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COMING UP

FOR WORSHIP SERVICES SEE LAST PAGE

There are a number of special Holy Week and Easter services in April.

See back page and down below. You are very welcome to attend any and all of these!

March 15 th	Choral Evensong. Starts 4PM at Zuiderkerk, Zwolle	p11
March 27 th	Christian Classics Study group. Starts at 6:30PM at HTC	
March 29 th	Zwolle Talks: Psalms. Starts 4PM at Zuiderkerk, Zwolle.	p10
March 29 th	Special AGM after the 10:30AM service at HTC.	p24
April 3 rd	Student movie night at HTC. Talk to Marten or Tim for more info).
April 5 th	Bring and share lunch after 10:30 service at HTC	
April 12 th	There will be an Easter feast at HTC Utrecht for all to enjoy! Time to be announced, so keep an eye on the Trinity Tidings.	
April 26 th	Zwolle Talks: Climate Issues. Starts 4PM at Lutheran Church Zwolle.	p10
April 26 th	Avondwake Jom-hasjoa. Starts 7PM in Utrecht.	p15
May 31 st	Zwolle Talks: Anglican Mission agency ICS. Starts 4PM at the Lutheran Church, Zwolle	p10
June 28 th	Zwolle Talks: Compassion Netherlands. Starts 4PM at the Lutheran Church, Zwolle	p10



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 meets every other week on Tuesdays. Talk to Marten or Tim after our Sunday 10:30 service, on Facebook or send an e-mail to the chaplaincy administrator.
- The HTC Teen group meets on Sundays and occasionally on other days. Talk to Nathan or send an e-mail to the chaplaincy administrator





CHAPLAIN'S LETTER



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

The focus for this chaplain's letter I'd like to make, is upon the Persecuted Christians in our One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church. As Lent draws to a close in the days of Holy Week, we hear Jesus say to his followers, on the Mount of Olives. "...you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death." (Matthew 24:9). The persecution of his followers would be closely linked to his own experience. The one who will "be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him and after three days he will rise." (Mark 9:31), on what we call Maundy Thursday, said: "This is my command: love each other. If the world hates you, keep in mind it hated me first. ... Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." (John 15:17-18, 20). One of the roles of Lent, is that we are preparing for Holy Week – yet as we remember our Suffering Servant King, he says, as he was treated so will his followers be treated. Lent becomes a time therefore not only to remember the Suffering Lord, but His Suffering Church. A Church he is deeply connected to. As he says to Saul / Paul on the Road to Damascus, "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?" (Acts 9: 4). Yet Jesus is ascended, Saul cannot touch him in all his persecutions of the

Christian church. Yet. Such is the link – Jesus the Head, we the Body – that to persecute the followers of Jesus, is to persecute the Lord.

Part of what we seek to encourage at All Saints Amersfoort - since its early foundation – has been a growing heart for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. And there is such a need. Currently, 1 in 10 Christians face high levels of persecution; 1 in 6 Christians in Africa, 1 in 3 in Asia. That is around 260 million people. The Christian organisation Open Doors, working across the globe, gathers information each year, and publishes the World Watch List. In the UK, usually there are over 100 MPs attending this launch event in Parliament in January. 2019's research showed: Every day 8 Christians worldwide are killed because of their faith; every week, 182 churches or Christian buildings are attacked; And every month, 309 Christians are imprisoned unjustly. Shocking statistics when you pause to consider them. The World Watch List is a list of the top 50 countries where it is hardest to live out the Christian faith. You can go to www.opendoorsuk.org or www.opendoors.nl to learn more about the conditions in each country.



This is a poster of the currently 10 most difficult places to live out your Christian faith in our world today.

This year, at All Saints, a number of us, each week, are praying each week for a different country in his top 50 list. And in our Sunday worship, we include intercession for persecuted believers. Why? Again, for as we focus upon our crucified Lord, we recall, he shares as he was treated, believers will be, and in fact are at this time you read this, being treated like our Lord was... And, as many of us are aware, in our congregations, or across the Anglican Church in the Netherlands, we have members of our communities who have relatives, or have come from countries or regions, where persecution takes place. The persecuted church is coming and has come to the Anglican Church in the Netherlands. This matters deeply to some of our members. And we can learn much from our persecuted brothers and sisters. Paul reminds us in 'everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.' (2 Tim 3:12). Persecution comes. Lent reminds us. We can learn from those who are, or have been persecuted to prepare us for the times we will experience it.

