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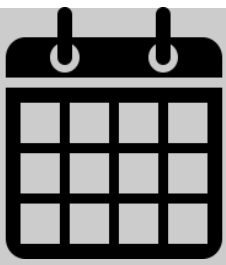
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EVENTS COMING UP

FOR WORSHIP SERVICES SEE LAST PAGE

Tuesday March 5th	Shrove Tuesday (pancake Tuesday)	see page 16
Thursday March 14th	Confirmation preparation at HTC	see page 17
Tuesday March 19th	Student Bible study, starts 6:30 PM at HTC	see page 16
Wednesd. March 20th	Confirmation preparation at HTC	see page 17
Wednesd. March 27th	Confirmation preparation at HTC	see page 17
Weekend 29-31 March	Student Chevetogne monastery Weekend	see page 16
<i>Coming up in April: Christian Classics Study group, April 5th at HTC</i>		<i>see page 11</i>

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

- 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 new Bible study series 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. David Phillips, Utrecht chaplain



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In 2015 our Chaplaincy made the formal decision to establish a congregation in Amersfoort on the basis of the Vision Document prepared at the time. In 2017 our Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting (AGM) approved a roadmap to bring about that Vision. Over the last year the congregation of Amersfoort has demonstrated to the Bishop that it can be a viable independent chaplaincy. We are almost there!

We are in a unique situation right now as we make the necessary structural changes to bring this about and so we have sought the advice of the Archdeacon, Paul Vrolijk, on our approach over the next few months. He has responded positively to the following plan and is doing a final check with the Registrar.

One last collective AGM

We plan to hold one last collective AGM for the current chaplaincy (which includes Utrecht, Amersfoort, Zwolle and Groningen) on Sunday March 24th. This AGM will cover:

- (1) approving the 2018 Financial Accounts;
- (2) receiving the new electoral rolls for Utrecht, Amersfoort, Zwolle and Groningen;
- (3) making the formal decision to split into two chaplaincies;
- (4) approving an endowment for Amersfoort from our reserves for its healthy transition to independence;
- (5) proposing that all officers elected and appointed at the 2018 AGM will continue until Amersfoort is formally established. In other words, we would *not* be electing new officers at this collective AGM on March 24th. All members of council, leadership teams, the churchwardens, the secretary and the treasurer are asked to retain their current

responsibilities until the new chaplaincy is formally established. Should any further decisions need to be made in the transition time there will still be the current collective Chaplaincy Council to do so.

AGMs in Amersfoort and Utrecht

The plan is that the Amersfoort Chaplaincy will be inaugurated, God willing, on June 2nd 2019. On that day Amersfoort will hold its own first AGM. The new Utrecht Chaplaincy (which will include Utrecht, Zwolle and Groningen) will hold an AGM in the time leading up to June 2nd (probably April 7th or May 26th). The continuing Local Leadership Teams in each of the churches are in a position to prepare for these two new chaplaincy AGMs: TACA for the Amersfoort Chaplaincy AGM; and Utrecht, Zwolle and Groningen Leadership Teams for the new Utrecht Chaplaincy AGM. The electoral rolls will have already been established (thanks to Sheila Kooijman) at the March 24th collective AGM and can be used to figure out the preferred number of council members in the two new chaplaincies.

According to this plan, after the new Utrecht Chaplaincy AGM (probably April 7th or May 26th), the Zwolle and Groningen Leadership Teams will continue to provide guidance for their local churches but there will no longer be a Utrecht Leadership Team, as it will

be merged at that time into the new Utrecht Chaplaincy Council.

Concluding

This is an exciting time for our churches in these places. We believe that God has gifted us with this vision, and we've been blessed in so many ways that seem to confirm God's leading. The vision seems to be coming to its realization. We hope that you can attend this important AGM on March 24th to voice your opinion about this plan and to vote. I ask for your prayers for the churches and for the AGM as we prepare to decide if we should reconfigure ourselves structurally in this way for the mission to which God has called us in these cities.

In the love of Christ,

David



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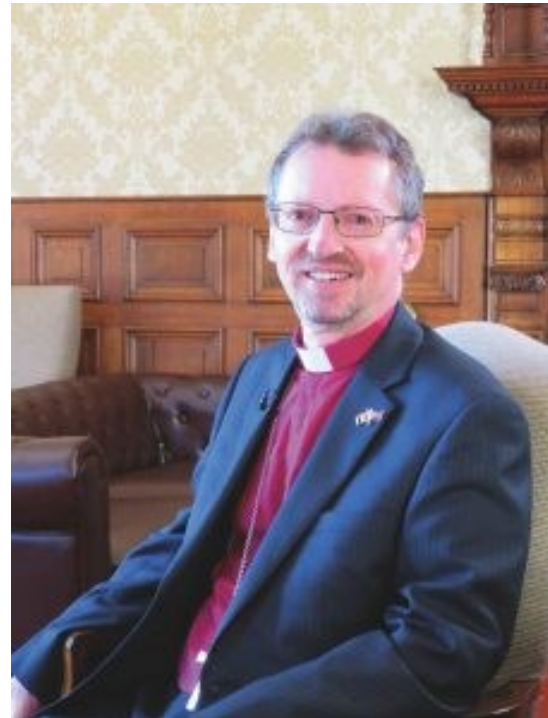


