great rejoicing and celebration, in sharp contrast to Lent. In the fifty days after Easter, fasting and even kneeling in worship were actually forbidden as being out of keeping with the fact that Christians were being raised to new life.

This festive time had a seeming anti-



Descent of the Spirit, Vatican window

climax with the Feast of the Ascension, commemorating the risen Christ being taken up into heaven. Had Jesus' followers been left to their own devices? No!

The absolute climax of Easter season was and is the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. Fifty, that is: a perfect 7 times 7, plus 1 after the Resurrection. The original Pentecost event took place as the believers were gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish Feast of Weeks (a sort of Harvest Festival). As Acts 2 records, the believers were together and



Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, Saint Louis

Picture: West Transept (dome) - Depiction of the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the apostles

suddenly the Holy Spirit descended with 'a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and filled the entire house where they were sitting'. Then something like tongues of fire rested on each of the believers and everyone began to speak in other languages as the Spirit inspired them – and yet, in and through God's Spirit, they actually understood each other!

This remarkable event, the descent of the promised Spirit of God on the believers, to enlighten, inspire, challenge, empower and also unite them, is rightly regarded as the Birthday of the Christian Church, for it marked

the beginning of the revelation of God through the Body of His believers, who had come closer to Him through the work and witness of His Son, Jesus Christ.

I cannot help thinking, metaphorically and spiritually, of those believers 'enflamed' for God by tongues of fire, as a bit like candles of the Church's birthday cake. Each is a light in his or her own way, to the world around her or him, because of faith in Christ, who is the Light of the World. We point to this each time a newly baptized or confirmed Christian is given a candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) Candle. And even if

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we snuff these candles and others in our buildings out after services for safety reasons, the Spirit of God in His living and loving Church is never extinguished!

The Dutch song sung at birthdays, in my humble opinion, is remarkably appropriate at Pentecost for the Church:

Lang zal ze leven
 Lang zal ze leven
 Lang zal ze leven in de gloria
 In de gloria
 In de gloria!

I would just suggest inserting an 'Amen'



Celebrate Pentecost (Living Lutheran Site)

before the 'Hieperdepiep hoera!'

Yours in Christ,
Sam Van Leer



Pentecost mosaic, Mucknell Abbey



CHARITABLE GIVING HTC JUNE



This month we're supporting citizens in Mozambique.

Mozambique is suffering badly from flooding and devastation caused by cyclones. A cousin of Debby and Adrian, Jan van Stelten, is a farmer and missionary in northern Mozambique and is ideally suited to help distribute aid where it is most needed locally. We will also make a donation via Wilde Ganzen to help the rest of the country.

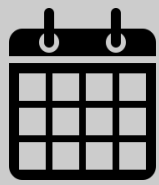
More information can be found on these websites:

<https://www.simusa.org/get-involved/give/>

<https://view.e.wildeganzen.nl/>



Pictures courtesy of Unicef Mozambique



THE 2019 UTRECHT LECTURES: SACRAMENTAL PARTICIPATION

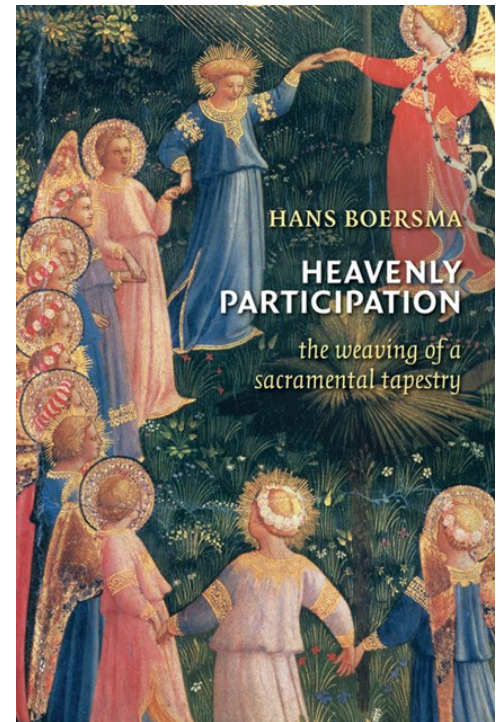
Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Utrecht is supporting the hosting of a biannual seminar bringing in lecturers from around the world to enliven and deepen our theological discussion. This September we will host the second of these seminars.

This year New Testament Scholar Dr Hans Boersma will be visiting the Netherlands in September and will offer a 2-day seminar on 'Sacramental Participation', Friday 20 September 10am-5:30pm and Saturday 21 September 10am-4:30pm, both at Holy Trinity Church in Utrecht.

