

HOLY TRINITY UTRECHT
ALL SAINTS AMERSFOORT
ANGLICAN CHURCH ZWOLLE
AND
GRACE CHURCH GRONINGEN

May 2016



Candice Kollard after her baptism by Bishop Robert Innes on 17 April, AD 2016.

May 2016 Newsletter

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May Events at a Glance

(for worship services see the last page)

1 May	GraceTALKs in Groningen All are welcome.	
10 May	Bible Study 7:45pm Upstairs in the Parsonage	p. 13
21 May	Afternoon Tea 3-6pm Fundraiser for the HTC Choir	p. 15
24 May	Bible Study 7:45pm Upstairs in the Parsonage	p. 13
24 May	Student Bible Study Contact Erik Heemskerk for more information	
28 May	Teaching Days on Prayer Ministry At All Saints' Amersfoort - Contact Danielle Los for more info.	
4 th June	Holy Trinity Away Day	below

Holy Trinity Away Day 2016



Holy Trinity has an away day! We have seen many people going with the church plant in Amersfoort. But many new people have since joined our weekly worship. It is time to get to know each other better and think about what we are about in Utrecht.

The theme is *being church together!* There will be a great program, including a bible study, a lunch and a special children's program. So please come! Especially if you are new.

For who is it: For everybody who worships at Holy Trinity.

When: June 4th, we will start at 1000 and finish around 1630/1700

Where: Boerderij De Weistaar, Rottegatsteeg 6 in Maarsbergen

Bus: We have arranged a bus to drive from the church directly to the location and back. You can sign up for the bus by registering below.

Please register by May 21st, so we know how many people are coming. You can register by going to our website: holytrinityutrecht.nl. You can also register for other people.

Utrecht Chaplain's Report to the AGM 2016



*Annual General Meeting
at All Saints Amersfoort
April 23, AD 2016*

Let's begin by remembering before God those who have been baptized since our last AGM and so made

members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven:

Emily Wu, Marijn Boneschanscher, Eva Cremer Eindhoven, Leah Boneschanscher and Candice Kollard.

We remember those who've been confirmed since our last AGM: *Daan, Dominice, Esther, Stefan, Tomas, Maira, Paula, Stephanie, Charlotte, Emilie, Arthur, Thomas, Jack, Julia, Salomé, Gerben, Suzet, (another) Emily, Candice, Robin, Alfonsina, Mattijs, Eliane, Erik, Agatha!* 25 people!

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

We celebrated these marriages: *Astrid van Rossum and Frank Dill; Sandra Prins and Gerjan Timmerman; and Annie de Bie and Edgar Neuhaus!*

Let's remember 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:

Dorothy Parsons, Jean Rommes, Elzelies van Engelen, Margaret Vermeij, Hermon van den Berge, and Co van Amerongen. (and there are others who are related to our members but not in our chaplaincy – Kim's father, Jolanda's mother)

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!

I speak of all these people, because in a way, this is the core focus of our ministry here – bringing people to a living faith, and providing the means of grace that our Lord has left us – His Word and Sacraments – to love, to encourage, to care for, and to strengthen the faithful so that we are all ready for the life of eternity with our Lord.

In the body of Christ there are many members and it is very evident as we read through all the reports of the chaplaincy of just how many people are involved and in such a diversity of ways.

There as so many people to thank it would take a great deal of time. I give special thanks to the wardens – to Adrian, Rosemarie and in recent months, to Peter, who bring with them such necessary organizational gifts and loving commitment necessary to the ongoing running of our chaplaincy. Many thanks to Sandra who has taken on the job of Treasurer and to Simon who has been Secretary as well as a many contributor to the Building Maintenance Committee. Much gratitude goes to Hanna for her help in so many ways in the administration of the church and the communications of our mission to the wider world.

My focus has to be primarily on worship, pastoral care and teaching. Thanks are due to Trevor for providing cover and assistance in leading services; to our director of music and organist, Henk, and to the choir, who put heart and soul into our Sunday music here in Utrecht, to Eppo,

Guus and Sara who lead the music at 9am services and to Maria and her band who lead devoutly and with enthusiasm the music for two services a month. There are so many people who are helping as stewards, readers, intercessors, assistants, altar servers, chalice assistants, in flowers, cleaning brass and linens and towels, and to Frank our Sacristan, and to Steven as maker of the monumental rota! Thanks Gonny and the many helpers during worship in the teaching and care of the children and infants.