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2019

Mental Health and Livelihoods Support for the Vulnerable in Greece

I send you this appeal as we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the beginning of Lent in three weeks' time. Natural as well as man-made disasters in our world bring hurt and heartbreak to all those affected. They remind us of the fragility of our human existence, wherever we live. Where natural disaster has occurred, there is physical suffering: the tragedy of lives lost, or the pain of families, homes and livelihoods devastated. But the wounds are also psychological. And they frequently do not manifest themselves immediately, but later on. This is especially true for the vulnerable and applies particularly to children. In July 2018, the resort village of Mati witnessed Greece's worst ever forest fires. The death toll reached 100, over 200 people injured, and over 700 evacuated from their homes. To these numbers, we should add the number suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other psychological after-effects. An Athens-based



organisation called Hestia Hellas is providing a vulnerable community with sustainable tools and a skill set necessary to participate in daily life and thrive in times of difficulties. Greece is facing multiple challenges including an economic crisis, an influx of refugees and migrants and the devastating fires that have deprived many families from housing and jobs. Hestia Hellas is dedicated to offering psycho-social support services, Child Friendly Space, jobs and life skills support, and food distribution to those in need. In a video, our chaplain in Athens, Fr. Leonard Doolan and Lauraine Velez, Co-Founder



and Director of Hestia Hellas speak about the project. This can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amsICtNva1s&feature=youtu.be>

There will be an Appeal launch on the Diocesan website at <https://europe.anglican.org/bishopsappeals/bishops-appeals>, followed by regular updates on the website, and our social media. Do keep an eye out for these. And please do consider how you can support my appeal. As usual, you can give money to this appeal through your church treasurer, who will forward money to the diocesan office.

Hestia Hellas express in their own words why this cause is so important and how we can help: "The Greeks, who were recent refugees themselves, know what it's like to be forced from their homes. They have a special word in their culture, Filoxenia, which the literal translation

means "friend to the foreigner". Greeks, like the many refugees and migrants we see today need our help to regain parts of themselves that they've lost through devastating experiences. With the continued support of the Anglican Church, and their generosity, we can serve the Greek and refugee populations side by side." I wish you a holy and spiritually fulfilling Lent.

With every blessing,

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

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HESTIA HELLAS COMMUNITY APPEAL

Hestia Hellas provides psychosocial support (PSS) and livelihoods training to vulnerable populations in Greece. Sustainability, integration and community building are our core values, therefore when news broke of the devastating forest fires in Mati, we felt very impassioned and ready to do all that we could to offer our support. In the face of such tragedy the nation has once again rallied in a massive show of solidarity. In July 2018, the resort village of Mati witnessed Greece's worst ever forest fires. The death toll reached 100, over 200 people injured, and over 700 evacuated from their homes. When you take into consideration the many who are suffering from PTSD and other psychological after-effects from the tragedy, this number is significantly higher.



Our psychologists Kate Cooper and Ourania Kirka volunteered their time and skills to create an entire workshop to present to support workers in Mati. They were taught what symptoms the victims may experience; how to identify them; strategies and coping mechanisms they can offer to victims; and ways in which people can rebuild their lives and cope with the after-effects that will undoubtedly stay with them for years to come. We continue to support them with supervision, feedback and any other needs that may arise.

Hestia's goals have been the same since our inception; to help our beneficiaries prosper and achieve a more dignified life through the critical support and self-sustaining skills we provide. Our holistic approach comprises all of our services from our Child-Friendly Space (CFS) to our food distribution services. On average we serve 300 people per day and a total of 6,000 beneficiaries per month in our 480 square meter community center located in central Athens.

Mental Health and Livelihoods Support is an ongoing and growing need within the refugee and Greek communities, with a demand higher than the supply. Hestia fills this gap by providing tailored and adaptable services for Children, Adolescents and Adults. Recent developments in Greece show that support for refugees is decreasing and international NGOs are leaving Greece for crises elsewhere. Support for Greeks is also dire with the increasingly strained public sector and high taxes. Within a short timeframe, multiple organizations providing PSS and warm meals have closed due to limited funding. Thus, Hestia Hellas is receiving an increase in referrals and is expecting a larger demand for our services. With natural disasters, like the fires in Mati and the current economic depression, there will always be more areas that we can help both the native Greek populations and those fleeing war and persecution. In addition, we emphasize cooperation with other actors and providing relevant referrals to other NGOs and the Public or Private Sector. We also

collaborate internally between PSS, CFS and Livelihoods services to create a holistic support system for our beneficiaries.

