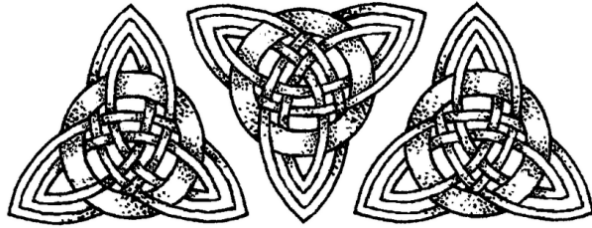


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The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Titian, circa 1545

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Chaplain's Report to the Annual General Meeting



Holy Trinity Utrecht
April 19, AD 2015

As we reflect on the ministry and mission of Holy Trinity Church over the past year I would like to begin by bringing before God those in our congregations who have finished their course in the faith and whom we believe are resting in God and awaiting as we are the general resurrection to glory:

Casper Hoogendijk; Harry Mol;
Wim Bakker; Ron Shargool;
Jan Mulder; Margery van Rossum-
Lewis; Hans van Ede; and Bep
Kerssen.

O Father of all, we pray to you for those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purposes of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory!

And we remember before God those who have been baptized this past year and so made members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven. I will give just their Christian names:

Duco, Anouk, Tristan, Jesse, Tobias,
Wouter, Aïsha, and Jael.

Grant, O Lord, that these children and young adults may by your mercy grow in health of body and mind, and serve you faithfully all the days of their life. Amen.

Matthew's Gospel concludes with the words of Jesus to the Apostles' after he rose from the dead and before he ascended – *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and*

of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. [Mt 28:18-20]

It is our mission as a church to nurture people from this beginning in Christ to their new beginning in the life of heaven. It is a mission of the greatest breadth and truly there is nothing more important on earth than this commission from our Lord.

We fulfill this commission in a variety of ways: in our worship, in our care for one another, in our teaching and fellowship, and our mission outreach. A few words about each of these.

Worship

This past year we've had our first full year of an expansion in the number of service – adding 9am services every Sunday – we were hoping it would lessen the pressure on 11am services and it has in fact resulted in continuing increase in the overall attendance on Sunday. It has led us by September to think of new strategies to enable continued growth – the planting of a church in Amersfoort as you've heard from the Task Force.

We've also introduced worship booklets, which lay out the order of the service clearly and incorporate the music settings for the Communion services in an attempt to make the services easier to follow for everyone but especially to be more welcoming and hospitable for non-Anglicans and other the first time visitors to our churches.

Our new Chaplaincy Administrative Assistant has been a great help, in a number of ways, but in relation to worship specifically, in the preparation of Bulletins for our worship – thank you Hanna for this and all your contributions to the ministry at Holy Trinity!

Thank you to all who contribute to the offering of worship to God's glory. There are so many! Thanks to Trevor Whitfield for leading occasionally, and other visiting clergy and lay preachers (Peter Boswijk, Thomas Fink-Jensen, Roger van Oordt, Frank Boneschanscher). Thanks to all who are responsible for the music: Henk Korff and the choir – Henk has passed a milestone recently of 12 ½ years of faithful service as organist and choir director!; thanks to Eppo Boneschanscher, Guus Zwart and Sara van Oordt, who lead worship and occasional choirs at the 9am services; thanks to the Gospel band led by Maria van Oordt, who have had their first full year and our largest attendance yet last night at the Prayer and Praise service; and the occasional visits of choirs led by Kit, such as Vision. Thanks to Assistants at the Dutch services, to Frank Boneschanscher, our Sacristan, for organizing and helping in the teaching of altar servers. Thanks to the team led by Anne Miechielsen who beautify of the church with flowers; and the women who attend to the linens. Thank you Stephen Postma for monumental task of organizing of the ever-expanding Rota! Thank you to all the Stewards who help things go smoothly and provide a welcoming presence as people enter God's house.

In Zwolle this past year we've seen a great change in the number of people involved in preparing for and seeing the worship come about – including the introduction of a choir led by newcomer Margreet Rutgers-Houtman!

