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The Revd Grant Crowe kneels at his licencing before Bishop Robert Innes, with Archdeacon Meurig Williams

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April Events at a Glance

(for worship services see the last page)

31 March	Lecture on 'Courageous Leadership' by Archbishop Hammar of the Swedish Lutheran Church (in English)	p. 16
Until 24 April	Happetieria Restaurant in Utrecht: Until April 24 why not have supper out and support charity? See www.happietaria-utrecht.nl	
Until 4 April	Art Exhibition – Chris Los' Watercolours!	p.14
2 April	Men's Evening! Bert Meeuwse's home (Huize Metgensbleek, Ringweg Randenbroek 123, 3816 CE Amersfoort) (see March Newsletter or HTU website)	
3 April	GraceTALKs in Groningen All are welcome.	
3 April	Benefit Concert for Tibetan School in India	p. 8-9
12 April	Bible Study 7:45pm Upstairs in the Parsonage	p. 14
17 April	Holy Baptism and Confirmation Service: Bp Robert will lead the service at 9:30 at All Saints Amersfoort	p. 6
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Letter from our Chaplain in Amersfoort



As we read this newsletter we begin the month of April, part of the 50 days of Eastertide. On the fortieth day we celebrate our Lord's

ascension. And Luke tells us: in the 40 days prior to that ascension – *“giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles ... he [the Lord Jesus] showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive...and spoke about the kingdom of God.”* (Acts 1).

The teaching of the kingdom formed the main focus of Jesus' teaching before his passion. And Jesus inaugurated the kingdom – it drew near – in his public ministry, life and death and resurrection. With his coming, the age to come invaded this present age. We, as Christians, live as members of his heavenly kingdom, awaiting the day when the divine kingdom is fully manifested when God's will is done on earth as in heaven, when every knee will bow at Christ's name and every tongue confess him as Lord (Phil 2).

What teachings did Jesus give in those days about the kingdom of God?

1) *Jesus is the King.* He has all authority over angels, demons, Satan, any rulers and

authorities in heavenly places. He has all authority on earth over kings, rulers, leaders and all people. (Matthew 28).

2) *The good news of the kingdom is to shared with all* - all to hear and all are invited. The kingdom has a global vision. (Luke 24, Acts 1, Matthew 28, Mark 16).

3) *The King has disciples.* We are not simply to teach others about the King, but to teach others to obey the words of the

King. “Christ's followers must obey what they know and teach others to do the same.” (A. Scott Moreau). So we are challenged in each generation to teach the next generation to obey Jesus teachings.

4) *Kingdom work is done in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.* And we are to be expectant that supernatural signs may occur as

we seek to communicate the Kingdom. (Mark 16, Luke 24, Acts 1)

5) *And the King is not absent* – he works with his people, confirms his work (Mark 16) and he will always be present – Matthew 28. We do not do his work alone!

As servants of the Heavenly King, we are reminded in Eastertide and invited to be about the King of kings' business. ✠

In the love of Christ,



Announcement of Annual General Meeting 2016



Adrian Los, one of our wardens (left), and Peter Boswijk, our deputy warden (right), have provided this contribution to clarify about the Annual General Meeting and how it all works together for good in the governance and in the building up of God's Kingdom in this place.



Where and when is it?

Saturday 23 April from 15:30-16:30 at Heilige Geest Kerk, Mozartweg 55 Amersfoort.

What is it?

The AGM 2016 is the official yearly meeting of all persons connected to the church.

What do we do?

- The Chaplains will set out their vision for next year.
- The Wardens and leaders of ministries will report on their activities and plans.
- We will discuss and pass the financial accounts and budget.
- We will elect the Wardens, Council Members and Charitable Giving Committee for 2016-2017.
- We will appoint the leadership team for All Saints.

Who is it for?

The AGM is for everyone who feels connected to Holy Trinity Utrecht, All Saints Amersfoort, Anglican Church Zwolle or Grace Church Groningen.

Why should I come?

Lots of reasons: Show your support for the work in our church! Become connected to people you haven't met! Hear about things you didn't know were going on! Vote for your representatives!

When am I eligible to vote?