Last year I had the great privilege to spend some days with persecuted believers and pastors. I cannot say where and the names I use have been changed, to protect those I met. I wanted to share briefly a few lessons I have learned or I am still learning. One of my meetings, was with a group of believers, in a service station on a road. It was too unsafe to visit them in their homes as it would be possible the police would be informed. One question I asked was which were their favourite bible verses. I expected it to be things like Psalm 23 and the like.

CHAPLAIN'S LETTER - CONTINUED

They shared an amazing set. John 3:16, Matthew 28:18-20 (Great Commission); Romans 8:1-12, the Book of Ecclesiastes (there is a time for everything...). Another one of their favourite verses was the one I mentioned above – Matthew 24:9. It encouraged them, they said, because Jesus promised persecution and it was happening. They – and no others we met – ever asked to be delivered from persecution, pray for a change of laws or government. They asked prayers for strength – spiritual, physical, emotional – and to be able to take the opportunities the Lord was placing before them to disciple and to communicate the Christian faith. The Lord promised persecution would come. Yet their perspective was not to hang in there for a change of policy or for the Lord's return. Their approach – 'we want to be faithful in all he calls us to do'. We have such freedom. What do we do with it? What are we praying for?

Pressure cooker. The Christians I met were expected to be part of a government registered church. If they were, they were safe from police raids and could be public in what they did. Yet the government to grant registration, wanted to know who was in the church. On the other hand, if you did not register, then if the police discovered you were meeting – in a large group or even a small group – you would be arrested. So one church met in a cellar, soundproofed so no sound could be heard outside the door or walls. Other

churches. To arrive and leave, you did so in small groups, or ones or twos, not to draw attention in the area. We, here in the Netherlands, can meet when we want, how we want, the government show interest not that we meet, but for other reasons such as taxes etc. Can you imagine meeting as a home group, knowing, maybe in the back of your mind, the police could be coming. Or you need to speak quietly – like one home I was in – in case the neighbours would hear?

Loved. Jesus on Maundy Thursday said, 'this is my command, love each other.' (John 15:15). In all my visits, the kindness and love shown to me and others with me, was moving. We visited some homes, had meals, and even though you could not communicate except by translator, you knew, I knew, I was loved by these believers who I have never met before and may well never meet ever again. I will always remember one of the believers, call him Dimitri, who in his eyes, and the ways he communicated, radiated the love of Jesus for us and for Him, and when he said he would pray for me, I believe he would. There was love because we visited. We did not bring any money. We did not preach or teach. We visited. We spent time. We drank and ate. We listened. We were present. We were loved because we were fellow believers who came to visit them, listen, pray with and to be prayed for by them. Maybe this is a

glimpse of what Jesus had in mind. 'Love each other' them for they are your brothers and sisters. What does it mean for me, when Jesus says on Maundy Thursday, 'love each other'?

Inspiration and Honesty. I heard some inspiring ways of how faith was shared or how God changed lives. One man told a story of how he was seriously ill. He was sent home from hospital. They could do nothing for him. He prayed to Jesus asking him to heal him, and if he did, he would go where no one else wanted to go. Over the following weeks, he was healed. On the television one day, he heard about another country where a war was taking place. On the television the journalist said, that this place, was 'where no one wants to go.' And he left his country to go there to serve the Lord Jesus bringing the gospel. Another was a business man, Bruno. When he and his parents became Christian. The local community, the village rejected them, cut off all social links. Years later. Bruno was a successful businessman. He was asked to speak at a conference. At that conference some people from his old village were attending. Later he met them and talked. They said, when Bruno and his parents became Christian, they felt God had cursed them. Yet now, years later, seeing how well Bruno had done, they saw, that his faith in Jesus did not mean God had cursed him. God had blessed they saw/ And they wanted to know more about Christian faith and Bruno was able to pray with them. But I remember one Christian telling me,

please not to believe they were amazing, never anxious or worried. They said, they were often afraid, not knowing what to say when in difficult situations. One lady shared how she would tell the Lord – 'I don't know what to say to the police, or these people, I am afraid.' But she would remember the Lord's promise that they were not to worry about what to say but he would give them the words (Matthew 10:18-20). And they experienced that time and time again. So wonderful testimonies I heard of God at work by his Spirit. He kept his promises. Yet also. Honesty about how they were doing with me – as a visitor – as well as honesty with the Lord, honest about their fears and anxieties.