Pastoral Care

Under Pastoral Care our congregations are continuing to be blessed with the help of Local Contacts in Utrecht congregation and the introduction now of a similar system of oversight of the care of individuals in Zwolle. This is of great assistance to me personally and expands our coverage of care. Thanks also to our Lay Pastoral Assistants – Harry Barrowclough and Peter Boswijk.

Thank you Anne for overseeing the Prayer Chain so that all we do, and that particular individuals who ask, are held up in prayer!

Our care of individuals is soon to be expanded with a Prayer Ministry to be offered in Utrecht after our worship services – thank you Danielle Los for bringing to our attention this healing ministry coming out of the New Wine movement and for organizing teachers to lead us in training sessions next month. It will be an extension of our quarterly Healing ministry. (Details are in the last Newsletter.)

Teaching and Fellowship

One of the highlights of last year in terms of the developing of greater fellowship was the Congregational Away Day in June – a great success thanks to the efforts of Suzanne van Rossum and Kristen Postma. We look forward to another opportunity like that, not this year, but next.

Thank you to the many more who have become involved in the past year helping in the hospitality after our church services in both Utrecht and Zwolle – a really good time for the welcoming of newcomers to the churches and for us to deepen our friendships and encourage one another in our Christian walk. Thank you to Anne Miechielsen for the hours and hours of work on the garden which is a part of our hospitality and lifting our hearts to wonder at God's beauty revealed in creation, enjoyed so much in our Sunday fellowship and by me personally through the week!

The Bible studies have continued to be led by various individuals in Utrecht – I am most grateful to Hans Baars and Danielle Los for oversight of this ministry. We have not quite figured out a way to expand this ministry to engage more yet in home groups, but that continues to be on our minds.

Two new ministries have been added that relate to Teaching and Fellowship, which came out of our Council Away Weekend last September: the Christian Classics Study Group, that has met three times so far – for supper together and for study and discussion of great Christian works; and the Cooking Group which has begun with a great feast in the middle of Lent! Thank you Debby Los

and Sheila Kooijman for starting this.

The ministry of teaching to children continues to flourish in Utrecht under the guidance of Gonny Eikelenboom – thanks to all the Sunday School teachers. Thank you Rosemarie Strengholt and Matthias van Boetzelaer for monthly teaching of the teens.

Last year we had 8 young people confirmed and three teens who made a public profession of their faith in the Church. We are in the process now of preparing 20 people of various ages for confirmation on June 20! That is very exciting. Please pray for them and for wisdom in sharing our faith with them.

Student Ministry

Many thanks are due to Jonathan Fink-Jensen for the ministry he has had since August last year as Coordinator of Student Ministry. He has been the point person to welcome students, to organize a monthly Bible study, to bring about the Student Alpha Course – twice now, since he was very involved last year too, before being officially the Coordinator. He has involved students in various ways in leading the monthly Prayer and Praise services as well.

With universities and other educational institutions in Utrecht and in region of Zwolle, with so many international students, it is clear that Student Ministry is an obvious mission outreach for us. Jonathan will be leaving us this Autumn to begin Doctoral Studies in Florence and we wish him God's every blessing in this new vocation. We will need to find someone here to fill his shoes!

Mission Outreach

The continued expansion of our ministry is just what is on our hearts very naturally or supernaturally because of the love we know from God in Jesus Christ, we are compelled by that love – we desire that others may come to know God more personally and to enjoy Him forever.

Our project for the planting of a Church in Amersfoort flows from this desire to share the

Gospel with the whole world. This coming Friday we begin to advertise for a Chaplain for Amersfoort – please pray that God will send to us the right person. If, by God's grace, it comes about, there will be changes to our sense of church community in Utrecht – with smaller numbers, we will need to rethink our own ministry and mission here. The new Council will be asked to appoint a Task Force, something like the Amersfoort group, to think about the implications for Utrecht. A chaplain in Amersfoort could also affect how we provide ministry to Zwolle – we will need to reflect on this together with the Zwolle leadership team.

As part of our attention to mission outreach, we have this past year focussed on our chaplaincy communications. Sheila Kooijman continued last year in the monumental task of being our chaplaincy web-builder and web-master, as she has since the start of our website – thank you Sheila for the hours and weeks and months of work over the past several years! In December we introduced a new website, developed by a web designer under the direction of the Website committee chaired by Peter Boswijk. We have also revisited the monthly Newsletter to give it a fresh look – thank you Judy Miller for your continued work as Editor!