To be able to vote you have to be on the electoral roll of the church. If you are not on the roll and you want to be, you can register by filling in the electoral form if you have been a regular attender for 6 months. Our Electoral Roll Officer, Sheilla Kooijman will be happy to inform you about the process. You can contact her at sheila_kooijman@xs4all.nl.

Can I stand for any office?

Yes! You are very welcome to stand. You can stand for Churchwarden, Council Member or Charitable Giving Committee. For the Church Council, we will propose 5 seats be reserved for All Saints, 5 for Holy Trinity, 1 for Grace Church and 1 for Anglican Church Zwolle. David or Grant will be able to inform you about the office and process and have the necessary forms at hand.

How and where can I get more information?

About one week before the AGM you will receive the agenda and agenda papers by email. If you have any question, you can contact your wardens.

We are looking forward to meeting you there!

Adrian Los
Peter Boswijk

(see more on the AGM on following page)

This year we will have our Annual General Meeting or AGM on April 23rd at 15:30 hours at the Heilige Geest Kerk in Amersfoort.

In the Church of England the AGM is a fixed event in the life of the church. It is there we accept reports from the previous year. We also need to pass financial accounts of the previous year and the budget for the current year. It is there that the members of the congregation elect their council and their churchwardens. Every three years we also elect our lay Archdeaconry Representatives. That will happen again in 2017.

At the meeting all persons on our chaplaincy electoral roll are allowed to vote. In order to stand for Churchwarden and council you also need to be on the roll. All members and regular visitors of our church can enlist for the roll. All you need to do is obtain a form, fill it in and return it to our electoral roll officer, Sheila Kooijman. If you do not want to vote, but are a member or regular visitor of our churches we also would like to encourage you to enroll. In that way our roll becomes a closer reflection of our congregation. For any questions please contact Sheila: sheila_kooijman@xs4all.nl.

This year in fact our AGM of Holy Trinity Church covers 4 churches. There is of course Holy Trinity Utrecht and there is the Zwolle congregation we cater for. Most recently the church plant in of All Saints Anglican Church Amersfoort was added to the chaplaincy. There is also the pioneer Grace Church in Groningen, set up under the flag of Holy Trinity Church Utrecht. Hopefully all those churches can become independent congregation in the future. For now we are legally one congregation. To reflect this situation and to accommodate people from Groningen and Zwolle to join, we have decided to meet in Amersfoort.

There is a large church hall and there is ample free parking space.

The Churchwardens for Holy Trinity Church hold responsibilities covering all churches. We have two candidates for Churchwarden; Rosemarie Strengolt and Peter Boswijk. Adrian is standing down after 4 years. Rosemarie has been a Churchwarden for the past 2 years. Peter has been deputy and acting Churchwarden with Rosemarie away in Cairo. Should you want to stand please contact one of us or speak to our chaplain, David Phillips. If there are two candidates they will be appointed. If there are more we hold an election.

To reflect the current situation our council is proposing to the AGM to have representatives of all churches on our Chaplaincy Church Council. With our current size we have 12 places for council members. Apart from these 12 council members, the chaplains, the churchwardens and the Archdeaconry representatives are automatically also on the council. "Ex officio" is what it is officially called. If AGM agrees we will reserve 5 places for Utrecht, 5 for Amersfoort, 1 for Groningen and 1 for Zwolle. We will have forms available for people to stand for council, in which they say for which congregation they want to stand. Should AGM chose to leave it open we will hold straight elections, without setting the number of reps from each congregation.

At Holy Trinity Church the AGM also elects 4 members of our charitable giving committee. The charitable giving committee is charged with the distribution of the fund money. They process and decide on requests for donations from outside and suggestions from church-members. One of them is the treasurer and

has access to the Charitable giving bank account. With a local congregation in Amersfoort also collecting charitable giving funds we have decided. Proposed is that both Utrecht and Amersfoort have 2 representatives on the committee. As a body they are responsible for distributing the money to Amersfoort, Utrecht and of course shared causes.

Grant works with a leadership team in Amersfoort. Part of the team will also be on council and one will also join standing

committee. Grant will propose his leadership team to the AGM. They will work within the framework and the boundaries set out by AGM, council and Standing Committee.

