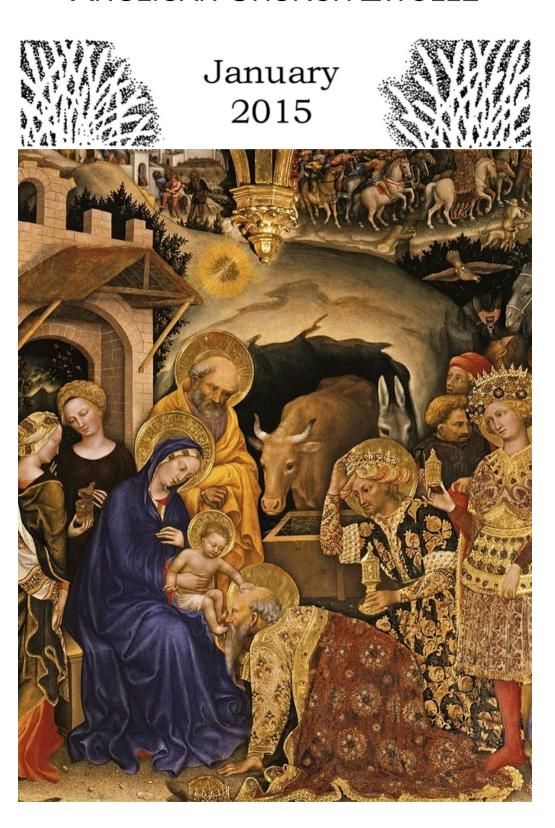
# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH UTRECHT AND ANGLICAN CHURCH ZWOLLE



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# Chaplain's Note

Dear Friends in Christ:



This month, on January 21, our Chaplaincy Church Council will be making a very important decision about whether or not to begin a church plant in Amersfoort. This is tied in with a decision to expand our ministry by

hiring an Assistant Chaplain.

An important Vision document has been prepared for Council's consideration. What follows is the first part of the document that will be available in its final form on our website after the Council Meeting.

The document, which incorporates our discussions over the past several months and the insights of the Amersfoort Taskforce is primarily the work of Peter Boswijk and Adrian Los, for which I am most grateful.

Please pray fervently for the Council in its deliberations of this important step that we would be blessed with discerning our Lord's gracious will.

In the love of Jesus,

David

#### A Vision for a Church Plant in Amersfoort

#### Introduction

The past 4 years Holy Trinity has experienced steep growth in its attendance, mainly but not only from people from the Amersfoort region. Our church is currently blessed with abundant resources, human as well as financial, leading us to seek out how we could expand our ministry. On the other hand we are stretching the capacity of our buildings and exceeding the possible workload for our chaplain. In this document we set out what the vision is for a church plant in Amersfoort.

#### **Background**

Expanding the ministry
In 2012 the church council began thinking

about the expansion of our ministry. Our then chaplain and archdeacon John de Wit challenged us to do something with our abundant resources. This lead to a shortterm scheme of giving. It also lead to the general conclusion that God is inviting us to expand our ministry. On January 2013 the council approved a proposal with the following text: "Expanding our ministry can entail many things. It ranges from doing more services and employing extra clergy to setting up projects requiring an extra giving fund. With a new chaplain beginning in May, Holy Trinity is going into a new phase. Our proposal is to start work as soon as the new chaplain has arrived on the expansion of our ministry. The surplus funds that will be budgeted for 2013 can then be earmarked for the expansion of our ministry. This of course will be proposed by council and decided at the 2013 AGM.

The future expansion of our ministry will certainly influence our expenditure as well as our income. In due course, our current yearly surpluses will be earmarked for activities to do with expanding our ministry. It will change our yearly budget."

In the meantime we have significantly expanded the number of services with 2 or 3 services every Sunday, a said communion service on Wednesday and a monthly Prayer & Praise service on Saturday-evening. We have employed an administrative assistant, appointed a student ministry coordinator, ran an alpha course and organised a highly attended away day. There are several regular studygroups. The state and usability of the building have been considerably improved, but are obviously approaching their maximum capacity. We also tried to recruit an assistant chaplain (twice), but failed to find a suitable candidate to assist David

Our commitment to Mission Holy Trinity chooses to be a church committed to mission and the building up of the church in the Netherlands, as expressed within the Anglican tradition. Holy Trinity supports Zwolle and Groningen. This mission driven attitude was a key subject at the Congregation Away Day in May 2014, where our Area Dean Mark Collinson spoke about the vision of the Diocese for a bilingual Anglican church. Also, at the Archdeaconry Synods of the past few years the process of working towards more bilingual Anglican churches has been discussed. A committee of the

Archdeaconry has been preparing authorised Dutch translations of Common Worship Holy Communion services.