Vocations Discernment Group

This past year Thomas Fink-Jensen, from Holy Trinity, has been a lay assistant in Oxford, cross-appointed between Pusey House and St Barnabas in Jericho. He is receiving much positive feedback as he discerns a call to ordained ministry and will continue in a second year of lay ministry and plans to attend the Bishops' Advisory Panel in December, the final stage before being sponsored for studies for the priesthood – please pray for him. Peter Boswijk has been a lay pastoral assistant at Holy Trinity for the past year and is stepping back a little for a time to focus on his vocation as a teacher and the family are moving to Rotterdam this summer (more a little further). Frank Boneschanscher and Roger van Oordt will

continue to reflect on how God is calling them to use their gifts in the Church while they participate in various ways in the ministry in Utrecht.

Oversite of our Mission

The various ministries of oversight make possible the mission of our churches.

I am deeply grateful to our wardens Rosemarie Strengtholt and Adrian Los – who are daily engaged in the oversight and seeing that our ideas for ministry and mission come about as they attend to the temporalities of our church. Thank you both, thank you for your dedication and for agreeing to let your name stand for one more year.

Thank you to Cecilia Koppenrade for unofficial oversight of Zwolle – and for helping in the organizing of more people to be involved in the various ministries in the past year in the congregation of Zwolle. You have been a great on-going encouragement to that congregation.

Thank you to Paul Kooijman, who has served so faithfully for another year on Council and as Treasurer! Paul is standing down as Treasurer after 5 years! – he is owed a great debt of gratitude for keeping our books balanced and transparent and for ongoing payment of bills and faithful stewardship! Thank you to Sandra Sue for being Secretary over the past year, keeping us organized and keeping record of our history as a church.

I want to mention again Peter Boswijk, who has been an inspiration here over the past few years, but certainly over the past two years since I arrived. Thank you for your zeal, for your behind the scenes organizing of so many things essential for worship and various ministries, and for general lighting of fires – good fires! – in peoples' hearts for the Gospel to be more engaged. Peter and his family are moving to Rotterdam soon and they will need to reassess how much and in what ways they can be involved – he is letting his name stand

for Council this year. We wish you God speed in your new lives there and in your on-going discernment!

Thanks are due to the hours of work and thought given to the ordering of our life here in Utrecht to Church Council Members, and to those on the Standing Committee who meet twice as often. It has been a pleasure to meet with you over this past year – I hope to see many if not all of you again soon. The Building Maintenance Committee has also spent hours and hours and hours in overseeing many projects for the smooth running of the Church and Rectory here in Utrecht. Thank you to members of the new Leadership Team in Zwolle who are engaged in seeing how we might be better ministers to Christ's flock in Zwolle.

The Great Potential

I continue to be astonished at the great potential of our churches and of the way that that potential is being realized in our midst.

As noted at the start, Jesus commands us:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

We live in contexts, both in Utrecht, Zwolle and Amersfoort, where the nations are coming to us – we needn't leave the country, but only our houses, to step out in faith and in hope to share the Gospel.

Foremost, our Lord reminds us that he is with us in all that we do until he returns in glory – His love in our hearts forgives us, comforts us, moves us, shapes us, and compels us to go out.

May His love continue to fill and define our lives and our mission together to His glory. Amen. ✠

Update from our Ecumenical Rep: Judith Riet



Meeting day on Peace

Saturday April 18 was the date of the annual Meeting day for the Anglican, Old-Catholic and Orthodox churches.

Some 60 people from different churches came together in the Old-Catholic Getrudiskathedraal.

The topic this year was Peace. Three speakers discussed this from different angles. Stire Kaya-Cirik, a woman of Syrian Orthodox descent and author of the book *'Echos's uit een onverwerkt verleden'*, talked about peace and forgiveness in the light the genocide of 1915 in South East Turkey. Father Meletios, Russian Orthodox priest, explained about the nature of peace, and the difference between God's peace and the narrower, political sense 'absence of violence'. The last speaker of the day was David Mumford, episcopal priest and former chaplain of the Anglican church in

Twente. He spoke about the way Christians can practice peace and non-violence in their daily life.