Over the past year, beyond the ongoing ministries of a chaplain, were these added tasks of finding a pastor to lead this exciting church plant in Amersfoort. It is a joy to have Grant finally here (and his family) and a great encouragement to begin to share and see the expansion of our ministry in these cities. (Our overall attendance has increased by about 20% since the opening of Amersfoort.) Grant is taking half the services in Zwolle and sharing in leading that congregation. He is enabling much greater pastoral care of the flock. It's been great to see Grant sharing his gifts of teaching in the Bible study and in confirmation prep and I meet with him almost weekly for prayer and mutual encouragement as we share the burdens and joys of ministry.

We have begun the task of replanting Holy Trinity Utrecht. We are observing changes to the attendance in Utrecht – our early conclusions are that the Lord is filling up our 11am services with new people – but we've seen the most dramatic change to our 9am services – in May and June we will change the 9am 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays to be said services instead of sung. The Replant Committee will be looking at a strategy for continued growth in Holy Trinity Utrecht, considering the longer term questions about our 9am services and also, the much discussed question of our service times!

In the coming year we hope to have some plans in place for joint teaching opportunities between Utrecht and Amersfoort – a course on Anglicanism, expanding opportunities for Bible study, and continuing with the Christian Classics study group.

With more room at Holy Trinity on Sundays, we've seen an expansion in the focus on ministry to students. Erik has been doing a great job in coordinating this ministry. Erik and the other students are thinking of ways to make more connections, given the number of International students in Utrecht, including a second Alpha course starting when students first arrive in the Autumn.

I'm pleased and encouraged with the increase over the past year in attendance and interest in the Daily Offices during the week at Holy Trinity – we have a few regulars now – Madeleine, Lianne, Maria, Brian and Jean Luc and students joining for a breakfast on Tuesday mornings, an initiative of Brian and Erik, who often invite friends.

I'm excited about the introduction of a Prayer Ministry in Utrecht and in Amersfoort – there is more ongoing training in May and June and I hope to see this ministry being made available on more Sundays after services starting in the Autumn. We have had some examples of miraculous healings in our midst in the past year! – the Lord is at work in dramatic ways as well as in His manifold hidden ways.

Thanks are due to the Local Contacts who are sharing in the pastoral ministry in Utrecht through keeping eyes out for those in need of a visit from the priest and who also sometimes make visits and to Harry who continues a prison ministry and makes himself available for visiting.

What a joy and encouragement to hear of Thomas Fink-Jensen's lay ministry in

Oxford and now his approval for training by the Bishop's Advisory Panel starting this Autumn, hopefully at Wycliffe Hall, training for the priesthood – and also his upcoming marriage, God willing, to Sarah on August 27th!

Zwolle Anglican Church continues to present its particular blessings and challenges as it seeks to be faithful in that city with ministry support from afar! Cecilia has summarized nicely what is happening there. Thank you to Cecilia and the leadership team who have given of themselves to the life of that church and who are committed to its growth and to its ongoing witness.

We have one request that has come to us recently – something that will be dealt with in the coming months and with the new wardens and Council. Arnhem – Nijmegen chaplaincy has asked to enter into discussions with us to have a more formal relationship or link with our chaplaincy with the aim of securing coverage for services and some pastoral care. This is something that has been happening over the past two years with myself and Trevor assisting them. The newly elected Wardens will meet with them soon and the new Council will reflect on what we can do.

Our call as Christians is to continual conversion and reformation – and this has a threefold dimension – the personal, the ecclesial (the Church), and to the whole of Creation.

On the personal level that perfecting of our loves occurs through the ministry of the Word written and made visible in the Sacraments, through prayer and through our fellowship with others and teaching ministries. Our church is providing opportunity for this growth in many ways – we will continue to reflect on ways we could provide this more helpfully.

On the ecclesial or church level, we perhaps have the greatest challenge in Utrecht. I've never ministered in a church with such diversity — though it is an expression of Anglicanism's breadth, it is mind boggling and often heart-rending to find it all in one place! We differ in church backgrounds – not just whether you are high church or low church Anglican, charismatic, evangelical, traditionalist or Anglo-Catholic – we have all these. But we have people from Catholic Apostolic, Dutch protestant or Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, and other Protestant denominations from many countries. We are a mixture of liberal and conservative and traditionalist, on moral questions - we differ strongly in how we think the Church should be reformed. We differ on our understanding of our relation to Israel. We differ on how *English* Holy Trinity should be – some wishing it would have a more British character – to mention an example – one person asked if we would sing *God save the Queen* on Sunday to mark her birthday (I will pray a Collect for her tomorrow).