So. Persecuted Christians. Praying for strength and for them to seize the opportunities they have before them. Prayers to cope in the pressure cooker environment many find themselves in. Prayer for healing from the effects of being arrested or interrogated by police. Thankful for their example of loving other believers whom they have just met. Inspiring testimonies from what God is doing and the challenge to be honest. It is hard being in a place of persecution. Yet as we in Lent, focus upon our Lord, as he experienced persecution, suffering, we remember and learn from those who walk in his footsteps.

Grant Crowe



BISHOP'S ADVENT APPEAL 2019

DIOCESE IN EUROPE

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The Bishop in Europe:

The Right Reverend Dr. Robert Innes



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

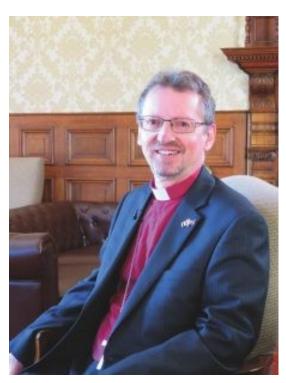
BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2020

Classroom Building Appeal – Diocese of Mumias, Kenya

2020 is the year of the Lambeth Conference. Some 600 Anglican bishops from all over the world will gather together in Canterbury in July. Last summer, I was privileged to take part in a preparatory pilgrimage that brought together 15 of these bishops and spouses.

One of those with whom I shared the pilgrimage was Joseph Wandera, Bishop of the Anglican diocese of Mumias in Kenya. I had previously met Joseph at a Carol Service in our chaplaincy in The Hague. Joseph had studied at advanced level in the Netherlands and was visiting the Hague to examine research theses in theology. I was impressed by +Joseph's sensitivity, care and courage in working in frequently tough conditions with very limited resources.

In view of this being a special year for the Anglican Communion, I invited Bishop



Joseph to suggest a project in his diocese which could be the subject of his appeal. I therefore join with Bishop Joseph in inviting us to help raise funds for a new classroom at the Bishop Hanningtone Memorial Academy being built by the diocese of Mumias.

The Challenge

In 2013 the Kenyan government introduced a policy of free primary education. This has led to big increases in the numbers of children enrolled in schools. All the evidence suggests that improving primary school participation rates is a key factor in development and wellbeing.



However, the number of teachers has not increased and classrooms are congested. Some classes have as many as 150 pupils with students sharing desks. In other cases, a shortage of buildings means children trying to learn outside, despite the vagaries of the weather.

The Opportunity

Aware of this challenge, the Anglican Diocese of Mumias has established the Bishop Hanningtone Academy as their contribution towards better quality primary education in a Christian context. Their current enrolment stands at 38. The school currently consists of just one block with two classrooms, with a third room serving as the administrative wing. At present, they have three grades, Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two, and the Diocese employs three teachers.

The Bishop and Diocese would love to expand the school. To do that, they need to build more classrooms.

The Appeal

Bishop Joseph estimates it will cost 20,000USD to build and furnish a new classroom. (That is very good value by Western European standards!)



Our Lent Appeal could therefore go most of the way to constructing a very tangible expansion of the Diocese of Mumbias's mission to educate primary school children.

Safeguarding

We expect recipients of appeals to meet safeguarding standards. Bishop Joseph has sent me a copy of their safeguarding policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults, approved in June 2019 by the Mumias Diocesan Synod, which I have shown to our own Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

To donate to the Bishop Hanningtone School Classroom Building Appeal please send money via your chaplaincy treasurer to Nick Wraight in the Diocesan Office.

I wish you a holy Lent.

With every blessing,

+ Robert Gibraltor in Europe

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ZWOLLE TALKS

Zwolle Anglican Church Leadership Team have established another event / meeting on a Sunday!

This initiative is called Zwolle TALKS.
Usually it is held on the last Sunday of the month.