The day was a great opportunity to meet people from other churches in the liturgical tradition. The day ended with a joint vesper.



Taizé prayer service

On May 12 it will be the 100 years since the birth of Fr. Roger (1915-2005), founder of the Taizé community in France.

This will be commemorated with special Taizé events all over the world. In Utrecht there will be a prayer service at 19.00h in the Janskerk. The service will be combined with an action of solidarity. What form this will take is to be announced later.

Keep updated by befriending *Taizé in Utrecht* on Facebook or following their website: www.taizeinutrecht.nl ☒

Judith Riet



Worship in Taizé, France

Holy Trinity Council elects New Council at AGM

At the Annual General Meeting last month the following people were elected to stand on the church council for the coming year.

Exofficio members:

David Phillips, Rosemarie Strengtholt, Adrian Los, Sam van Leer

Elected Members:

Peter Boswijk, Patrick Elenbaas, Peter Gillies, Maryon Jagers, Paul Kooijman, Sheila

Kooijman, Henk Korff, Judy Miller, Judith Riet, Sandra Sue, and Simon Urquart, and Lodewijk Westerbeek van Eerton.

They will meet together every 2 months in the next year and amongst the coming business they will reflect on our mission, oversee the Amersfoort church plant, and various projects of the Building Maintenance Committee.

From the editor.

Holy Trinity Youth Seek Support for Albanian Mission

We have received a request for help for a group of four young men to attend a week experience in Albania. This follows a visit from two Albanian evangelists to Amersfoort. One of the young men has asked for this request to be published in the newsletter

Trip to Albania

Does your garden need a make-over?

Do you want your car to shine like never before?

Do not hesitate any longer, contact us!

This coming summer a group of four young people from Holy Trinity Utrecht will visit Albania.

Jack, Pieter, Mattheus, and Brian are going there for one week to visit two local

evangelists and support the work they do.

To make this trip possible we need to raise funds. Please contact us by sending a mail to: mattheus_88@hotmail.com

As part of our fundraising, we also organized a benefit concert. It took place in Amersfoort on April 25th from 19:00 till 20:30 at Daltonstraat 10.


The Prayer Chain Ministry

Our chaplaincy reaches out to God in prayer to hold up the chaplaincy and its members in particular need. If you have requests for the prayer chain, or if feel called to take part in this ministry of intercession, please contact:



- Anne Miechielsen (left) organizes and participates in this ministry at Holy Trinity Church in Utrecht:
anne@miechielsen.nl

- Margreet de Roo (right) organizes and participates in this ministry at Zwolle Anglican Church:

margreetderoo@gmail.com 



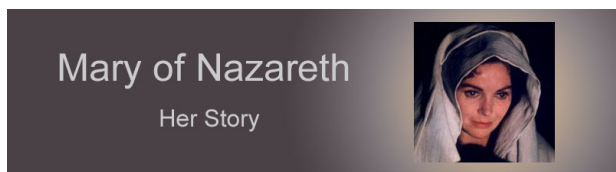
Holy Trinity Bible Study in May



We continue with stories about women in the New Testament.

○ **Ascension to Pentecost**

- **May 12** - Mary the mother of Jesus
– with . A focus on dedication



○ **Pentecost to summer**

- **May 26** - Dorcas – with a focus on serving and brotherly/sisterly love

As in the previous months the approach will be: What can we learn from the life and acting of these women for:

- our private life as Christians,
- as Holy Trinity community,
- as worldwide church on her way to the Kingdom of God,
- for our service to the world?

NB Everybody is welcome. Let us as Christians, as brothers and sisters in the Lord, have a fruitful growth in being Christ's Church! In the last few months there has been a growing number of participants, more are welcome!

Starting at 20 hours at the Parsonage.

Coffee or tea at 19.45, end time is 21.45. ☒

Danielle Los - 030 236 8572

Hans Baars - ebaars@planet

STUDENT BIBLE STUDY UTRECHT

A monthly study group for students has completed its introduction to the virtues of the soul. On **Tuesday March 31** it made decisions about the upcoming Student Bible Studies – more information will be available on the HTC website. If you are interested it usually starts at 18:15 with a dinner.