We are divided on many things – but we are united on the most essential – our faith in Jesus Christ and our union with Him – and our desire and the challenge to love one another despite our differences. I think all of us are seeking in our chaplaincy an Anglican spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness, of friendliness towards all and clarity about the gospel, all centred on the Rock that is Christ.

We also have an imperative, from our Lord, and the love He pours into our hearts that compels us to share the gospel with the wider world. We do this implicitly, simply by being Christians fed and nurtured by Word and Sacrament, and then walking outside our church doors and our private homes – every encounter is an opportunity for witness to Christ by our presence, or quiet deeds and sometimes with words.

We are yeast in the dough! As a church we reflect on this wider world, Christian and non-Christian, through our charitable givings – and I thank those on the Charitable Givings Committee who take great care in deciding how this expression of our love of the wider world is shared. We are still looking for someone who will coordinate mission outreach in the church in Utrecht – involving not just our money but also our hands and feet.

Thank you for the opportunity to minister among you and for the many encouragements and your forbearances. May God continue to bless and keep us, to make His face to shine upon us, and to give us His peace. ✠

In the love of Christ,



The New Chaplaincy Church Council elected at AGM 2016

At the Annual General Meeting at All Saints Amersfoort on April 23, AD 2016 there were elections for members of Council and there are also some who are on Council by virtue of other positions they hold within the Chaplaincy. The AGM chose to set apart positions on Council for 5 members from Utrecht and Amersfoort and 1 from Zwolle and Groningen.

Ex officio Members of Council:

Chaplains: David Phillips, Grant Crowe, Sam Van Leer

Wardens: Rosemarie Strenght, Peter Boswijk

Archdeaconry Synod Representatives:

Sandra Sue, Adrian Los (Rosemarie S & Peter B are also Reps)
(Archdeaconry Reps are elected for 3 year terms which end next AGM)

Elected Council Members:

Utrecht:

Gonny Eijkelenboom
Erik Heemskerk
Maryon Jagers
Paul Kooijman
Judy Miller

Zwolle:

No representative nominated

Amersfoort:

Patrick Elenbaas
Peter Gillies
Stefan van der Knaap
Lodewijk Westerbeek van Eerten
Nora Westerbeek van Eerten

Groningen:

No representative nominated

Amersfoort Chaplain's Report to the AGM 2016



Looking back and Looking forward.

At All Saints Anglican Church, we are thankful for where the Lord has brought us to.

We have regular numbers of around 80-90 including children. Many who attend have had connections with Holy Trinity but others who attend have not. Currently we have 90% I estimate Dutch nationals attending regularly. We are thankful for the people – all ages and all sorts - who attend. We are thankful for the Lord's provision of a building – HeiligeGeest Kerk – and we enjoy a good working relationship with the Roman Catholic Council who are responsible for this building. We have had it confirmed recently we are able to stay in this church building until May 2017 – so another 12 months. We are thankful for this provision not only for the stability it offers but also as so many of our buildings – and also our recently visiting Archdeacon and Diocesan Bishop – like the building we use. We are thankful for the different and many people who serve on rotas (steward, reader, intercessor, crèche, Sunday School, coffee), in the life of the church, for Maria, Sara and Pieter for their leading of the music, for all who help make All Saints what it is. Personally also I am thankful for Father David and his support and encouragement of the work at All Saints and his wise counsel as I meet with him regularly to discuss and to pray.

The current blessed position All Saints is in, leads us into our next stage of church development. Rather than *still* seeking to establish or gather a viable congregation, we have been blessed with a significantly

sized core number of members. So we move into next step.

This has different elements which I will share below. However, an important step will be: when this summer or early autumn – revisit what the DNA we want this church to have – what are its core values: what shapes all it does in worship, discipleship, community life and mission.

So what direction are we moving in?