This year's Utrecht Lectures ask what it means to acknowledge the *real presence* of God in earthly realities. Or, to put it differently, we will look at the world and our place within it through the lens of *sacramental participation*. The first two lectures set the stage: we will discuss the concept of 'participation' and ask both why this notion matters for the Christian life and how modernity makes it difficult for us to treat created reality as sacramentally participating in the life of God. The final three lectures look at three particular practices (memorizing, spiritual reading of the Bible, and Eucharistic celebration) that help us recover sacramentality in today's world. Our talks will be surrounded by opportunities for fellowship, prayer and worship.

The space is limited to 25 participants. Snacks, coffee / tea and lunch are included, as well as all study handouts. All-in €100 per person for both days together. If the cost is discouraging

you from attending, there are bursaries available for all or part of the cost (please contact the Chaplain, David Phillips, at



revdgphillips@hotmail.com).

To sign up please, contact David Vollmer at office@holytrinitychurch.nl and for more information please contact David Phillips (email above).



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thought, and spiritual interpretation of Scripture. For more information please visit his website: www.hansboersma.org.

Here are the abstracts of the 5 talks:

Participation and Teleology

What is the purpose (telos) of life?

Christians have traditionally answered: to see God face to face in all eternity—the beatific vision. This lecture series takes this answer to be the right one. God made us so that we might forever see him face to face in Jesus Christ. This first talk discusses the importance of having a telos—especially against the backdrop of the modern rejection of this heavenly participation. We will discuss how the eleventh-century Archbishop of Canterbury, Saint Anselm, talked and prayed about the possibility of sharing today in the future vision of God.

Participation and Modernity

Modernity initiates us into a way of life that is at odds with basic Christian convictions. In particular, modernity's 'nominalist' turn has separated earthly from heavenly realities. This talk proposes an understanding of reality that is sacramental in character. In particular, we will discuss the difference between what C. S. Lewis termed 'symbolism' and 'sacramentalism,' in the hope of recasting a sacramental vision that recognizes that created realities always already participate in the reality of the truth, goodness, and beauty of God—as we know them in Christ.

Participation and Memory

Throughout history people have recognized that memory is indispensable to the development of human identity. The content of our memory says a great deal about who we are as individuals and as

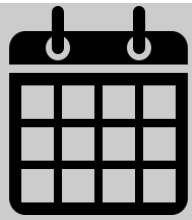
communities. This talk draws especially on the medieval theologian Hugh of St. Victor, who reflected deeply on memory, linking it to meditation and character formation. We will look at the forgotten art of memorization, explaining various classical and medieval approaches. Hugh's insights teach us that it is only through devoted attention to imagination and memory that we can properly aim for the telos or purpose for which we have been made.

Participation and Scripture

This talk makes a case for the reappropriation of a sacramental reading of Scripture. A sacramental reading is grounded in the belief that Christ is really present in the Scriptures of the Old Testament. This talk will draw particularly on the third-century theologian Origen, who grounded his reading of the Song of Songs in his sacramental approach to interpretation. We will also look at how some of the church fathers approached the Sermon on the Mount—as an escape from the temporal misery of the Platonic cave and as an ascent onto the mountain of the divine presence.

Participation and Eucharist

When the second-century Bishop Polycarp got ready to offer himself up in martyrdom, he prepared himself in the Upper Room. Patterning his own death on that of Christ, he participated in the sufferings of his Saviour. In the Eucharist, we join Polycarp by entering into the sufferings of Christ. This talk explains why it is that Holy Communion is sacrificial in character. The reason is this: in the celebration of the Eucharist heaven opens up so that time participates in eternity. The once-for-all sacrifice of Christ is made present when in worship we offer ourselves up to God in Christ and through the Spirit.



MOFISH JULY 6TH



Upcoming concert by Mofish!

Mofish is a band that plays covers in a unique way, always to support different charities from our church. A few years ago they played for Imibala and because of the huge success then, they would love to support them again.

Read all about this charity below!

**The concert will take place at
Holy Trinity Church Utrecht on Saturday July 6th.
Doors open at : 18h30, concert : 19:00 – 20h45**

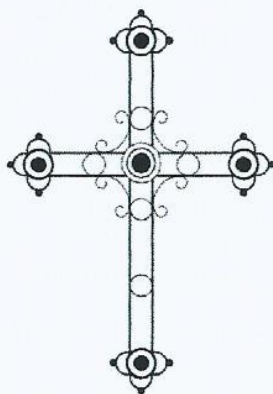
Imibala is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to raise money to sponsor children who cannot afford to attend school:

It all begins with a school uniform. Through our school networks, children whose economic circumstances are so extreme that they do not even possess a uniform are identified and assessed for support from Imibala. The Trust has a network of generous individuals, from residents in Somerset West to travellers from abroad to businesses, who invest in the Sponsor-a-Child programmes that now include a school uniform, art, drama, pottery and music classes. The children's academic development is also of interest to our investors and so, in the Imibala Computer Centre, attention is paid to their computer literacy, maths understanding and likely career paths after school.