Please contact Jonathan for location and any other questions: 06 20 96 16 78 or j_finkjensen@hotmail.com

The virtues have also been the theme reflected on in talks at the Saturday night Prayer and Praise services. A special guest the Rev Dr Gary Thorne will preach **on Justice at 19.30 on Saturday April 18.** ☒

Helping Hand Learning Dutch



Mike Ebbs - language coach in Dutch - has room for a few students, who need to learn Dutch in a short time. Church-goers, free tuition. Contact Mike in church or at: bundoola@gmail.com ☒

Christian Classics Study Group

The Christian Classics Study Group has begun with three evenings over the past winter. We will take a pause over the summer months and re-engage in the Autumn. The Chaplain is most happy to

here suggestions for books or famous Christian writers for future studies. A hearty thank you to all who participated in our gatherings! ☞

Freedom Fighter

Here is this month's poem from Oeke Kruythof.



Vrijheidsstrijder

Voor de Opstanding
behoef ik geen bewijs
ik zie haar in je ogen---
onverwoestbaar is je geest
je geest
die prikkeldraad en
marteling trotseerde
en in de golven van geweld
niet machteloos ten onder ging

monddood schoot een kogel jou
maar je ogen blijven woorden
spreken
elke letter een symbool
VRIJHEID
oerbeginsel van het leven
taal die niet verstommen zal
zolang
de mens echt Mens zal wezen

voor de Openstanding
behoef ik geen bewijs
ik lees haar in je ogen...

Oeke Kruythof

Freedom fighter.

I need no proof
of the Resurrection
I see it in your eyes
your soul
is indestructible
your soul
defying the barbed wire
and the torture---
in the waves of violence
you submitted undaunted

muted
but your eyes still speak words
each letter a symbol
FREEDOM
the code of life
language not to be silenced
as long as man is Man

I need no proof
of the Resurrection
I read it in your eyes

*Oeke Kruythof
Translation/transcreation
Jenny Narraway*

A Sermon for Pentecost



Dr. Robert Crouse
June 7, 1981
St. James' Armdale,
Halifax Canada
*"They continued
steadfastly in the
apostles'
doctrine and
fellowship, and
in breaking of
bread, and in
prayers."*

Acts 2: 42

Pentecost was an
ancient Jewish

festival of harvest. Spring comes very early to Mediterranean lands, and on this day, fifty days after Passover, the first produce of the new year was ready to be offered to the Lord. You can find the regulations for the festival set out in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus. It was one of the great festivals of the year, and Jewish pilgrims from all over the world gathered in Jerusalem to observe it: *"there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven"*, says our Epistle lesson.

The offerings of Pentecost were material offerings, of course: lambs, and kids, and loaves of bread: and those who offered them knew that God had no need of such things. But these material gifts were signs and tokens of the spiritual offering of the gratitude and faithfulness of God's people; they were signs of obedience to God's commandments. It was a festival in which God was worshiped as the author of "every good and perfect gift"- above all, the gift of his Spirit, inspiring and enlightening the prophet and the sage, filling the human spirit with expectation and hope in the

divine promise: *"I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions: And upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit"*.

In this setting of thankfulness and expectation on the Festival of Pentecost, the Christian Church was born. In an upper room, at Jerusalem, surrounded by all the preparations for the ancient feast day, the small band of disciples awaited the fulfilment of Jesus' promise of the Comforter. The scene is wonderfully described by St. Luke in the 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles:

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance".

Wind and fire: ancient symbols of divine power and presence - The Breath of God, moving over the waters of chaos, producing the forms of life; breathing into lifeless clay, bringing forth a living soul; the breath of God in the Valley of Dry Bones, making those dry bones live. The fire of God: the refining and consuming fire of God's wrath and God's love. *"A rushing mighty wind...and cloven tongues, like as of fire"* - these are the mystical symbols of God's coming in power.

"And they were filled with the Holy Spirit,

and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Overwhelmed by the divine presence, they spoke the language of religious ecstasy, the language of dreams and visions. Some bystanders mocked and said they were drunk, with wine, but drunk with the spirit of the Lord.