It has four aims: to build up the existing congregation; to have a talk series to which the existing members can invite interested friends, work colleagues etc; that those who are attending Zwolle their fringe - could become more committed as they have three services / events to attend each month and not only two. So it means, on this latter point, that someone knows every Sunday bar one, there is something at 4pm in Zwolle Anglican Church. And fourth aim, is to help create a new fringe or reach out to new people, as they are grabbed by topics, or the topic promotes Zwolle Church and so people start attending. The Intention is to run Zwolle TALKS through 2020.

The format.

Each Zwolle TALKS begins at 4pm. It is a lay led event.

There are a few opening prayers, then a 45 minute talk / lecture, followed by 30 minutes of questions and answers over tea and coffee. Then a few prayers to close.

We hope in the future to be able to record the TALKS.

We have held so far, TALKS on 'What on earth is Anglicanism?', 'Esther', 'Islam and Christianity'.

We wanted to share with you the upcoming TALKS, and invite you to join us? And, if there are people who are interested in these topics, why not invite them to come with you?

Upcoming Dates and Topics:

March 29th –PSALMS (22 & 23 in particular) - Angela Berben, member of All Saints Amersfoort). Zuiderkerk, Zwolle. Zuiderkerkstraat 31, 8011 HE Zwolle. We meet in Zuiderkerk, because the Lutheran Church is being refurbished from Jan – March.

April 26th – Climate Issues from a Christian perspective - Peter Kamphof (worker and speaker at TEAR). Held in Lutheran Church, 2-4 Koestraat, 3811 HK Zwolle.

May 31st – Intercontinental Church Society – ICS director Richard Bromley – will talk about the work of Anglican Mission agency ICS. ICS is the patron of the Utrecht Chaplaincy. Held in the Lutheran Church.

June 28th – Compassion Netherlands and the work of Child Sponsorship – Nienke Westerbeek and John Meijerink (staff at Compassion Netherlands). Held in the Lutheran Church.

We look forward to seeing you there with us.

And perhaps you could let others know who live close by or in Zwolle? And pray for God's hand upon these talks, and to place his blessing upon them?

Thank you.

CHORAL EVENSONG



Sunday 15 March 4.00 pm
A service of Choral Evensong with music led by

ANTHEM

Refreshments following the service







POEMS



As we have a bit of a publishing backlog to work through, this Newsletter proudly contains 3 poems by Oeke's hand, written for the months of January, February and March 2020 respectively.

These poems were written by Oeke Kruythof. English translation/transcreation by Jenny Narraway

De verkoopster

The sales lady

Ik ken haar alleen maar
van achter de toonbank
maar ik weet één ding zeker:
met haar blik en
haar spontane lach
trekt zij lichtsporen
door de tijd
zomaar tussen de chocola
bij Leonidas –

I know her only from behind the counter but one thing is for sure with her wide-eyed glance and spontaneous laugh she stretches beams of light through time just so from between the chocolates in Leonidas

weer buiten in de grote hal vol grijze anonimiteit neem ik gratis mee haar vrolijkheid en bovenal haar plezier in 't werk – Bravo!

again outside in the big hall
full of grey anonymity
I take with me her enthusiasm
for free
also her vivaciousness and
above all
the pleasure in her work

Bravo!

Oeke Kruythof
Stationshal Utrecht



Wakker worden

Ik boor mijzelf
een gaatje in de dag
een diepe slaap had
mijn bewustzijnslagen
gestapeld naar het niets
had mij de macht
ontnomen over het
hoe, waar, wanneer, waarheen

ik boor mijzelf
een gaatje in de dag
mijn herinnering komt terug
wakker worden is
een wonderlijk proces
zweemt naar dood en leven

mijn eerste kopje koffie -

kostbare tijd wordt mij weer in handen gegeven -

Waking up

I drill myself a hole in the day
a deep sleep had engulfed my
consciousness
piled up to nowhere
taking over the power
of the now when and where