Psycho-social support team and roles

The majority of the clients we see are coping with depression, anxiety disorders, PTSD, OCD and Personality Disorders. Cases are evaluated on a case-by-case basis with subsequent referral to external specialists as appropriate. We welcome individuals regardless of their residency status or accommodation arrangements, and welcome both self-referrals and agency referrals. Our core Interpreting staff include Arabic, Farsi, French, Turkish, Urdu, Somali and Sorani. We are always seeking other ways to help, the devastating recent wildfires in Mati is one example. With the help of the Anglican Church, we can continue to provide much-needed, specialized support for survivors of the Mati fires through our workshops, trainings and experienced Greek staff. Our hope is to help them lead normal lives again, while rebuilding their homes.



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NETHERLANDS DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO THE ANGLICAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM 2019.

Following the previous successful Deanery Pilgrimages, Revd. Barry Birch is organising a Pilgrimage to Walsingham from Monday 12th to Friday 16th August 2019. The previous pilgrims really enjoyed the time and were all uplifted by the whole experience. We hope many others would like to join us this year.

The shrine and grounds are situated in a lovely English village. The grounds contain the Shrine church, gardens with the Stations of the Cross, beautiful planting, accommodation for pilgrims, several chapels, a refectory, a café, a Shrine shop and a visitors' centre.

The pilgrimage contains several aspects, including:

- The First Visit to the Holy House (as near to 4 p.m. on Monday as possible).
- A daily Mass (Eucharist).
- The Stations of the Cross.
- A Service of Sprinkling at the Well, Anointing, Confession and Laying on of hands (Tuesday evening). This is for all Pilgrims, not just us.
- The Pilgrimage Mass (Wednesday morning). For all Pilgrims.
- A Candlelight Procession followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. (Wednesday evening). For all Pilgrims.
- The Last Visit to the Holy House with Intercessions (around 10 a.m. on Friday).

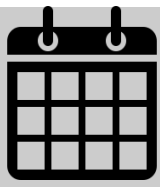
Accommodation is on the basis of half board, the first meal being supper on Monday 12th August and the last meal breakfast on Friday 16th August. The cost is about £229.40 per person. Revd. Barry will need to send an initial deposit of €15 per person by 25th March and a further deposit of about €30 each (depending on exchange rates at the time) sometime by 25th April. (He needs to send these as a non-refundable deposit). The balance of



around £200 will need to be paid during the Pilgrimage to the office at Walsingham, preferably by Bank Card. It will be necessary for pilgrims to make their own travel arrangements, possibly getting together in small groups. It is useful if people have transport with them as there will be free time to explore the beautiful area.

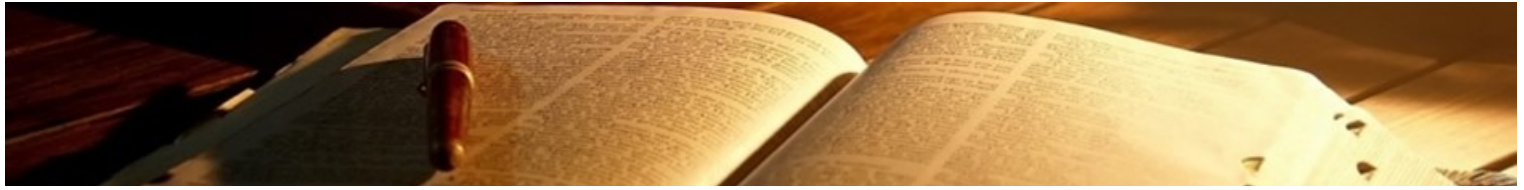
Please contact Barry on barrybirch@hotmail.com or 070 2134042 as soon as you can if you are interested in joining us. **He will need approximate numbers by 10th March.**

Do visit the Shrine website for further information about the Shrine:
www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk



CHRISTIAN CLASSICS STUDY GROUP

LECTIONARIES IN OUR CHURCH – 5 APRIL



The Anglican Church follows the practice of most denominations in choosing a series of readings to be read on Sunday services in all of their churches. That series of readings is called a lectionary. In the Church of England there are two possible lectionaries for use at Sunday services of Holy Communion.

The first is called the *Traditional Western Eucharistic Lectionary*, found in the Book of Common Prayer, but whose origins are in the 5th century. These readings have been used consistently in Western Churches, with minor variations at the Reformation, until the late 1980s. It is a one-year cycle of Epistle and Gospel readings, to which have been recently added Old Testament lessons. The second is called the *Revised Common Lectionary*. In the 1970s and 80s, following an initiative of the Roman Catholic Church after Vatican II in 1969, the Anglican Church began to experiment and finally agree upon a new lectionary, which is a three-year cycle of readings largely based upon the new Roman Catholic lectionary.

Holy Trinity Utrecht has used both lectionaries but is currently using the one-year Traditional Western Eucharistic Lectionary. Some on the Utrecht Leadership Team have questioned this and wonder if we should change back to the new three-year Revised Common lectionary.