Welcoming

We continue to seek to be a church for all sorts – regardless of background, regardless if they are Anglican or not. We continue to seek to be a church for English speaking people seeking / comfortable worshipping in the Anglican tradition. And we seek to be a church of all ages. So for example, at each Sunday service, we choose to begin our worship together as a church family, with a hymn and a children's talk and prayer, before Sunday clubs and crèche begin. We want to be welcoming and sensitive to the visitor, tourist or short term student or worker as well as welcoming and sensitive to those who have made Amersfoort their long term home. Two brief examples would be – encouraging our members, to speak to a visitor first in English – assuming we will grow in our international community. Secondly, we will establish a welcome team / ministry to not only welcome visitors in the minutes before a service, but who will talk to that person/family after the service and help them, over the weeks they attend, become members of the All Saints church family.

Local Churches.

Of course we are part of the one Body of Christ here in Amersfoort. We seek to

become aware of and work with other Dutch and English speaking churches. This year is a year of building links and making connections. There is interest from the two local Reformed congregations – de Brug and de Bron. Excuse me for not stating which exact Reformed denomination they are part of – I am still getting used to the different sections of Dutch Reformed Churches. I have met with Archbishop Joris of the Old Catholics, who naturally encourages links where appropriate with the Amersfoort Old Catholic congregation. I have been invited to Council of Churches and plan to play as full a role as possible in that council. All Saints seeks to be involved in the transformation of this city – for us as a church to be God's plans and purposes for Amersfoort. This will involve working with our fellow brothers and sisters of Christ across Amersfoort.

Church Community

As we are a new church there are the challenges of continuing to get to know each other, to build relationships so we can truly rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn and stand beside and, in prayer, intercede to God for. Many people do know each other through connections and family links. Being a healthy family is a good image of what we hope All Saints can become. And within vision, small groups – such as the men's group, and the newly formed women's group (first meeting in May) - have important roles. There will also be a group travelling to New Wine Netherlands in the summer – a conference held in Biddinghuizen, where we will all camp together, (which is a great way to get to know each other!). And there is importance of our Big Brunch – meals we have mid morning after our All Age – more quality time for people to laugh, to share, to cry, to hug, to make new friends, to strengthen existing friendships.

Church Life.

Our Sunday Worship style and pattern continues to be reflected upon – but it will continue to embrace both the modern and the traditional – hence for example our first two Sundays are organ or piano led, and second two, are music group led. We are primarily Eucharistic on a Sunday but on the fifth Sunday we hold Morning Prayer, a Sunday which includes a significant time of prayer for All Saints.

How can we have a strong church life in the week – which was part of the original vision of the establishment of All Saints. We will begin bible study towards the summer. Also, we will offer three days offering teaching on how the Holy Spirit speaks – not just to help with the training of Prayer ministry at both churches but part of the ongoing life of the Christian disciple. We have held regular communion and prayer services but we need to adapt these we've seen due to the length – so a new pattern is likely to be: once a month a Thursday communion with a focus on a missionary great – and what lessons we can learn for our church from them. And the other Thursdays, a 45 min informal evening prayer service with significant time of prayer for our Church. Prayer is the bedrock on which we need to build as a church. Also, with the numbers we have, we seek to encourage and release the spiritual gifts, the passions, the abilities – taught or natural – our members have, while accepting the valuable wisdom and lessons through our different life experiences and accepting the different personalities we bring to the community. We will also encourage our members at the possibilities that come our way in the coming months, for example the Open Doors conference in Utrecht in November (November 5th) and the Dutch TEAR (known in the UK as TEARFUND) – conference to be held here in Amersfoort also in November (11th-12 November).

Mission.

This is part of our challenge. Acts of the Apostles does warn us that even a dynamic, growing church, can perhaps lose its focus on mission. Our vision is to connect more into the English speaking community. It is estimated there are 140 international companies connected to or based in the Amersfoort area. As stated there is 35000 non Dutch nationals, with 20000 of a Islamic faith or background. There are ongoing arrivals of asylum seekers with plans to establish a new centre and possibly a second. We are exploring how to build connections and serve the asylum seekers and we continue to look at this in the coming months, but it is a clear need in the area.

We want to be a church which can be a home for existing Christians, who have come to live in our city. But we hope to be more than a church which gathers those who already believe (even though that is an important part of our ministry). We want to be a church where new people are discovering who Jesus is – to discover what the apostle Thomas declared: My Lord and my God (John 20). Whether internationals or Dutch, whether retired, or student, whether male or female, we hope we can be a church which will, across the year, see new people discovering the Good News of Jesus Christ.