I drill myself a hole in the day
my memory returns
waking up is a miraculous
process
drifting between death and life

my first cup of coffee valuable time is again handed to me

Russische raad

Russian wisdom

Ik ontmoette vanmorgen een Rus in de bus zijn advies voor vandaag klonk aldus

leef je dagen van uur tot uur geef je uren hun eigen duur

langs de singels werd adem in wijsheid gevat verrast keek de dag die dit uur had omvat

lichtvoetig en lachend mijn Rus uit de bus This morning I met a Russian in the bus his advice for today went like this live your days from hour to hour give your hours their own value

along the canals
breath was turned into
wisdom
astonished that this hour had
enveloped

light footed and laughing my Russian in the bus





ORDINATION WIM KUIPER

Wim Kuiper is in his last stages of completing his ordination training in Cambridge and will be ordained in Durham Cathedral on July 5th, as we as a church support and pray for him I wanted to let everyone know. Following his ordination he feels led to serve his

curacy at the parish of St. Matthew and St. Wilfrid church in Sunderland. He appreciates our ongoing prayers as he moves forward with the work the Lord leads him to do. There are several of us planning to attend his ordination to show our support.



EVENING WAKE JOM-HASJOA

Avondwake Jom-hasjoa 2020.

Het Utrechts Beraad Kerk en Israël (UBKI) nodigt u van harte uit tot het bijwonen van de Avondwake Jom-hasjoa, ter herdenking van de vernietiging van de 6 miljoen Europese Joden, Roma en Sinti, tijdens de Tweede Wereldoorlog.

Datum Avondwake: Zondag 26 april 2020

Tijd: 19.00uur

Locatie: Broodhuis, Springweg 162,

3511VZ Utrecht

Thema: "Uit de diepte", Psalm 130

Spreker: Dr. Eric Ottenheijm.



CHARITABLE GIVING IN MARCH

This month the charitable giving at HTC go to the Bishop's Lent appeal (see page 8) and to Mission to seafarers:

No matter what problem a seafarer is facing, be it injury, abandonment, non-payment of wages or personal difficulties, they know they can turn to the local Mission for help, advice and support. Chaplains and volunteers offer practical and financial support, advocacy services, family liaison or simply a space to talk in a time of crisis. The Mission offers an opportunity for crews to get into touch with their overseas relatives and friends by telephone or via the Internet. There is a chapel and the pastor/clergyman is present when spiritual guidance is needed.





ELECTORAL POSITIONS

Electoral Positions

Every year each chaplaincy has elections for wardens and for members of Council. To be able to stand in the elections for a warden or a member of Council, you need to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months, and you need to be nominated by two people. The nomination forms can be obtained at our churches, ask the stewards or wardens. The form has a place for the signatures of two people willing to nominate you. Nominations must be submitted by 8 days before the AGMs in each chaplaincy so the congregations can be made aware on the Sunday before the AGM who is standing for these positions. If there are more people nominated than positions open, then there will be an election; if there are the same or fewer number nominated than positions open, then those nominated become wardens and Council members by acclamation (without an election).

In the Diocese in Europe, chaplaincies typically have 2 wardens. In Utrecht it has been decided that there will be 6 elected members plus the ex officio members, in Amersfoort there will be 4 elected members plus the ex officio members.

Council Members:

Chaplaincy Council is made up of the annually elected members, as well as ex officio members (the chaplain(s), two wardens, and Archdeaconry Synod representatives (voted for every three

years for a three year term - this year we will vote for three in Utrecht and 2 in Amersfoort)).

What is the commitment to be a Council Member? The Council meets about 6 times per year – three times in the Autumn and three in the Winter/Spring. There are normally no meetings in July and August. We usually meet on an evening during the week from 8pm to 10 or 10:30pm. Council members receive information about the upcoming meeting (an agenda and background information for proposals) to review about a week before each meeting and are expected to be prepared for discussion when they come.

What happens at our meetings? We normally begin with prayer, then approve the minutes of the previous meeting, look at matters arising from decisions made previously, receive an update on the finances of the chaplaincy, sometimes deciding on building and maintenance proposals, and considering other proposals related to our life together and the mission of the church in our communities. Council also prepares for the Annual General Meeting. Council members are to see themselves as representing the congregation. They are to keep their eyes and ears open and to represent the needs and concerns and joys of our Christian life in community. Council sometimes chooses to appoint smaller subcommittees or working groups to provide input to Council on particular issues.