Christian Classics Study Group will have an evening dedicated to understanding the advantages and disadvantages of

each of these two optional lectionaries in the Church of England.

Members of the Utrecht Leadership Team are hoping to attend to be more familiar and so be better able to make a decision about which lectionary we should use here at Holy Trinity in future. But this evening is open to the whole congregation, to all who are interested in learning about why we use the particular readings we do each Sunday.



The evening will be led by our Chaplain David Phillips.

When: Friday 5 April AD 2019

Where: The Parsonage, van Hogendorpstraat 26.

What: Supper begins at 6:30pm, the talk and discussion begins at 8:00pm

Please let David Vollmer (office@holytrinityutrecht.nl or 06 285 529 53) know if you would like to attend the supper so we can prepare sufficient food.

Mark your calendars for the CCSG after this!

Cyprian: On the Unity of the Church – Friday 3 May

An evening beginning with supper at 6:30pm and with discussion to follow led by the Rev Dr Jos Strengtholt at 8pm. More information to follow.



SPIRITS AND SPELLS

This piece was written by Ruth Alkema.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (John 16:13)

I did something very dubious for a Christian mother: I asked my youngest daughter to cross her fingers for me when I needed luck in a game. It worked. Now my daughter's faith in finger-crossing is very much reinforced. Part of me wonders if perhaps the devil influenced the odds in order to seduce her to superstition. The other part of me thinks I shouldn't be so ridiculous.

The past months I have been rethinking my beliefs about spiritual life. God, angels, devils, the human spirit, what does the word 'spirit' actually mean? I used to visualize spiritual powers as invisible, but real beings, somewhat like viruses and bacteria, some good, some bad. For example, I learned that daily prayer will protect us from evil spirits, and isn't that remarkably similar to washing your hands before dinner? I still think it's a good metaphor, but it shouldn't become a form of magical biology.

The word 'spiritual' is also used in a different way. I recently had a conversation with a friend about Augustine's *Trinity*, and he said: "*I think when Augustine says we*

cannot "see" justice, he is saying justice is not a physical object that we can discern with our eyes, it is abstract or

spiritual, and can only be discerned by the eye of the mind/spirit." So here 'spiritual' just means that it is purely abstract. Like 'justice', 'courage', 'love', 'truth'. These aren't things we can see or touch, but they are nevertheless real.



Making 'spirit' abstract in this way, reduces my fear of being manipulated. Perhaps strange for a Christian, but I am afraid of being moved by the Holy Spirit. Not for nothing did I begin sorting out my questions on faith with the text: 'Who lives my life?'. I wish to make my own decisions, and find the idea of being moved by anything, even the Holy Spirit, frightening. However, I have no objection to being led by 'truth' or 'justice', on the

1. E.g. his gifts of healing, prophecy, these miraculous aspects frighten me, because they seem such a display of power and overrule our own faculties of reasoning. Again no offense meant, I am grateful for healing that I myself experienced, it is just that I don't think the loving God even wants to be so dominant as is sometimes portrayed in charismatic movements (in my perception).

contrary I am frantically searching for truth everywhere. I hope the Holy Spirit now smiles at my reducing him to an abstraction for the time being, I mean no disrespect, but focusing on this part makes it easier for me. If I start here, I may come to know and love him more fully¹ later.

If we call 'spirits' abstract concepts, then 'spells' are the things that move us, or capture us. Like music, a book, movie, paintings, the smell of apple pie. Or the atmosphere in a building. People can also have such a spell on us, or even the memories of our dead ancestors. I have begun to pay attention to these influences, noticing how they make me feel and then act. Some bind me, making me feel very small or weak, others inspire confidence and set me free. Some make me feel like an intruder, others make me feel welcome. We are constantly moved and influenced by such things, most of the time unnoticed. I don't think we can avoid this, but we may learn to navigate so that we use these moving influences to our benefit. The more we are aware of the influence of things: how they move us to action or inertia, trust or fear, the more we can make good choices in where we go or what we read or listen to, and how we will react.

The story of Saul and David² sheds some interesting light on this topic. Saul was plagued by a tormenting spirit from God,

and then David's music made him feel better. Now this *evil* spirit certainly wasn't content to be an abstraction. He threw Saul in black moods and fits of anger, completely out of control. Yet not out of God's control: it is still a spirit *from the Lord*, allowed some space by the hidden wisdom of God. David's music must have made a remarkable difference, offered a great relief. Even so, it did not lead Saul to repent and be truly cured. Again we see this great difference between good and bad spirits. Good influences never force their way: they set us free.

By now I have a clearer vision on spiritual influences. My example of crossing your fingers for luck is quite ridiculous. Foremost I want to be led by the spirit of truth. There are helpful 'spells' like music, friendships, prayer, that foster this spirit. But these won't magically turn things right if I don't want that, as I discovered when thinking about the difference between good and bad influences. There is absolutely no need to fear manipulation by the Holy Spirit, reducing him to an abstraction won't be necessary. With this fear gone, I am most happy that the Holy Spirit is powerful to liberate, heal, enlighten, inspire and empower us when we ask, and best of all: give us peace.