Thus, in the experience of ecstasy, the Christian Church was born; and there have been some in every age who would regard this ecstatic experience as the normal and necessary mark of Christian Life. In our own time, for instance, there are certain "Pentecostals" and "Charismatics" of various persuasions, who would regard the ability to "speak with tongues" as the touchstone of authentic Christianity; and there are a great many others too, who suppose that real Christianity must be a matter of ecstatic experience, a matter of overwhelming emotional fervor.

For such people, the subtleties of Christian doctrine, and the settled forms of Christian institutions seem to be impediments to true religion. Against all that, they claim the "freedom of the spirit"; by which they often seem to mean the absolute authority of one's personal feelings and opinions.



But Pentecost is not just ecstasy of spirit, not just dreams and visions. The Spirit of God is the spirit of order, and not of chaos;

and the spiritual life must be formed and shaped in the precise clarity of doctrine, and must be nurtured in the settled forms of institutions, in fixed patterns of worship and forms of prayer. Thus, as St. Luke records, the disciples, baptized by the wind and fire of the Spirit, *"continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers"*.

Our own age is one which tends to be very impatient with formal definition, with subtleties of doctrine and settled institutional forms. We tend to exalt rather the virtues of individual opinion and personal feeling, and it seems difficult to recognize any objective truth or any objective good against which to measure those feelings and opinions. The message seems to be: if you like it, believe it; if it feels good, do it!

But today's Gospel reminds us that the Spirit of Pentecost is the Spirit of Truth - the truth revealed in God's commandments; and that those commandments are the real measure of our opinions and our feelings: "He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me". Pentecost is a festival of religious ecstasy, certainly, a time of dreams and visions; but the Spirit of Pentecost is also the spirit of "right judgements". The Spirit is expressed and comes to fruition in us by our obedience to God's commandments, *"in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers"*.

Pentecost is for us, as for the ancient Jews, a kind of harvest festival, and offering of the first fruits: The word of God, sown in our hearts and minds, by the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, is brought to fruition, and we offer up to God the first fruits of the grace which he has given us.

Amen. 



PENTECOST

24th May

Do you know what happened on the first Pentecost? On that day what really amazed all the people was that everyone there heard the message of the Good News in their own language. You can read about this in Acts, chapter 2.

How many languages can you speak? We all speak English but most of us know at least a few words in more than one language. I bet you know some French, even if it is only 'bonjour' or 'merci', perhaps you know some Urdu, Spanish or Polish too.

There are so many languages in the world we couldn't hope to learn more than a few of them – but Jesus knows our language... He can speak everyone else's language too. His gospel can be translated into every possible dialect and tongue because, whatever words are used, that gospel is the same. It is for all people, everywhere. Jesus speaks to everyone in His own language.

P - QUIZ

All the answers in this Bible quiz begin with the letter P - can you find them all?

1. Paul wrote to the people of this town.
2. The Roman Governor who washed his hands.
3. Where the last book in the Bible was written.
4. Short stories Jesus told.
5. Goliath was one.
6. What Amos and Hosea were.
7. To begin with he was called Saul.
8. The Egyptian ruler who argued with Moses.

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Where would you look for a lost vicar?

The Bureau of Missing Parsons.

What is wet, round, and taste of peppermint?

Water Polo.

What did the policeman say to the naughty frog?

Hop it.



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ANSWERS: 1.Philippi 2.Pontius Pilate
3.Patmos 4.parables 5.Philistine
6.prophets 7.Paul 8. Pharaoh

Drinking from the Well of Life

The Week of Easter III – April 27 to May 2

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

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<i>Monday</i>	Deut. 21:22--22:8	Acts 15:1-21	Deut. 24:5-end	Acts 15:22-35
<i>Tuesday</i>	Deut. 26	Acts 15:36--16:5	Deut. 28:58-end	Acts 16:6-end
<i>Wednesday</i>	Deut. 29:10-end	Acts 17:1-15	Deut. 30	Acts 17:16-end
<i>Thursday</i>	Deut. 31:1-13	Acts 18:1-23	Deut. 31:14-29	Acts 18:24--19:7
<i>Friday</i>	Deut. 31:30--32:14	Acts 19:8-20	Deut. 32:15-47	Acts 19:21-end
<i>Saturday</i>	Deut. 33	Acts 20:1-16	Deut. 32:48-end & 34	Acts 20:17-end