But Mission is not just about evangelism but also service. Anglicanism, I would suggest, has always had an ‘eye’, a ‘vision’, for the local communities / cities in which a church is situated. And so, we hope to be open to the Lord’s leading as to how he is calling us to serve in Amersfoort – our own projects as well as serve with other churches in the city or how we can serve with Holy Trinity.

Mission takes place both locally and globally – and as a church I hope we can,

in the coming 12 months, begin to be involved in mission in both aspects.

Thanks and Hopes.

I want to end by thanking TACA – the name for the leadership team at All Saints. I wanted to say thank you to TACA - Nora, Lodewijk, Peter, Annalyne, Patrick and Edwin – for each member has put so much time and energy and prayer into helping start All Saints. Thank you to TACA for the work they put in over the past 18 or more months, seeking church buildings, discerning vision for the new church, looking for accommodation for me and my family. I think TACA would like to especially thank Lodewijk for the many hours he has spent personally in this ministry. TACA are a joy for me to work with as we seek to establish this new part of the Body of Christ in Amersfoort. I thank them for their personal support and help for me (especially when I really have not been sure about things or needed advice or encouragement).

Thank you to Holy Trinity for your support and prayers for us, and again for your STEP OF YES, when the Lord was inviting you to make this commitment and set aside the financial resources and the time and energy to establish a new church. So my personal thanks to Father David, to Adrian, Rosemarie, Peter, as wardens and to the Council and to the congregation in Utrecht.

“If the Lord had not been on our side...” (Psalm 124). Truly we feel at this time, we are going the path that the Lord has led and if he had not been on our side we would not be where we are now. If this vision, discerned over months by prayer and reflection members of Holy Trinity Council and TACA - was not from him, then there would not be a thriving All Saints.

Thinking back 12 months, wondering how it would go, and now we see a church has been planted. People are enjoying All Saints. Visitors come and new people have

found us who find an Anglican English speaking church a good home to worship, to serve and grow spiritually.

We are being blessed. We look forward to the year ahead. ✂

Grant Crowe

Revd Grant Crowe

Friendship

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



Vriendschap

*In een lange vriendschap
verweven zich
de jaren*

*verleden en heden
dragen wij
homogeen
de toekomst
in*

onschatbare baggage

Friendship

*During a long friendship
the years weave themselves together
the past and the present
merge together as one
flowing into the future*

priceless possessions

The Prayer Chain Ministries

Our chaplaincy reaches out to God in prayer to hold up the chaplaincy and its members in particular need. We 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:



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For our ancestors

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



... for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

This time of the year, approaching May 4 and 5, is the time when the memories of the war become more profound. Not that I have any personal memories of it, of course, even my parents were born after the war. But every 4th of May I remember especially my grandfather who would always demand total silence while he was listening to the news on the radio during lunch time. For a couple of minutes we were not allowed even to move, because my grandfather had to focus exclusively on the news from the radio. He had to know exactly what was happening. This profound love of the truth has left deep traces in me. He risked his life by building radios during the war, in order to hear, and pass on, the truth of what was happening. I think this is an important highlight shining forth from his life, and I cannot but follow his example in giving up everything for the truth.

Naturally he heard and saw much that he couldn't cope with. Nearly all his Jewish family was killed in camps. This has left

traces in our family too. And it's not just me, you know: when I talk with friends about how they were raised, sooner or later the subject of the war will turn up, because our parents and grandparents do things the way they do, because that is how they were transformed by the war. When the pain is too hard to bear, there is not much we can do but close our eyes and heart, and in consequence we cannot love as much as we should. This will hurt our children too, who will then in turn hurt their children, until at some point, a child will stop closing its heart, and accept the pain.

When I was pondering this, and realizing that it is impossible to bear all the pain for it will truly kill us, then I remembered that Jesus called himself the 'Son of man'. He wants to be the child that swallows all the pain. We can lay our burdens on him, just as Abraham laid the wood on his son Isaac, and Jesus is willing to carry it for us. Also, as children, we do not really have to let ourselves be sacrificed, because God has provided the perfect sacrifice already, and we are free.

Risen from the dead, Jesus is now the new Adam. He has become the first father of all people in new life. In him we have a father who is totally reliable and loving. There is no sin nor pain in him, He is completely open to us, and provides true warmth and tender care for his children, so that we can grow up as mature adults who will in turn also be loving to the people in our care.