About one week before the AGM you will receive an information-pack by email. Please prepare prayerfully. ✂

The Churchwardens

Global Language

Here is this month's poem from Oeke Kruythof in Dutch, the English translation / transcreation is by Jenny Narraway.



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Benefit Concert voor Tibet in April



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Beste Tibetvrienden,

Het is al bijna een traditie geworden: een benefietconcert voor de Tibetaanse kinderen.

Ook dit jaar gaat het door en wel **op zondag 3 april om 3 uur in de Holy Trinity Church** op het Limburg Stirumplein, bereikbaar met bus 8, richting Wilhelminapark. De toegang is gratis, maar wij hopen natuurlijk van ganser harte dat U wat meebrengt voor de collecteschaal.

Het zou erg fijn zijn als een aantal van U zou willen helpen om in de pauze de aanwezigen van een hapje en een drankje te voorzien. Als U dat wilt en kunt, laat U het dan alstublieft zo gauw mogelijk even weten?

Voor wie het nog niet weet: ik ben nu al bijna 50 jaar bezig om de Tibetaanse vluchtelingetjes zo goed mogelijk in India onder te brengen. Samen met de Wilde Ganzen heb ik veel kindertehuizen neer kunnen zetten. Daar kunnen de kinderen met een pleegmoeder in een liefdevolle gezinssfeer opgroeien en op school een Tibetaanse opvoeding krijgen. De kinderdorpen functioneren goed en de nu in totaal 11.741 kinderen zijn gelukkig. Dit

jaar worden er nog 600 meer kinderen in nood verwacht. Veel van hen staan op een wachtlijst, meest slachtoffers van de alles verwoestende aardbeving in Nepal.

Toen ik wat ouder werd durfde ik niet voor nog zo'n tehuis te gaan sparen. Dat was toen de Dalai Lama net om hulp vroeg voor een vervolgopleiding. In Bangalore is toen van de grond gekomen het His Holiness Institute for Higher Education, zodat de kinderen na hun middelbare school een studie kunnen volgen die hen in staat stelt om, wanneer Tibet vrij is van de Chinese overheersing van hun land, te helpen opbouwen of om in India op eigen benen te kunnen staan. Sinds die tijd voer ik actie om de gebouwen van deze universiteit in te richten en van meubilair en apparatuur te voorzien. De 35 lokalen van gebouw 1 zijn intussen klaar en van het tweede gebouw is het eerste lokaal bijna klaar.



Ik hoop heel erg dat ik tijd van leven mag krijgen om dit project af te ronden.



EN NU OVER HET CONCERT ZELF.



NAMGYAL LHAMO, haar bijnaam is de Nachtegaal van Tibet, special-iseerde zich als vluchteling in Dharmasala (India) in de klassieke 17de eeuwse zang- en volksmuziek en de Tibetaanse opera. Zij

bespeelt verschillende traditionele. Tegelijkertijd wordt dus ook aan het vervolgonderwijs veel aandacht besteed. Het lijkt mij heerlijk als ik, zolang als mijn energie het toelaat, kan blijven werken aan de voltooiing ervan.

instrumenten, zoals de dramyen (luit) en het snaarinstrument de gumang. Sinds zij in Utrecht woont is zij in vele landen van de wereld opgetreden.

Vrouwenkoor Cantaba zingt een selectie uit haar repertoire met liederen van Purcell, da Palestrina, Mozart en Brahms. Het Zolderkoor uit Vleuten brengt naast liederen van Mozart een programma met wereldmuziek uit Afrika, Zuid-Amerika en de Byzantijnse ritus.

Beide koren staan onder leiding van HARRIE WAGEMAKERS.

Op de dag van het Tibetaanse Nieuwjaar durfde ik niet de Tibetaanse vlag uit te hangen uit angst om uit het raam te vallen. In plaats daarvan viel ik van de trap en moest ik met een gebroken knie naar het ziekenhuis. Vandaar dat deze tibetbrief U wat laat bereikt, maar deze gevallen vrouw hoopt van ganser harte dat U de derde april nog vrij hebt of vrij kunt maken.