Churchwardens:

The duties of churchwardens in a chaplaincy are described in Canon E1 of the Canons of the Church of England. Here are the main duties, they:

- a) are the officers of the bishop (not the incumbent or Chaplaincy Council) (E1.4);
- b) must be the foremost in representing the laity and co-operating with the incumbent (E1.4):
- c) must use their best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them (E1.4);
- d) must discharge the duties assigned to them by law and custom (E1.4).

(Examples of this are their duties in relation to the offerings or collections in the church, and the duties imposed on them by section 5 of the Care of Church and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 in relation to the church building and the land and articles belonging to it);

- e) must maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service (E1.4); and
- f) hold the title to the movable goods of the church, must keep an inventory of those goods and keep it up to date, and must hand over the goods to their successors, who must check the inventory (E1.5).

Churchwardens oversee the temporalities of the chaplaincy, they are the signatories for financial contracts. Please speak with one of our current wardens for more information and one of the chaplains. I



can provide a copy of a recent book called "Churchwardens: The Office and Role of Churchwarden in the 21st century".

The Secretary:

The Council elects a secretary at its first meeting, normally from one of those serving on Council. The task of the secretary is to prepare a draft agenda for Council meetings (first looked at together with the Standing Committee), to send out the materials for the upcoming Council a week beforehand, and to take minutes of the meetings when we gather and share them with Council when ready.

The secretary may also be involved in organizing the Away Day. The Secretary attends Council and Standing Committee meetings.

The Treasurer:

The Council elects a treasurer at its first meeting, normally from one of those serving on Council, but Council can agree to bring another person to serve on Council in that function. The task of the treasurer is to pay the bills, to keep track of the accounts, to provide Council with updates on the financial situation and to prepare the annual financial statement

ELECTORAL POSITIONS - CONTINUED

and budget. This year we are not looking for a new treasurer for either the Utrecht or Amersfoort chaplaincies.

Members of the Standing Committee of Council:

This is a small subcommittee of Council made up of the chaplain(s), wardens, treasurer and secretary. This committee normally meet twice between the Council meetings, sometimes to follow up on some decisions made at Council and

always to prepare the draft agenda for the upcoming Council meeting.

I hope you will consider seriously if you may be being called to participate in the governance of our churches in one of these ways. Please pray for our churches in the coming month of preparation for our Annual General Meetings that God will provide wise and loving persons to serve.

In the love of Christ,

David



CHARITABLE GIVING IN APRIL

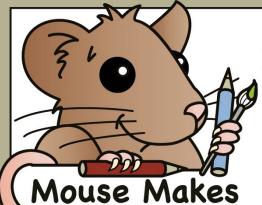
This month the charitable giving at HTC go to the Kigama school feeding program in Kenya and Tikani in Peru.

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 helped start the program.



Tikani is a Peruvian development organization specializing in social development projects aimed at the weakest in society. Debby v Rotterdam's brother resides there and bears witness to the effectiveness of this organization.



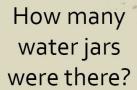


Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding. The wedding was to last

The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

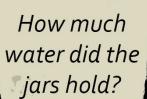
READ **John 2:1-11** to find out what happened.

Where was the wedding?





What were the water jars made of?



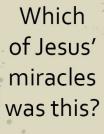
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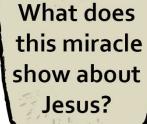


What did the steward tell the bridegroom? What did the disciples do?



What had happened to the water when it was taken out?





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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 Feastday, which we begin to celebrate the night before.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 16 TO 21

WE beseech you, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of your Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Exodus 12:37-end	John 4:27-end	Exodus 13:1-16	Ephesians 3
Tuesday	Exodus 13:17-14:14	John 5:1-23	Exodus 14:15-end	Ephesians 4:1-16
Wednesday	Exodus 15:1-26	John 5:24-end	Exodus 15:27-16:35	Ephesians 4:17-30
Thursday	Exodus 17	John 6:1-21	Exodus 18	Ephesians 4:31—5:21
Friday	Exodus 19	John 6:22-40	Exodus 20:1-21	Ephesians 5:22—6:9
Saturday	Exodus 22:20—23:17	John 6:41-end	Exodus 23:18-end	Ephesians 6:10-end