LEARNING TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

This article was written by Nicky de Bie

As we come to the end of our New Wine course of six sessions (which began during Advent) it's good to take a moment to contemplate and evaluate what has been a truly enlightening course lead by Danielle Los and David, our Chaplain. It has been a joy to have been part of the group of about 16 of us, with mixed ages making the input really stimulating. We began each session with coffee and tea and delicious cakes and cookies made by Anna (throughout the course!) – and opened with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to guide us.

During the first half hour we watched a dvd of the New Wine leader guiding the course, in theory – and in a stimulating and often amusing way – and then with exercises to practice in groups. Could have been a bit scary, but we got off to a good start with words of encouragement for the group and for one another and through a game. And I think because there was such a good rapport PTL! with each other we felt able to be open and to give and receive from one another and from God.

At first I thought it a strange idea – that one could learn to listen to God's voice; thinking you either would hear God's voice – or not - to put it bluntly! But I learned through the sessions that you/ we can learn to be more 'tuned in' to God speaking to us, to be more sensitive, and that God may speak to us

in many different ways that we may not have been noticing or been aware of. For instance it could be through an impression, through thought, moving images or dreams, through the Bible or even through sympathetic pain. We learnt that it is good to ask (as Samuel was told to do by Eli) "Lord is that you?" and in the case of receiving a revelation/ message – to ask God for an interpretation and to ask what the application may be. In a subsequent session we were guided in asking God to receive a word of encouragement for another person. This comes under 'prophesying' and should always be used to build up and encourage we understood. The message is clearly that we should step out into this new area and find out what God wants of us! And above all to keep persevering and not be too afraid to fail. The NW leader encouraged us "God loves the fact that we long to grow in the things of the Spirit".

At our last session we split into groups to practice praying for one another in turn and then a few minutes of silent prayer when we could note down any image or thought that came to us about that person, which we then shared with the four of us.

The final session has just taken place this last Wednesday evening and was a powerful message of: being available to God – to the leading of the Spirit; as the

New Wine trainer urged us; Jesus was constantly available to the Father – and to be active – to seek His faith. An example from the Bible (Luke 8) when Jesus is exhorted to come and heal Jairus's daughter, yet at the same moment, as the sick woman pressed through the crowd to touch Jesus's garment; Jesus felt power going out of him and the woman was immediately healed. Jesus was always available to God.

It has been a journey of growing, of sharing with one another and I realize how good this course has been to help

with praying with others in the spirit; becoming a channel for God to work through – with words of encouragement and for the building up of each other and to be a blessing to others as God blesses us.

I know we are all thankful for the good guidance we have had, for all that we have been able to receive during the course. Finally for David and Danielle prayed for each of us that we may increase in the gifts of the spirit.

Nicky



CHARITABLE GIVING IN MARCH

Hestia Hellas supports mental health and livelihoods for the vulnerable in Greece.

Bishop Robert has launched his 2019 Lent Appeal, supporting mental health and livelihoods for the vulnerable in Greece.

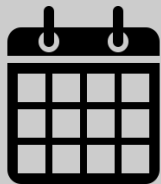
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You can find a video on YouTube about this project, here's the link: <https://youtu.be/amslCtNva1s>





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.

Chevetogne Weekend 29-31 March

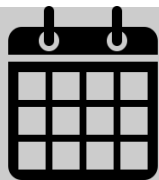
The student group will also go to Chevetogne again! This is a Byzantine rite Catholic monastery in Belgium. You can find out more about it on this website: <https://www.monasteredechevetogne.com/>

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!

Schedule

29 January 2019: Bible Study: Introduction to the vices
 10 February 2019: Welcome to Utrecht-event
 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)





CONFIRMATION SERVICE MAY 19TH

Our next Confirmation will happen, God willing, in Holy Trinity Chaplaincy on Sunday 19 May AD 2019. The Rt Rev Robert Innes, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe plans to visit Utrecht that weekend.

Please contact David Phillips in Utrecht (06 124 104 31) or Grant Crowe in Amersfoort (06 299 723 03) if you or your son or daughter are interested in being prepared for Confirmation.

In the Preparation for Confirmation in Utrecht we will look through the short Catechism of the Anglican Church found in the Book of Common Prayer. All are welcome to attend to learn about the faith without necessarily committing to being confirmed. All questions are most welcome and we expect lively discussion!

Preparation in Utrecht will happen on the following topics on the following days (normally on Wednesdays but sometimes on Thursday):

- 1 7:30pm Thursday 28 February: What is Confirmation?
- 2 7:30pm Thursday 14 March: Renouncing Evil (the world, the flesh & the devil?)
- 3 8:00pm Wednesday 20 March: Who is God? (The Apostles' Creed)
- 4 8:00pm Wednesday 27 March: Following God (The Ten & Great Commandments)
- 5 8:00pm Wednesday 3 April: Praying Always (The Lord's Prayer)
- 6 8:00pm Wednesday 10 April: The Sacramental Life
- 7 8:00pm Wednesday 1 May: The Church and a Rule of Life

There is an expectation that candidates will attend church on Sundays as part of their preparation.