Met Tibetaanse groet, tashe delek,
Maya Hoogveld

The Prayer Chain Ministries

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



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

Margreet de Roo (right) organizes and participates in this ministry at Zwolle Anglican Church: margreetderoo@gmail.com



Ecumenical News for April

Judith Riet, one of our Ecumenical Representative sends us this update for April.



Not a lot of news on the ecumenical front this month. Every month I try to look for interesting interconfessional activities, events and initiatives. Utrecht is a big city, and there is a

lot going on. There is no need to keep ourselves confined to our own circles. We can learn from other Christians and from other churches and we can celebrate our common ground in Jesus Christ. Of course, I try to give a special emphasize on events where HTC is involved, Utrecht-based events or English language. Do you know any such events? Let me know, I am happy to include them.



One of the things I wish to bring to your attention is Oorsprong Mini Festival, a brand new one day festival in Utrecht where youth can meet Jesus through music. The festival is an initiative of De Poptempel, a young collective of music lovers that originates in the youth work of the PKN. De Poptempel aims to reach out to young people via popular music, to show that the Christian faith is not redundant but very much alive and present in a lot of modern music. The website is not fully finished yet, over the coming weeks more bands, workshops and artists will be added to the list of performers.

Date: June 18. Location: Old Post Office on de Neude.

www.festivaloorsprong.nl


The second thing I would like to mention here is something I re-discovered during Lent: the daily podcasts from Pray-as-



you-go. If you have difficulty making time for a morning prayer, like me, this may be a solution. Pray-as-you-go offers a daily 15-minute podcast in audio recording that can be downloaded or played online. The prayer follows the same routine every morning in a typical Anglican approach. After some peaceful music there is a Bible reading, some meditative questions, a re-reading of the text and time for open prayer. It ends with the Grace. It is a good way to start your day in the comfort of your home, if you find (or make) the time, but for me the appeal of Pray-as-you-go is the fact that you can pray wherever, whenever.

It is ideal for in the bus, train, on a bike or in the car. Don't disregard traffic safety, perhaps praying in the car is better left for when you are stuck in traffic. I wouldn't promote a lack of attention in the traffic due to prayers! My daily cycling route to Utrecht is half an hour and pretty straight forward (literally), so ideal to listen to the podcast.

The podcasts can be downloaded, played online, or played via an app and for convenience also two weeks ahead. The original English initiative has gained a steady popularity over the last few years. Since last year there is also a Dutch version.

www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/
biddenonderweg.org/home/ 

Liberating Creativity

This contribution is from Ruth Alkema who contributes articles regularly both at Holy Trinity and Jerusalemkerk in Utrecht.



*So if the Son
sets you free,
you will be free
indeed.*

John 8:36

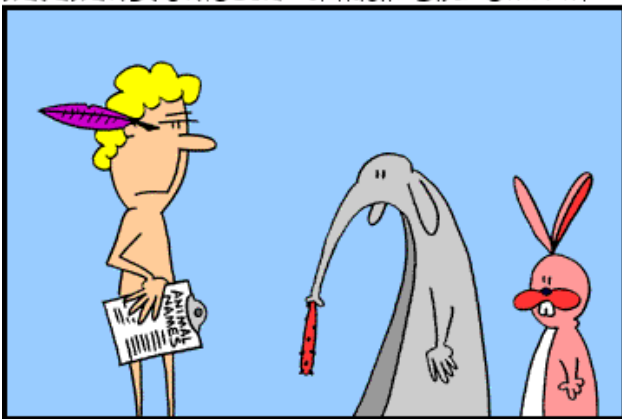
With Easter we've celebrated the victory of Jesus over death and sin. It is a precious victory, that He won at a high price. He shed his blood for my freedom: it is humbling to think of it, and at the same time exceedingly precious that He loves me so much, that He gives me this gift of his life. I hardly dare to accept it, because it is such a great thing. Yet I must accept of course, it would be very offending not to, and also I'd die if I didn't. At the same time I realize that accepting means that I also promise to be ready to sacrifice my own life and follow him. Give my life to Jesus, but in full confidence in his victory, to

receive back from him the new life in freedom.