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 23 TO 28

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

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Exodus 24	John 7:1-24	Exodus 25:1-22	1 Timothy 1:1-17
Tuesday	Exodus 28:1-4, 29-41	John 7:25-end	Genesis 3:1-15	Romans 5:12-21
Annunciation	Isaiah 52:7-12	Hebrews 2:5-end	1 Sam 2:5-end	Matthew 1:18-23
Thursday	Exodus 34	John 8:31-end	Exodus 35:20-36:7	1 Timothy 4
Friday	Exodus 40:17-end	John 9	Leviticus 6:8-end	1 Timothy 5
Saturday	Leviticus 19:1-18, 30-end	John 10:1-21	Leviticus 25:1-24	1 Timothy 6

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT THIRD SUNDAY— MARCH 30 TO APRIL 4

WE beseech you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon your people: that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Numbers 6	John 10:22-end	Num 9:15-end & 10:29-end	Titus 1:1-2:8
Tuesday	Numbers 11:10-33	John 11:1-44	Num. 12	Titus 2:93 end
Wednesday	Numbers 13	John 11:45-end	Num. 14:1-25	2 Timothy 1
Thursday	Numbers 16:1-35	John 12:1-19	Num. 16:3617 end	2 Timothy 2
Friday	Numbers 20	John 12:20-end	Num. 22:1-35	2 Timothy 3
Saturday	Num. 22:36-23:26	John 13	Numbers 23-27—24-end	2 Timothy 4

HOLY WEEK - APRIL 6 TO 11

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of your tender love towards mankind, has sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Holy Monday	Lamentations 1:1-12	John 14:1-14	Lamentation 3:1-42	John 14:15-end
Holy Tuesday	Isaiah 42:1-9	John 15:1-16	Wisdom 2:1, 12-end	John 15:17-end
Holy Wednesday	Numbers 21:4-9	John 16:1-15	Leviticus 16:2-24	John 16:16-end
Maundy Thursday	Exodus 24:1-11	John 17	Exodus 16:2-15	John 13:1-35
Good Friday	Genesis 22:1-18	John 18	Isaiah 52:13-53 end	John 19:31-end
Holy Saturday	Zechariah 9:9-12	Luke 23:50-end	Job 19:21-27	John 2:13-22

EASTER WEEK - APRIL 13 TO 18

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	
Easter Day	Exodus 12:1-14	Revelations 1:4-18	Ex. 14:5-end	John 20:1-23
Easter Mon	Exodus 15:1-18	Luke 24:1-12	Isaiah 12	1 Peter 1:1-12
Easter Tues	Isaiah 25:1-9	Matthew 28:1-10	Ezekiel 1	Acts 12.25-13.13
Easter Wednesday	Isaiah 61	John 21:1-14	Song of Sol. 2:8-end	Revelation 7:9-end
Easter Thurs	1 Kings 17:8-end	Mark 5:21-end	Daniel 12	1 Thess. 4:13-end
Easter Friday	2 Kings 4:8-37	Luke 7:11-17	Zeph 3:14-end	Acts 17:16-31
Easter Sat	Jeremiah 31:1-14	John 11:17-44	Micah 7:7-end	Acts 26:1-23

DRINKING FROM THE WELL OF LIFE - CONTINUED

THE WEEK OF EASTER I – APRIL 20 TO 25

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	
Monday	Deuteronomy 1:3-18	Acts 1:1-14	Deuteronomy 1.19-end	Acts 1.15-end
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 2.1-25	Acts 2.1-21	Deuteronomy 2.26-3.5	Acts 2.22-end
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 3:18-end	Acts 3:14:4	Deut. 4:1-24	Acts 4:1-24
Thursday	Deuteronomy 4:25-40	Acts 4:325:11	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Acts 5:126:7
Friday	Deuteronomy 5:22-end	Acts 6:87:16	Ezekiel 1	Acts 12:25-13:13
St Mark Evangelist	Ecclesiasticus 51:35-end	Acts 15:35-end	Isaiah 62:6-end	2 Timothy 4:1-11