If you would like to be prepared in Amersfoort, please contact Grant Crowe (06 299 723 03) for dates and topics for Confirmation Preparation which begins in Amersfoort in March.





ALL SAINTS AMERSFOORT MEETS RWANDA

This article was written by Ninke van der Werk

We (Ninke and Nienke) are going to visit Rwanda in March (March 21 – 30).

Compassion Nederland organizes a women's trip to Rwanda and with 40 women we will discover what it's like when poverty gets a face. We will spend time at Compassion projects and meet families in their homes.

It is insightful and inspiring to see how the local church in its own way sees a chance to reach poor children and their parents and to give hope again through Jesus. It is always special for visitors like us to see how much can be achieved with relatively little money. And it is (and always will be!) confronting to compare yourself and your own life with theirs.

Most of the time we will spend our time at the Anglican church in Musanze where a mother / baby project is situated. We will go to visit these mothers, where we can experience a bit of their daily life and do creative workshops with them.

Compassion has chosen to support children as soon as possible, which is before birth. When there is extreme poverty, an extra mouth to feed is not something to look forward to. If there are multiple children and no money, health care (even though it is often free) is difficult to reach. The mothers in these projects not only receive extra nutrition and all the medical care that is needed, but they are also encouraged to really be in happy expectation of their child, to support each other and to get

skills to
increase
their income.



All Saints will share more about this trip on Compassion Sunday which will be on Sunday 10th March. John Meijerink, a speaker from Compassion, will inspire us about the work that is done for children in poverty. Nienke and Ninke will tell more about the trip, we will collect the gifts families would like to send to their (your) sponsored children in Rwanda, we organize a 'share a book' table to raise money and we will pray for all sponsored children within the congregation. Please join us in this special service.

For further reading about the mother / baby project and a possibility to donate, please visit this web page: <https://www.compassion.nl/wat-we-doen/compassion-reizen/vrouwenreis-rwanda/doneer-nu-rwanda/>.

Please pray for us, for our preparations in the coming weeks and for the trip.

If you like to know more, you can contact us! With love, Ninke van der Werk and Nienke Westerbeek





POEM



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

La Corona de Rosas (de Rozenkrans)

**Als golvende lijnen
in concentrische cirkels
zich vernauwend
zich verwijdend
zó zijn hun woorden
beschuttend om mij heen –
hier hoog in de Spaanse bergen
waar een handjevol vrouwen
bidt in een zondoorlichte kapel**