The Week of Easter IV

*O ALMIGHTY God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men:
Grant to your people, that they may love the things which you command,
and desire that which you do promise; so that,
among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<i>Monday</i>	Joshua 1	Acts 21:1-16	Joshua 2	Acts 21:17-36
<i>Tuesday</i>	Josh. 3	Acts 21:37--22:22	Josh. 4:1--5:1	Acts 22:23--23:11
<i>Wednesday</i>	Josh. 5:13--6:20	Acts 23:12-end	Josh. 7	Acts 24:1-23
<i>Thursday</i>	Josh. 9:3-end	Acts 24:24--25:12	Josh. 10:1-15	Acts 25:13-end
<i>Friday</i>	Josh. 21:43--22:8	Acts 26	Josh. 22:9-end	Acts 27
<i>Saturday</i>	Josh. 23	Acts 28:1-15	Josh. 24:1-28	Acts 28:16-end

The Week of Easter V

*O LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us your humble servants,
that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that be good,
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
<i>Rogation Mon.</i>	Deut. 7:6-13	Matt 6:5-18	Deut. 11:8-21	Matt 6:19-end
<i>Rogation Tues.</i>	Deut. 28:1-14	Luke 5:1-11	1 Kings 8:22-43	James 5:1-18
<i>Rogation Wed.</i>	Joel 2:21-27	John 6:22-40	Song of the Three Children 29-37	Luke 24:36-end
<i>Ascension Day</i>	2 Kings 2:1-15	Ephesians 4:1-16	Daniel 7:9-14	Hebrews 1
<i>Friday</i>	Judges 2:6-end	Hebrews 2	Judges 4	Hebrews 3
<i>Saturday</i>	Judges 5	Hebrews 4:1-13	Judges 6:1-24	Hebrews 4:14-5:10

The Week of Ascension Sunday

*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	
<i>Monday</i>	Judges 6:25-end	Heb. 5:11-6 end	Judges 7	Hebrews 7
<i>Tuesday</i>	Judges 8:32-9.24	Hebrews 8	Judges 10:17-11:28	Hebrews 9:1-14
<i>Wednesday</i>	Judg. 11:29--12:7	Heb. 9:15-end	Judges 13	Hebrews 10:1-18
<i>Thursday</i>	Judges 14	Heb. 10:19-end	Judges 16:4-end	Hebrews 11
<i>Friday</i>	Ruth 1	Hebrews 12:1-13	Ruth 2	Heb. 12:14-end
<i>Saturday</i>	Ruth 4:1-17	Hebrews 13	Deut. 16:9-12	Luke 11:1-13

The Week of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

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

WORSHIP IN MAY

Services are in English unless otherwise specified.

Sunday 3 rd May	The Fourth Sunday after Easter 9:00 Sung Communion 11:00 All Age Worship - Holy Communion Zwolle - 16:00 Sung Communion
Sunday 10 th May	The Fifth Sunday after Easter (Rogation Sunday) 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Sung Communion 14:30 Choral Evensong
Thursday 14 th May	The Feast of the Ascension 10:00 Sung Communion
Saturday 16 th May	Evening Prayer and Praise Service 19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band <i>Guest Preacher: The Revd Adriaan Verwijs</i>
Sunday 17 th May	The Sunday after Ascension 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion Zwolle - 16:00 Evensong
Sunday 24 th May	PENTECOST 9:00 Choral Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion
Monday 25 th May	Monday after Pentecost – 10:00 Holy Communion
Tuesday 26 th May	Tuesday after Pentecost – 10:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 31 st May	TRINITY SUNDAY 9:00 Sung Communion 11:00 Solemn Choral Communion Zwolle - 16:00 Sung Communion

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

Daily:	Morning Prayer (Tuesday to Friday 8.00; Saturday 9.00) and Evening Prayer (Tuesday to Friday 17.30; Saturday 17.00)
Weekly:	Holy Communion (said) (Wednesday at 19.00)