This leads me to think about freedom, which I first associate with creativity, because we need freedom to be really creative. Also, our creativity is truly a wonderful gift of God: this is what makes us all unique and special. We can each have our own way of doing things, showing something of God that only we can show. The first thing Adam got to do was also something creative: think up names for all the animals. I recently read a wonderful explanation, that in order to do this, Adam had to look really well at each animal to get to know it, and then give it a name that really fitted that animal. The explanation went on to say that this was how he exercised the dominion that God gave him over the animals: a loving kind of dominion that affirms every animal in its being. I think this shows very beautifully how dominion and freedom can go together. God is just like that, I think: He knows us perfectly, and therefore his commands are not limiting, but affirming us in our character.

Now I think that Adam was so stunned at seeing his wife for the first time, that he wasn't so very creative in his first attempt of a name for her, calling her just 'woman': something derived from himself. I find this a bit dull, it seems as if he didn't really see her as a person, only managed to say that she was equal to him. It was after the fall that he gave her a name with a meaning that is full of appreciation¹. Perhaps this

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(See Genesis 2:18-25) 06-19-1998

AFTER JUST STRUGGLING TO PICK NAMES FOR THE PLATYPUS, THE AUK, THE RHINOCEROS AND THE GIBBON, ADAM WAS NOT IN THE MOOD TO WASTE MUCH THOUGHT ON THIS "EATER OF ANTS"

¹ Actually I first heard this said by a rabbi in a lecture on how man and woman complement each other. It is on youtube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQzt6gGwvJQ>
He really makes a beautiful point about the name Eve, at around the 28th minute of the lecture.

points forward to Rev. 2:17 where God promises a new name to those that conquer, and of the occasions in the Bible where God gave new names to some people, for example Abram became Abraham, Jacob who became Israel, and Simon became Peter. I think God calls us all by name. His calling is in one way limiting, because He asks us to leave our old life and follow him, but on the other hand also very affirming and full of appreciation for us personally. And I am sure that we are invited to be creative in filling in the details of our calling.

Another thing that I associate with freedom is contemplative prayer. For me this means sitting down in a small room to be quiet for God, and shut out all distractions. I will stop pursuing any thought, but let all thoughts fade away so that I can remain aware of being in God's presence. You might think that this is the complete opposite of freedom: I do not even control my own thoughts. And certainly it is most oppressing if you let other people control what you think. But I find that opening my heart and mind to God is actually allowing him to free my mind of unnecessary limits and open my heart to new ways of thought. This has given me freedom in looking at things in new ways (hence all my texts in the newsletters). It turns out that my own control is actually more limiting than when I give the reins to God.

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I'VE REALLY ENJOYED OUR TIME TOGETHER TODAY ... WANNA MAKE THIS A REGULAR WEEKLY THING?

One last thing that comes to my mind is the song of Zachariah, which is all about the freedom that Jesus brings (Luke 1:68-79). In verse 74 it says that we are now free to worship him without fear. For some people the word 'worship' perhaps brings associations with simple songs with many repetitions, but to me worship means my stretching out to the large and wonderful God, and losing myself in Him: the ultimate freedom. It ought not to be necessary to add the words 'without fear', because fear is completely incompatible with that. Yet I think we need to be told over and over again, since the devil so often tries to make us afraid of God or each other. So let's not be afraid, but, as is stated in the last verse, let God *guide our feet into the way of peace.* ✂

April Charitable Givings at Holy Trinity

During the month of April our special blue bag offerings in Utrecht will be sent to 2 charities. (1) Telephonische Hulpdienst Utrecht. This charity provides a 24/7 helpful listening ear to anyone with problems. www.thd-utrecht.nl (2) Window Of Hope Foundation is involved in various projects in the field of health, education, community empowerment, and development in Malawi. Projects include: a book about Community Empowerment; supporting orphans to attain education; training economic empowerment of women; providing bikes to Safe Motherhood Field Assistants; initiating Hope Business Centre (offices, conference rooms, restaurant, lodging, internet café, social networking) that will use the profit to invest in social programs. www.facebook.com/pages/Malawi-Window-Of-Hope/529367247132748 ✂

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The Rev Grant Crowe was licensed on March 16, AD 2016 by the Rt Rev Robert Innes at All Saints Church (Heilige Geestkerk) in Amersfoort. Photos were taken by his wife Petra – thank you Petra! (for more great photos (and in colour!) see the Holy Trinity website)



Before...