**hun stemmen
schel
hartstochtelijk
hemelbestormend
rijgen repeterend
de woorden van
de Moeder en het Kind –**

**gewijde tijd
geeft adem aan
mijn ziel –**

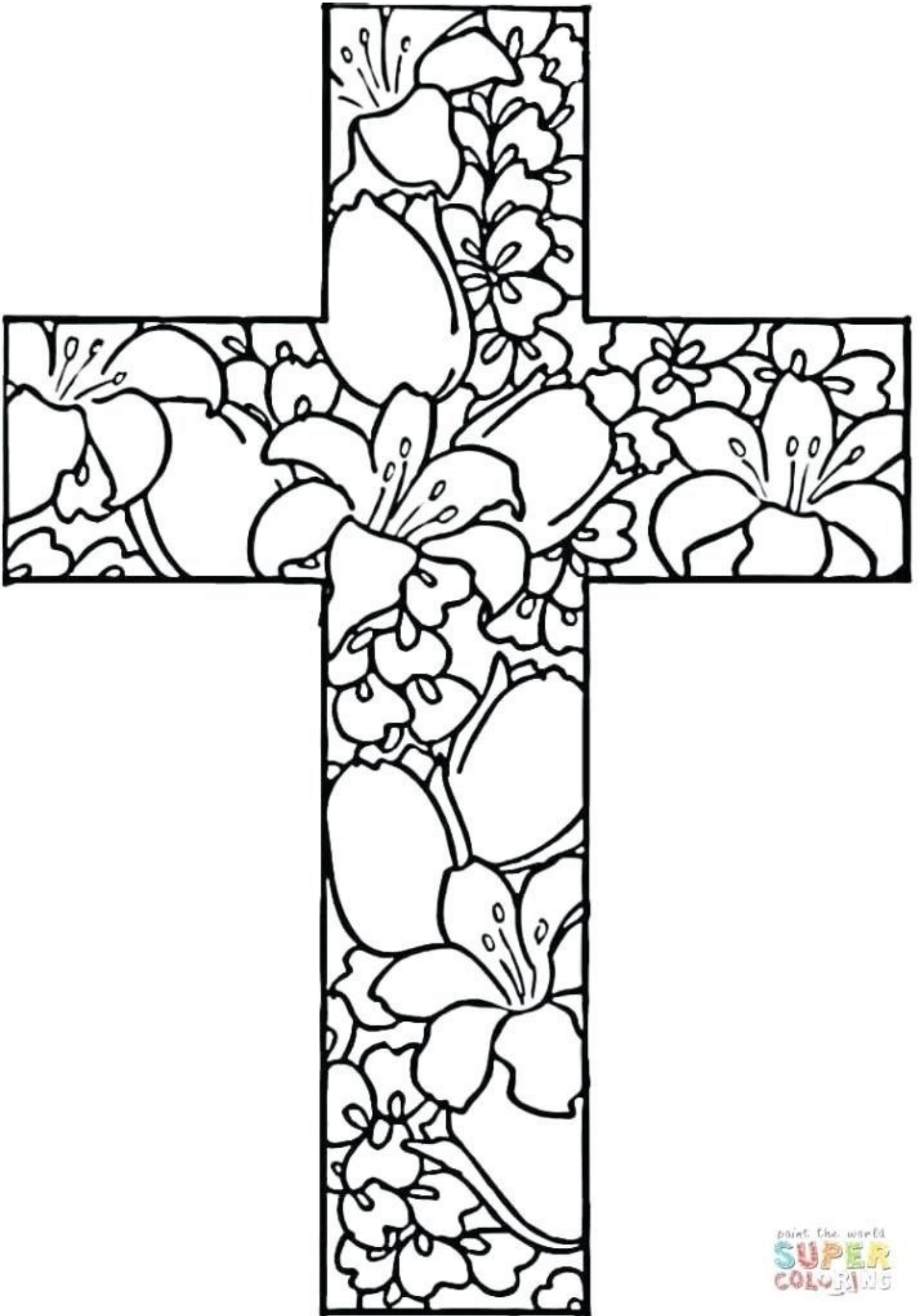
Crown of roses (the Rosary)

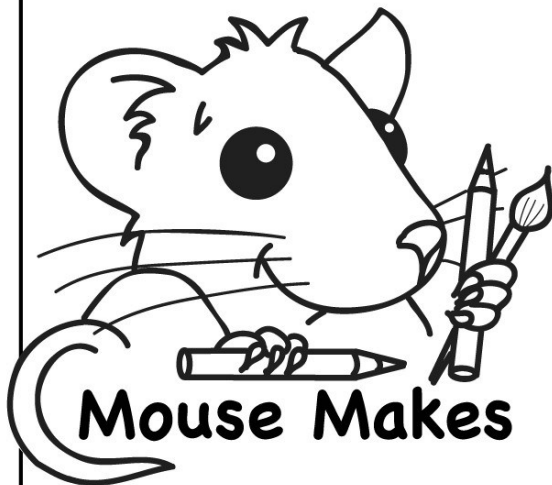
**As wavy lines
in concentric circles
they narrow
they disappear**

**such are their words
glittering all around me
here high in the Spanish mountains
where a handful of women
pray in a sunlit chapel
their voices
shrill
passionate
heaven-rushing storm
repeatedly strung together
the words of Mother and Child**

**negating time
giving breath to my soul**

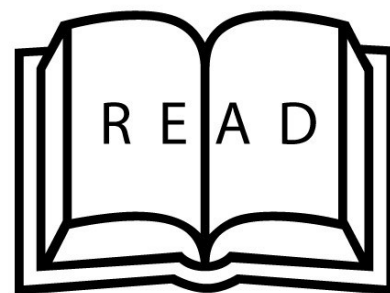
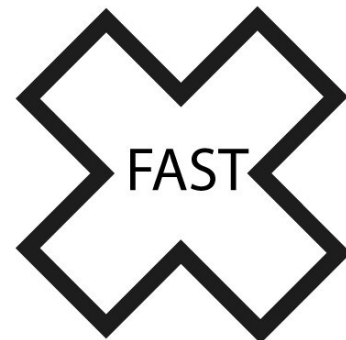
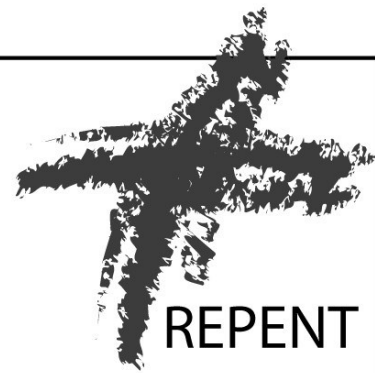
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During Lent read through the Gospel of Luke and each day pray for God to help you become more like Jesus

Lent is the name given to the **40 days** before Easter and is a time to *pray*, to *read* the bible and to *turn* to God. The first day of Lent is **Ash Wednesday**, a day to *repent* and say *sorry* to God for the wrong things we have *said* or *thought* or *done*.



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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, 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.