My favorite piece of the Bible, the song of Zechariah, also has a comforting line about our ancestors where he prophesies that God is about *to show mercy to our ancestors*

and to remember his holy covenant. God will never forget our ancestors, He will fulfill his plan with all humankind. ✂

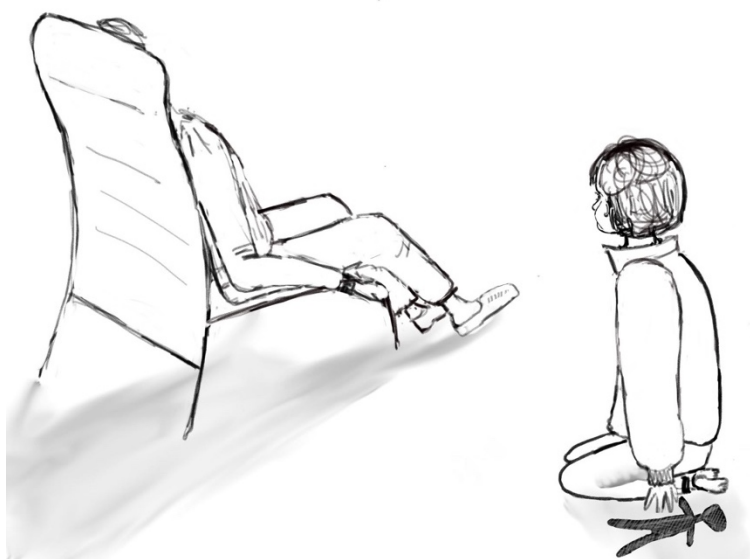
For Grandpa, with love

Grandpapa
Did you know
My burning heart
My desire to show

What did you see
When you sat so still
Drawn back in your chair
Where nothing could kill

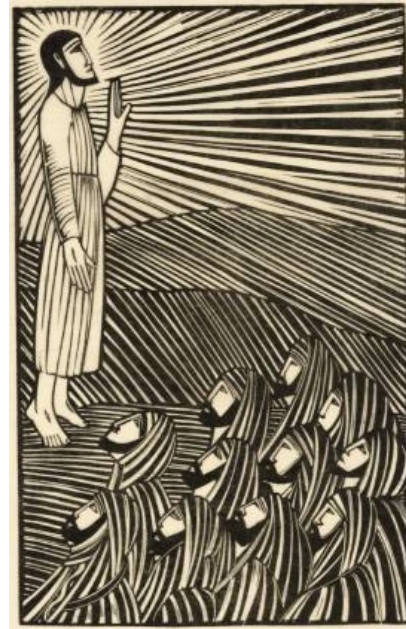
I saw you
My heart full of love
And I looked up
To heaven above

We shall meet again
We will both be whole
We will share the love
We kept in our soul



MAY BIBLE STUDY IN UTRECHT

After Lent we finished the study of Christ's prayer and lessons with John 16 and 17: the promise of the Holy Spirit and his prayers for his disciples and the ones who will believe in Him.



In May we will with a special focus on the consequences of Christ's ascension finish this season with Bible studies about our High Priest in Heaven and what it means for us as

God's children and Christ's brothers and sisters.

We intend to study Hebrews 4 to 8.

First study will be **Tuesday May 10**, the next **Tuesday May 24**. In June we hope to complete this series.

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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Photos of the Baptism / Confirmation at All Saints' April 17

Photos were taken by Petra Gillies and Madeleine de Boer – thank you both! (for more great photos (and in colour!) see the Holy Trinity Utrecht website)



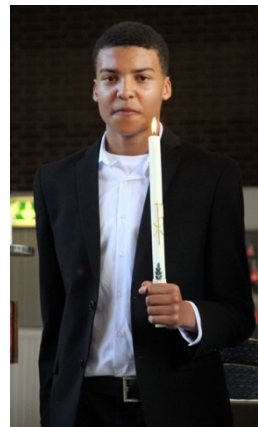
This is from the end of the service after the baptism and confirmations! Thank you Bp Robert!



Candice Kollard was first baptized.



Eliane van der Jagt



Robin Ubabukoh



Agatha van Gent



Mattijs de Veer



Alfonsina Russo



Erik Heemskerk



Bishop Robert Innes

AFTERNOON TEA

organized by Holy Trinity Choir



What: Afternoon Tea

When: 3-6pm, Saturday 21st May 2016

Where: Holy Trinity Church Hall
van Hogendorpstraat 26

Our Holy Trinity Utrecht choir has been invited to a singing week-end (21st to 24th July) in Temple Balsall near Birmingham.