Imibala's aim is to ensure that every sponsor's donation has as big an impact as possible. With a new school uniform attendance improves, children work harder, and their self-esteem is raised.

Your donation will ensure that each child receives a full school tracksuit, a pair of leather school shoes, a jersey, a rain jacket, socks, underwear a t-shirt and a school bag with basic stationery.

More information can be found on the internet: www.imibala.com. *Imibala means "colour" in the Xhosa language. Turning grey today's into colourful tomorrows!*



Please pray for all those to be ordained this Petertide, amongst them

Thomas Karel Fink-Jensen

To be ordained Deacon by

Martin, Bishop of Chichester

In his Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
At 3pm on Saturday, 29th June 2019

Please also pray for Sarah and Lilian, Father Felix, and all the people of
the parish of Lancing where Thomas will serve.

*I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in
my mouth. - Psalm 34:1*

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POEM



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

Pinksterballade

**Er dansen lichtjes in mijn ziel
die ik zomaar kan benoemen**

**een boom in lentetooi
een zonomrande wolk
het ruisen van het riet
een glimlach vol begrip**

**een merel
zingend in de eik
een onverwacht wijs woord
het huppelen van een kind
een arm om je heen**

**als je erop let
zijn er lichtjes
overal
te veel om op te noemen**

**symbolen van het Licht
van het Schone
van het Goede
even weggeglipt uit 't paradijs
rakend aan het Eeuwige**

**is er eigenlijk meer nodig
voor
het waaien van de Geest –**

Whitsun ballad

Lights are dancing in my soul

**I can easily describe them
a tree in spring decoration
clouds with a silver lining**

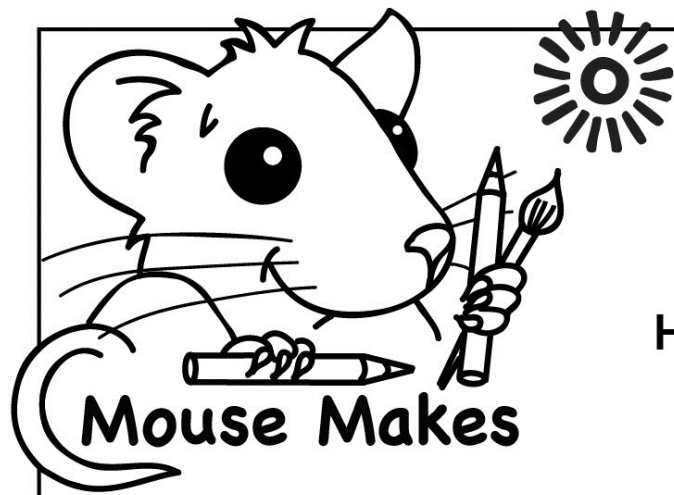
**rustling reeds
a smile full of understanding
a blackbird singing in the oak tree**

**a surprising wise word
a child skipping
a comforting arm on your
shoulder**

**if you look around
you see lights everywhere
too many to name**

**holy symbols of light
of goodness**

**just emerging from paradise
touching on eternity
what more do you need
to save the soul**

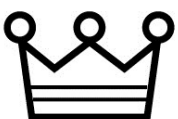
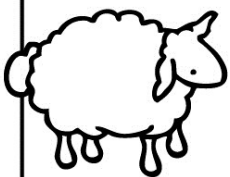


"May the *grace* of
the Lord **JESUS CHRIST**
and the *love* of **GOD**
and the fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be with you."



2 Corinthians 13:13

A Trinity window
for you to colour



The Bible teaches us that God is three persons in one:
GOD = FATHER and SON and HOLY SPIRIT





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, choose 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.