QUINQUAGESIMA – MARCH 4 TO 9

O LORD, who has taught us that all our doings without charity are worth nothing:
Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever lives is counted dead
before you: Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Genesis 29:1-20	Matthew 23:13-end	Genesis 31:1-9,14-21	Romans 12
<i>Tuesday</i>	Genesis 31:22-32:2	Matthew 24:1-28	Genesis 32:3-30	Romans 13
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Isaiah 58	Mark 2:13-22	Jonah 3	Hebrews 3:12-4:13
<i>Thursday</i>	Genesis 33	Matthew 24:29-end	Genesis 35:1-20	Romans 14
<i>Friday</i>	Genesis 37	Matthew 25:1-30	Genesis 40	Romans 15
<i>Saturday</i>	Genesis 41:1-40	Matthew 25:31-end	Genesis 41:41-end	Romans 16

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 11 TO 16

O LORD, who for our sake did fast forty days and forty nights:
Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit,
we may ever obey your godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to your honour and glory,
who is alive and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Genesis 42	Matthew 26:1-30	Genesis 43	Philippians 1
<i>Tuesday</i>	Genesis 44	Matthew 26:31-56	Genesis 45:1-15	Philippians 2
<i>Wednesday</i>	Genesis 45:16—46:7	Matthew 26:57-end	Genesis 46:26—47:12	Philippians 3
<i>Thursday</i>	Genesis 47:13-end	Matthew 27:1-26	Genesis 48	Philippians 4
<i>Friday</i>	Genesis 49:1-32	Matthew 27:27-56	Genesis 49:33—50 end	Colossians 1:1-20
<i>Saturday</i>	Exodus 1:1-14,22-2:10	Matt 27:57—28 end	Exodus 2:11-22	Colossians 1:21—2:7

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 18 TO 23

Almighty God, who sees that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended
from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Exodus 2:23-3 end	John 1:1-28	Exodus 4:1-23	Colossians 2:8—3:11
<i>Tuesday</i>	Exodus 4:27-6:1	John 1:29-end	Exodus 6:2-13 & 7:1-7	Colossians 3:12—4:1
<i>Wednesday</i>	Exodus 7:8-end	John 2	Exodus 8:1-19	Colossians 4:2-end
<i>Thursday</i>	Exodus 8:20-9:12	John 3:1-21	Exodus 9:13-end	Philemon
<i>Friday</i>	Exodus 10:1-20	John 3:22-end	Exodus 10:21—11 end	Ephesians 1
<i>Saturday</i>	Exodus 12:1-20	John 4:1-26	Exodus 12:21-36	Ephesians 2

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 25 TO 30

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.

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Annunciation of our Lady</i>	Isaiah 52:7-12	Hebrews 2:5-end	1 Samuel 2:5-end	Matthew 1:18-23
<i>Tuesday</i>	Exodus 13:17-14:14	John 5:1-23	Exodus 14:15-end	Ephesians 4:1-16
<i>Wednesday</i>	Exodus 15:1-26	John 5:24-end	Exodus 15:27-16:35	Ephesians 4:17-30
<i>Thursday</i>	Exodus 17	John 6:1-21	Exodus 18	Ephesians 4:31—5:21
<i>Friday</i>	Exodus 19	John 6:22-40	Exodus 20:1-21	Ephesians 5:22—6:9
<i>Saturday</i>	Exodus 22:20—23:17	John 6:41-end	Exodus 23:18-end	Ephesians 6:10-end

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – APRIL 1 TO 6

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.

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Exodus 24	John 7:1-24	Exodus 25:1-22	1 Timothy 1:1-17
<i>Tuesday</i>	Exodus 28:1-4, 29-41	John 7:25-end	Exodus 29:38-30:16	1 Timothy 1:18-2 end
<i>Wednesday</i>	Exodus 32	John 8:1-30	Exodus 33	1 Timothy 3
<i>Thursday</i>	Exodus 34	John 8:31-end	Exodus 35:20-36:7	1 Timothy 4
<i>Friday</i>	Exodus 40:17-end	John 9	Leviticus 6:8-end	1 Timothy 5
<i>Saturday</i>	Leviticus 19:1-18, 30-end	John 10:1-21	Leviticus 25:1-24	1 Timothy 6



WORSHIP IN MARCH

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) with **Annual Local Meeting** after the service
 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 3 rd March	Quinquagesima 10:30 All Age Worship Communion
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday 20:00 Choral Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Sunday 10 th March	First Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch liturgy/English sermon) 10:30 Choral Communion 14:30 Choral Evensong
Saturday 16 th March	Evening Prayer and Praise 19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band
Sunday 17 th March	Second Sunday in Lent 10:30 Choral Communion (with Prayer Ministry offered after the service)
Sunday 24 th March	Third Sunday in Lent (Eve of the Annunciation of the BVM) 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/English) 10:30 Choral Communion Special Annual General Meeting of the Chaplaincy after this service.
Sunday 31 st March	Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday 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)