To ease the travelling expenses we invite you as well as members of our congregation with their friends to an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 21st May 2016.

We are open from 3pm and close at 6pm.

Our freshly home baked cakes and scones come with plenty of (a selection of) tea. Members of the choir are selling tickets in advance for a minimum contribution of €10. ⌘



Sharing the peace of Christ!

Remembering Co van Amerongen

Co van Amerongen died on the 17th of April at his home in Houten. This is part of the words spoken by the Chaplain at his memorial service on the 25th of April.

Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

James 1:19

Co first came to Holy Trinity Church in Utrecht as a teenager in 1939, at the suggestion of his English teacher, who said it was a great opportunity for him to learn English. It was the beginning of a 77 year

relationship! Of course there was a break during the war years, when services were suspended and Co had to go into hiding in the countryside, but he returned after the war, when services resumed.

Co has helped out in the more difficult years in all sorts of practical ways when the church was struggling with few in attendance and with its finances. He was church warden for several

years, which in the Anglican church, is the senior lay position in the local church. He provided steady and clear leadership in all things practical, in the temporalities, responsible for the care of the buildings, and also to represent the voice of the congregation. I've been told it was in no small way thanks to his steady hand on the tiller that the church steered away from financial disaster.

Co is someone who stepped back as soon as someone else was ready to take on leadership roles, and then to step in again if asked, and to be available to contribute or offer advice. He was auditor of the financial books for a time. Co represented Holy Trinity Church at the wider church meetings including the Rural Deanery of the Netherlands and in meetings in Brussels that led to the creation of the Diocese in Europe. When I arrived three years ago, he was still, after many years, at the age of 90, without a fuss, coming once a week during the summer months, with his own mower, to cut the grass and help in trimming and tidying up the church grounds. As Jan de Beij has written,

Active or no, he remained keenly interested in all things pertaining to the welfare of Holy Trinity, with a sharp eye for that which was needed or unwanted, but ready to trust those who carried the work forward. In cases of doubt, he would make a simple suggestion, for he was always there. A historical comment was: 'Co is a brick.' Co was always there - alas, no longer. But Holy Trinity still stands, with "Co van Amerongen" writ large all over, to those who know their history.

People I've spoken to have commented on his wry humor, in fact a kind of British subtlety that he enjoyed, and a gentle teasing, which was most charming. Described as a real treasure, always there in the background, loyal. Our previous chaplain, John de Wit,

described Co as someone who "gave us an example of dignity, of cordiality and hospitality." Jan van der Kooi describes Co as wise, well-considered, the best phrase in Dutch is, "wel overwogen", someone who didn't like to make a fuss, but was available for advice. He was generous towards others who did not share his faith.

Co was not only interested in the practicalities, but is an example of someone putting his faith in action. He was active in visiting people – those who were ill and shut ins. He faith was active in seeking understanding. He attended, in his retirement, courses at the Evangelische Theologische Academie, with his longtime friend and fellow worshipper at Holy Trinity, Harry Mol. And when Co and I met together

in the last three years, he was interested in discussing some of the modern questions that the Church faces and to understand how someone could see things differently. Co was proud to show me the pictures of his beloved family. He is someone who has had to face the most difficult questions and challenges in life – the loss of his wife and of three children – from the perspective of faith, something he bore very privately. He was

shaken to the core, but kept the faith.

Co was found by a neighbour in his chair with his Bible in his lap, and we know that his faith was a great comfort – the Word of God written and Word made flesh that endures forever. Being found this way was in line with Co's quiet and dignified way... of speaking volumes.

We give thanks to God for the life and witness of Co and commend his soul and body to His loving Creator and Lord.

*May he rest rest in peace, and rise in glory.
Amen.*



Photo by John de Wit during a visit in March.



THE LADY & THE LAMP

On 12th May 1820 a baby girl was born who changed the way that we care for people who are ill. Florence Nightingale grew up at a time when only the worst kind of person became a nurse but she had an idea of the way things could be. Her chance to change things came with the Crimean War.