(see also the front cover for the moment of commissioning)



...and After!

And in between...



April Bible Study in Utrecht

April – 50 days between Easter and Whitsunday - Bible Study

Tuesday April 12 & 26

After Lent we finish the study of Christ's farewell discourse in John with the prayer and lessons from John 16:16—17 end – the promise of the Holy Spirit and his prayers for his disciples and all those who will believe in Him.

All of you are most welcome to join the Bible Study.

Starting time is 20 hours. Coffee or tea at 19.45, end time is 21.45.



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ART EXHIBIT OF WATERCOLOURS



Christine Los- Baxter – mother of Adrian and Debby – will have an exhibition of her paintings in:

Stroomhuis Neerijnen,
Van Pallandtweg 1,
Neerijnen
March 17 until April 4,

www.stroomhuisneerijnen.nl

or contact Hans Baars
at ebaars@planet.nl ☎

Archbishops of Canterbury and York Request Prayers



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Lent 2016

Thy kingdom Come, thy will be done ...

A Call to Prayer in the week leading up to
Pentecost 2016

As we travel around the country, we are continuously encouraged by the faithfulness, commitment and courage of all our Partners in the Gospel. Your ministry in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, often in testing circumstances, is an inspiring testimony to the transforming work of our Lord. We thank God for our partnership in the Gospel.

Like us, you will know that ministry is empty and barren without prayer. That is why we are taking the unprecedented step of writing to every serving parish priest in the Church of England inviting you and your people to join us in a week of prayer for the evangelisation of our nation. In the week leading up to Pentecost (May 8th - 15th, 2016) we long to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches.

Our hope is

for all Christians to deepen their
relationship with Jesus Christ

for all of us to have confidence to share
the Gospel

for all to respond to the call of Jesus
Christ to follow Him as disciples, to
live out the Gospel and to seek God's
Kingdom from day to day

At the heart of our prayers will be the words that Jesus Christ himself taught us - **'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.'** It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the

Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.

But how? We are aware that many dioceses, cathedrals, parishes, and chaplaincies will already be preparing to engage in special times of prayer and witness at that time. If this applies to you, please do not see this letter as an additional burden; we simply ask that your own prayers, as you engage in your Diocesan or parish plans, should include your longing that more should come to know Christ.

Only you know the context in which you minister and the opportunities and challenges you face, so the precise way in which this time of prayer is realised locally will be up to you and the people you serve. If you go to the website: www.thykingdom.co.uk you will find many ideas and resources to inspire you. Amongst them are the following suggestions;

- As a parish, team, or deanery commit to a week of 24/7 prayer
- 'Help my church to pray' guide
- Special prayers in Sunday worship
- Prayer walking
- An hour of prayer before Jesus Christ in the Eucharist
- A novena prayer card handed out to every member of your congregation
- A parish retreat or quiet day or a school of prayer

In addition there will be Beacon events in Cathedrals across the country over Pentecost

weekend (Canterbury, Durham, Winchester, Coventry and St Paul's), also at St Michael le Belfrey, York. The dream is this: imagine every Anglican, perhaps even every Christian, in this nation praying that prayer together with the specific intention that all may come to know Jesus as Lord. We profoundly hope that you and those you serve will want to be part of this great movement of prayer. Evangelism is the work of

God, and it begins as we seek him in prayer. It is always good for the Church to pray.

May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. ✠

+Josh

+Sentamu

+Justin Cantuar

+Sentamu Eboracensis+



Dear friends,
Just passing on this invitation to the Old Catholics' annual Quasimodo Lecture on 31 March at the Old Catholic Cathedral in Utrecht to you all. Despite the title, nothing to do with Victor Hugo's Hunchback of Notre

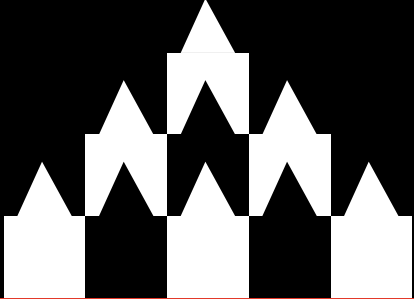
Dame ;), but rather the fact that this lecture takes place in the approach to 'Low Sunday' (after Easter) so uses the opening words of the introit antiphon (in Latin) for that Sunday, Quasi modo genitī infantēs ... As just born children ... (1 Pet.2:2). (Internet research is wonderful.)