THE WEEK OF EASTER II – APRIL 27 TO MAY 2

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		Morning Prayer Evening Prayer		yer
Monday	Deuteronomy 8	Acts 8:26-end	Deuteronomy 9:1-10	Acts 9:1-31	
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 9:11-end	Acts 9:32-end	Deuteronomy 10	Acts 10:1-23	
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 11:1-12	Acts 10:24-end	Deuteronomy 11:13-end	Acts 11:1-18	
Thursday	Deuteronomy 12:1-14	Acts 11:19-end	Proverbs 4.10 - 18	John 1.43 - end	
St Philip & St James	Job 23:1-12	John 6:1-14	Isaiah 30:15-21	John 17:1-8	
Saturday	Deuteronomy 18:9-end	Acts 13:4414:7	Deuteronomy 19	Acts 14:8-end	

THE WEEK OF EASTER III – MAY 4 TO 9

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	
Monday	Deuteronomy 21:2222:8	Acts 15:1-21	Deuteronomy 24:5-end	Acts 15:22-35
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 26	Acts 15:3616:5	Deuteronomy 28:58-end	Acts 16:6-end
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 29:10-end	Acts 17:1-15	Deuteronomy 30	Acts 17:16-end
Thursday	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	Acts 18:1-23	Deuteronomy 31:14-29	Acts 18:2419:7
Friday	Deuteronomy 31:30— 32:14	Acts 19:8-20	Deuteronomy 32:15-47	Acts 19:21-end
Saturday	Deuteronomy 33	Acts 20:1-16	Deut. 32:48-end & 34	Acts 20:17-end



WORSHIP IN MARCH/APRIL

ALL SAINTS' AMERSFOORT

Sunday 5th April - **Palm Sunday** - 09:30 Holy Communion

Thursday 9th April - **Maundy Thursday** - 20:00 Holy Communion

Friday 10th April - **Good Friday** - 20:00 - 'Reflections' (non eucharistic).

Sunday 12th April - **Easter Sunday** - 09:30 - All Age Holy Communion.

ANGLICAN CHURCH ZWOLLE

Sunday 15th March 4pm – **Third Sunday in Lent** (**Evensong** with special guest choir Anthem)

Sunday 22nd March 4pm – **Zwolle Talk**: The Rev Angela Berben will speak on the *Psalms of David*

Sunday 5th April 4pm – **Palm Sunday** (**Holy Communion**) – **Annual Local Meeting** after service Sunday 19 April 4pm – **First Sunday after Easter** (**Evensong**)

Sunday 26th April 4pm – **Zwolle Talk**: A representative from TEAR, an evangelical relief agency, will talk on *Climate Issues from a Christian perspective*.

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 15th March Third Sunday in Lent (Guest Preacher: the Rev Jan Maarten Goedhart)

10:30 Choral Communion

(with Prayer Ministry offered after the service)

Saturday 21st March **Evening Prayer and Praise**

19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band

Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday

9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon

10:30 Solemn Choral Communion

Wednesday 25th April Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 Holy Communion (said)



WORSHIP IN MARCH/APRIL

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Sunday 29th March Passion Sunday (the Fifth Sunday in Lent)

10:30am Solemn Choral Communion

Special Annual General Meeting of the Chaplaincy after this service.

Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday (the Sixth Sunday in Lent)

10:30 Choral Communion

Holy Monday 6 April 20:00 Compline with Meditation (*Nathan Bunt*)

Holy Tuesday 7 April 20:00 Compline with Meditation (*Neils Tacoma*)

Holy Wednesday 8 April 20:00 Compline with Meditation (*Marieke Sybrandi*)

Maundy Thurs 9 April 20:00 Choral Communion & Foot-washing (*Marten van den Toren*)

Good Friday 10 April 9:00 Matin with Litany & Reproaches (Dutch)

15:00 Evening Prayer with Litany & Reproaches (English)

Holy Saturday 11 April 10:00 Morning Prayer (Dutch)

Sunday 12st April **EASTER SUNDAY**

6:00 Lighting New Fire & Sung Communion 10:30 Festive Choral Communion (English)

Easter Monday 13th April 10:00 Choral Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon)

Easter Tuesday 14th April 10:00 Holy Communion (said in English)

Saturday 18th April **Evening Prayer and Praise**

19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band

Sunday 19th April First Sunday after Easter (Guest Preacher: Tim Strating)

10:30 Choral Communion

Saturday 25th April The Feast of St Mark the Evangelist

20:00 Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 26th April **Second Sunday after Easter**

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

Sunday 3rd May Third Sunday after Easter

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

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)