THE WEEK OF ASCENSION SUNDAY – JUNE 3 TO 8

O God, the King of glory, who has exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: We beseech you leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us to the same place that our Saviour Christ is gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Judges 6:25-end	Heb. 5:11-6 end	Judges 7	Hebrews 7
Tuesday	Judges 8:32-9.24	Hebrews 8	Judges 10:17-11:28	Hebrews 9:1-14
Wednesday	Judges 11:29—12:7	Hebrews 9:15-end	Judges 13	Hebrews 10:1-18
Thursday	Judges 14	Hebrews 10:19-end	Judges 16:4-end	Hebrews 11
Friday	Ruth 1	Hebrews 12:1-13	Ruth 2	Hebrews 12:14-end
Saturday	Ruth 4:1-17	Hebrews 13	Deuteronomy 16:9-12	Luke 11:1-13

THE WEEK OF PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY) – JUNE 10 TO 15

GOD, who as at this time did teach the hearts of your faithful people, by the sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Pentecost Monday	Ezekiel 11:14-20	Acts 2:12-36	Wisdom 1:1-7	Acts 2:37-end
Pentecost Tuesday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	1 Cor. 12:1-13	Wisdom 7:15--8:1	1 Cor. 12:27--13 end
Wednesday Ember	1 Kings 19:1-18	1 Corinthians 2	Wisdom 9	1 Corinthians 3
Thursday	2 Sam. 23:1-5	Ephesians 6:10-20	Exodus 35:30--36:1	Acts 18:24-19:7
Friday Ember	Numbers 11:16-29	2 Cor. 5:14-6:10	Jeremiah 31:31-34	2 Corinthians 3
Saturday Ember	Numbers 27:15-end	Matt 9:35-10:20	Isaiah 61	Acts 20:17-35

THE WEEK OF TRINITY SUNDAY – JUNE 17 TO 22

*ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity:*

*We beseech you, that this holy faith may evermore be our defence against all adversities;
who is alive and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<i>Monday</i>	1 Samuel 1	James 1	1 Samuel 2:1-21	Luke 1:1-23
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 Samuel 2:22-end	James 2:1-13	1 Samuel 3	Luke 1:24-56
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Samuel 4	James 2:14-end	1 Samuel 7	Luke 1:57-end
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Samuel 8	James 3	1 Samuel 9:1-25	Matthew 1:18-end
<i>Friday</i>	1 Samuel 9:26-10:16	James 4	1 Samuel 10:17-end	Luke 2:1-39
<i>Saturday</i>	1 Samuel 11	James 5	1 Samuel 12	Matthew 2

THE WEEK OF TRINITY I – JUNE 24 TO 29

*O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers;
and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<i>Monday</i>	1 Samuel 13	1 Peter 1:1-21	1 Samuel 14:1-23	Luke 2:40-end
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 Sam 14:24-48	1 Peter 1:22-2:10	1 Samuel 15	Luke 3:1-22
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Samuel 16	1 Peter 2:11-3:7	1 Sam 17:1-30	Luke 4:1-30
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Samuel 17:31-54	1 Peter 3:8--4:6	1 Samuel 17:55-18:16	Luke 5:1-11
<i>Friday</i>	1 Samuel 19	1 Peter 4:7-end	1 Samuel 20:1-17	Mark 1.21-39
<i>Saturday</i>	1 Samuel 20.18-end	1 Peter 5	1 Samuel 21.1-22.5	Mark 1.40-2.12

THE WEEK OF TRINITY II – JULY 1 TO 6

*O LORD, you never fail to help and govern those whom you bring up
in your steadfast fear and love:
Keep us, we beseech you, under the protection of your good providence,
and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of your holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<i>Monday</i>	1 Samuel 22:6-end	2 Peter 1	1 Samuel 23	Luke 5:27-end
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 Samuel 24	2 Peter 2	1 Samuel 25:2-42	Luke 6:1-19
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Samuel 26	2 Peter 3	1 Samuel 28:3-end	Matthew 5.1-16
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Samuel 31	Jude	2 Samuel 1	Matthew 5.17-end
<i>Friday</i>	2 Samuel 2:1-3:1	1 John 1:1--2:6	2 Samuel 3:17-end	Matthew 6:1-23
<i>Saturday</i>	2 Samuel 5	1 John 2:7-end	2 Samuel 6	Matthew 7



WORSHIP IN JUNE

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)

June 2: 4pm Sung Communion with Archdeacon for Inauguration of All Saints Chaplaincy and Licencing of Grant Crowe followed by barbecue

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

Sunday 2nd June

Sunday after Ascension

10:30 All Age Worship Sung Communion (with Gospel Band)

Sunday 9th June

PENTECOST

10:30 Choral Communion

14:30 Choral Evensong

Pentecost Monday 10th June 10:00 Sung Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon)

Pentecost Tuesday 11th June 10:00 Holy Communion

Saturday 15th June

Evening Prayer and Praise

19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band

Sunday 16th June

TRINITY SUNDAY (Patronal Festival)

10:30 Choral Communion

Sunday 23rd June

First Sunday after Trinity

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

10:30 Choral Communion

Monday 24th June

Nativity of John the Baptist

20:00 Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 30th June

Second Sunday after Trinity

10:30 Solemn 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)

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