Anyway, the lecture looks quite interesting this year, bringing together the former Archbishop of the Lutheran Church of Sweden and a prominent Christen Unie MP to discuss 'Courageous Leadership' with reference to the work of former UN Sec General Dag Hammarskjöld, famous for bringing spirituality to social activism. Archbishop Hammar's talk will be in English. If you are free on 31 March, you are all welcome, and spaces are still available.

To sign up go to this website:

www.okkn.nl/inschrijven/quasimodolezing2016. ✠

Tiende
Quasimodolezing



MOEDIG LEIDERSCHAP
Mystiek en politiek bij Dag Hammarskjöld

The Most Revd. K.G. Hammar
Voormalig aartsbisschop van Uppsala,
em. hoogleraar aan de Universiteit van Lund

Donderdag 31 maart 2016
19.00 – 22.00 uur
In de Driehoek
Willemsplantsoen 2, Utrecht

Blessings, Sam





COLOURS IN CHURCH

Have you noticed that, from time to time, the colour of things in church changes? No, I don't mean the minister goes a funny colour or someone paints the walls, but the special robes that the priest wears, and the front of altar among other things, change from time to time. Each season of the Church's year has its own distinctive colour and these are called liturgical colours.

GREEN is the colour we have more than others. Green, the ordinary colour of nature, is used during the seasons of Epiphany (after Christmas) and Trinity (between Whitsun or Pentecost and Advent). Trinity lasts for about half the year so green is the colour we see most.

The next change of colour is to **PURPLE**. Purple, the colour of penitence and preparation, is used for Lent (the 40 days before Easter) and Advent (the 4 weeks before Christmas).

Then comes **WHITE** and **GOLD**, which are used for all the joyful

festivals - Easter, Ascension and Christmas.

RED, the colour of fire and blood, is used at Pentecost to remind us of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples like tongues of flame (Acts 2:11). It is also used on the festivals of martyrs to remind us of their sacrifice.

COLOUR QUIZ

Complete each of these with a colour, for example cordial would be LIME cordial. Each colour is only used once.

1. admiral
2. Christmas
3. marmalade
4. quick
5. sky
6. Royal
7. ribbons
8. glass
9. submarine
10. elephants

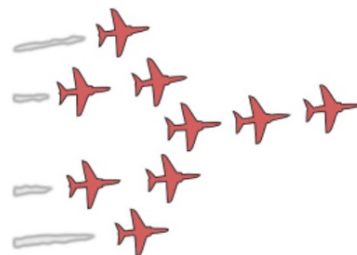


What is yellow and black and has red spots?

A leopard with the measles.

Define the word 'information'.

How the Red Arrows fly.



ANSWERS:

- 1.red 2.white
3.orange 4.silver 5.blue 6.Navy
7.scarlet 8.wine 9.yellow 10.pink

Drinking from the Well of Life

These readings are from The Revised Tables of Lessons 1922.

“Let the love of pure truth draw you to read... God speaks to us in different ways, and is no respecter of persons. But curiosity often hinders us in the reading of the Scriptures, for we try to examine and dispute over matters that we should pass over and accept in simplicity. If you desire to profit, read with humility, simplicity, and faith, and have no concern to appear learned. Ask questions freely, and listen in silence to the words of the Saints; hear with patience the parables of the fathers, for they are not told without good cause.”