Florence travelled there with a few others and started work in the military hospital at Scutari where conditions were dreadful: wounded soldiers were left lying in dirt without proper food or care and most of them died. The army doctors already there didn't want Miss Nightingale or her nurses, but gradually they improved conditions. The nurses scrubbed and cleaned as well as caring for the wounded and the soldiers began to recover. Florence Nightingale was called the Lady with the Lamp because she would walk the wards at night, checking on patients. After the war, with the support of Queen Victoria, Florence was able to improve hospital care for everyone.

WASHING WORDS

All the words in this wordsearch are to do with clean and dirty. Can you find them all? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

S	P	A	R	K	L	I	N	G	A
G	I	D	Y	O	D	A	R	V	D
R	T	U	B	B	U	I	O	A	S
U	P	S	H	B	M	V	P	C	D
B	A	T	H	E	C	A	U	U	E
B	T	E	G	N	O	P	S	U	N
Y	R	R	I	W	I	P	Y	M	I
L	I	U	T	A	M	R	A	U	A
A	D	E	S	S	D	B	R	O	T
D	W	T	A	H	S	K	A	O	S

bath brush dirt
duster dry
grime grubby
mud soak
soap sparkling
stained tap tub
vacuum wash
wet



What did the dirt say to the rain?

If this keeps up my name will be mud!

What did the big tap say to the small tap?
Little squirt!



... and what did the small tap reply? Big drip!"

Drinking from the Well of Life

These readings are from The Revised Tables of Lessons 1922.

“Whoever, then, thinks that he understands the Holy Scriptures, or any part of them, but puts such an interpretation upon them as does not tend to build up this twofold love of God and our neighbor, does not yet understand them as he ought.” ...

“A person who is a good and true Christian should realize that truth belongs to his Lord, wherever it is found, gathering and acknowledging it even in pagan literature, but rejecting superstitious vanities and deploring and avoiding those who 'though they knew God did not glorify him as God or give thanks but became enfeebled in their own thoughts and plunged their senseless minds into darkness. Claiming to be wise they became fools, etc' [Rom. 1:21-3]”
— **Augustine of Hippo, On Christian Doctrine**

The Week of Easter V – May 2 to 7

*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 – May 9 to 14

*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) – May 16 to 21

*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.*

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Pentecost Mon</i>	Ezekiel 11:14-20	Acts 2:12-36	Wisdom 1:1-7	Acts 2:37-end
<i>Pentecost Tues</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

The Week of Trinity Sunday – May 23 to 28

*ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity:
We beseech you, that this holy faith may evermore be our defence against all adversities;
who is alive and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.*

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

The Week of Trinity I – May 30 to June 4

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

	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		<i>Evening Prayer</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	1 Samuel 13	1 Peter 1:1-21	1 Samuel 14:1-23	Luke 2:40-end
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 Sam 14:24-48	1 Peter 1:22-2:10	1 Samuel 15	Luke 3:1-22
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Samuel 16	1 Peter 2:11-3:7	1 Sam 17:1-30	Luke 4:1-30
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Sam 17:31-54	1 Peter 3:8--4:6	1 Sam 17:55-18:16	Luke 5:1-11
<i>Friday</i>	1 Samuel 19	1 Peter 4:7-end	1 Samuel 20:1-17	Mark 1:21-39
<i>Saturday</i>	1 Sam 20:18-end	1 Peter 5	1 Samuel 21:1-22:5	Mark 1:40-2:12

WORSHIP IN MAY

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 (see: www.allsaintsamersfoort.nl)

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 1 st May	The Fifth Sunday after Easter 9:00 Said Holy Communion 11:00 All Age Worship - Sung Communion
Thursday 5 th May	The Ascension of our Lord 10:00 Sung Communion (English)
Sunday 8 th May	The Sunday after Ascension Day 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Sung Communion 14:30 Choral Evensong
Saturday 14 th May	Evening Prayer and Praise (Feast of St Matthias the Apostle) 19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band
Sunday 15 th May	Pentecost (Whitsunday) 9:00 Said Holy Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion
Monday 16 th May	Monday in the week of Pentecost 10:00 Holy Communion (Dutch/Eng)
Tuesday 17 th May	Tuesday in the week of Pentecost 10:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd May	TRINITY SUNDAY 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion
Sunday 29 th May	Sunday after Trinity (Trinity I) <i>(Taken by the Rev Trevor Whitfield)</i> 9:00 Said Holy Communion 11:00 Solemn Choral Communion

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

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 except Jan 6 at 20.00))