[Thomas à Kempis from The Imitation of Christ, Chapter 5 of Book I]

Easter Week – March 28 to April 2

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	
<i>Easter Day</i>	Exodus 12:1-14	Revelation 1:4-18	Exodus 14:5-end	John 20:1-23
<i>Easter Mon</i>	Exodus 15:1-18	Luke 24:1-12	Isaiah 12	1 Pet 1:1-12
<i>Easter Tues</i>	Isaiah 25:1-9	Matt 28:1-10	Isa. 26:1-19	1 Pet. 1:13-end
<i>Easter Wed</i>	Isa. 61	John 21:1-14	S. of Solomon 2:8-end	Rev. 7:9-end
<i>Easter Thurs</i>	1 Kings 17:8-end	Mark 5:21-end	Dan. 12	1 Thess. 4:13-end
<i>Easter Friday</i>	2 Kings 4:8-37	Luke 7:11-17	Zeph 3:14-end	Acts 17:16-31
<i>Easter Sat</i>	Jer. 31:1-14	John 11:17-44	Micah 7:7-end	Acts 26:1-23

The Week of Easter I – April 4 to 9

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	
<i>Monday</i>	Deut. 1:3-18	Acts 1:1-14	Deut. 1:19-end	Acts 1:15-end
<i>Tuesday</i>	Deut. 2:1-25	Acts 2:1-21	Deut. 2:26--3:5	Acts 2:26--3:5
<i>Wednesday</i>	Deut. 3:18-end	Acts 3:1--4:4	Deut. 4:1-24	Acts 4:1-24
<i>Thursday</i>	Deut. 4:25-40	Acts 4:32--5:11	Deut. 5:1-21	Acts 5:12--6:7
<i>Friday</i>	Deut. 5:22-end	Acts 6:8--7:16	Deut. 6	Acts 7:17-34
<i>Saturday</i>	Deut. 7:1-11	Acts 7:35--8:4	Deut. 7:12-end	Acts 8:4-25

The Week of Easter II – April 11 to 16

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		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Deut. 8	Acts 8:26-end	Deut. 9:1-10	Acts 9:1-31
Tuesday	Deut. 9:11-end	Acts 9:32-end	Deut. 10	Acts 10:1-23
Wednesday	Deut. 11:1-12	Acts 10:24-end	Deut. 11:13-end	Acts 11:1-18
Thursday	Deut. 12:1-14	Acts 11:19-end	Deut. 15:1-18	Acts 12:1-24
Friday	Deut. 16:1-20	Acts 12:25--13:12	Deut. 17:8-end	Acts 13:13-43
Saturday	Deut. 18:9-end	Acts 13:44--14:7	Deut. 19	Acts 14:8-end

The Week of Easter III – April 18 to 23

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

The Week of Easter IV – April 25 to 30

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful humanity: 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	
Monday	Joshua 1	Acts 21:1-16	Joshua 2	Acts 21:17-36
Tuesday	Josh. 3	Acts 21:37--22:22	Josh. 4:1--5:1	Acts 22:23--23:11
Wednesday	Josh. 5:13--6:20	Acts 23:12-end	Josh. 7	Acts 24:1-23
Thursday	Josh. 9:3-end	Acts 24:24--25:12	Josh. 10:1-15	Acts 25:13-end
Friday	Josh. 21:43--22:8	Acts 26	Josh. 22:9-end	Acts 27
Saturday	Josh. 23	Acts 28:1-15	Josh. 24:1-28	Acts 28:16-end

WORSHIP IN APRIL

All Saints' Amersfoort

Every Sunday at 9:30am and 8pm Thursday night Holy Communion
(Holy Communion every Sunday except Fifth Sunday of the Month is Morning Prayer)
Heilige Geestkerk, Mozartweg 54, Amersfoort

Anglican Church Zwolle

4pm 1st and 5th Sunday (Holy Communion) and Third Sunday (Evensong) every Month

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 3 rd April	The First Sunday after Easter (<i>Preacher: The Rev Dr George Westhaver</i>) 9:00 Sung Communion 11:00 All Age Worship - Sung Communion
Monday 4 th April	The Feast of the Annunciation (transferred from March 25) 20:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th April	The Second Sunday after Easter 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Sung Communion 14:30 Choral Evensong
Sunday 17 th April	The Third Sunday after Easter There will be no 9am or 11am service at Holy Trinity Utrecht. Bishop Robert Innes will be here for a visit and to lead our worship at All Saints (Heilige Geestkerk) in Amersfoort: 9:30 Baptism, Confirmation and Choral Communion
Sunday 24 th April	The Fourth Sunday after Easter 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion with Anointing/Prayers for Healing
Monday 25 th April	The Feast of St Mark the Evangelist 20:00 Holy 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 except Jan 6 at 20.00))