#### Church capacity

Our building capacity in Utrecht is about 100, but the average Sunday attendance (ASA) was about 130. For that reason, since Advent 2013 there have been 2 communion services each Sunday. This has led to a further increase of our average attendance to between 170-200 on a Sunday, but has done little to decrease the attendance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> service at 11am.

It is a principle of church growth that there ought to be available seating capacity. Church should avoid filling up beyond the 80% seating capacity. That would mean the ideal attendance at Holy Trinity is about 80 souls at a service.

Therefore, one of the topics at our Council retreat at the beginning of September 2014, was how to deal with this continuing growth. The Council considered three possible options. Extending facilities in Utrecht was deemed almost impossible and impossibly expensive. Moving the whole church somewhere else would mean leaving our characteristic and historic buildings behind. Thus there was general consensus that the best viable option for growth was a church plant. The whole council agreed that, seeing the various developments, God seems to be leading us to plant an Anglican church in Amersfoort.

# The Amersfoort context for an Anglican Church Plant

There are a variety of reasons why Amersfoort is the natural location for this church plant project.

#### Location

The Church would be situated in between Utrecht and Zwolle and thus serve an area

not previously served by other chaplaincies or congregations. About 60 people from Amersfoort and its region are on the Electoral Roll of Holy Trinity. A general rule of church planting is that church goers do not wish to travel more than 20 minutes to a church. Amersfoort exceeds those 20 minutes for most part of the city. Only those living on the west-side will travel to Utrecht in 20 minutes. Amersfoort is also an area with a history of Anglicanism. There used to be an Anglican congregation worshipping in Amersfoort till the end of the 1970's. In that sense we are only reestablishing our presence.

#### "Competition"

There is only one English-speaking church in Amersfoort, which is a non-Eucharist based Reformed church. It is founded by the International Christian Fellowship Amersfoort (ICF Amersfoort) which is a missionary project founded by the Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerk (Christian Reformed Church) and the Gereformeerde Kerken vrijgemaakt (Reformed Churches liberated) in Amersfoort. ICF Amersfoort is affiliated with the ICP Network (International Church Planting). ICF also has a church in French and Italian, and Dutch and Arabic. We conclude there is clear room for setting up an Anglican church.

#### **Target groups for the Amersfoort Anglican Church Plant**

There are three possible target groups for an Anglican church in Amersfoort.

#### Expats

The expat community is historically the natural target group for Anglican Churches on the continent. Over time the focus on English expats has decreased making way for people from all parts of the globe, who feel at home with the English language and with liturgical forms of worship.

Amersfoort is a city with 151.000 citizens and has a large immigrant community. 13.000 people come from other EUcountries, including the UK. There are also immigrants from African countries with an Anglican background. The total of immigrant population is more than 30.000 (which will include many Muslims). Percentage wise there must be a number of residential Anglicans within Amersfoort. There is an Asylum centre nearby. From our experience, we know people in Asylum centres have an interest in an Anglican church they recognise. Part of the University for Applied Science of Utrecht is established in Amersfoort, and various larger international companies reside in Amersfoort. Many expats come to Amersfoort. And there are numerous Hotels and Holiday resorts for the occasional visitor.

For this group the new plant needs to be open and welcoming as a congregation, with an accessible liturgy. There needs to be enough opportunity to take part in fellowship. Challenge for the new church is to persuade expats and migrants to contribute to the church despite the limited period they stay.

# Dutch Christians with a desire for liturgical worship

According to some sources there is an increasing number of Christians adrift. Protestant and evangelical churches have a lot to offer in teaching and sometimes congregational life. But there is also profoundly little understanding of the sacraments and especially among evangelical churches a structure which can provide guidance and continuity. In the coming years the Roman Catholic church will be closing down many of their church buildings and requiring their remaining members to travel further.

For this group Dutch would probably be the preferred language. For them also the new plant needs to be open and welcoming as a congregation, with a Eucharist-based but also accessible liturgy. They may also be seeking a church which provides a platform for experiencing, sharing and practicing the faith on a day to day basis.

#### Catholic Apostolics

For about 60 years the Anglican Church has provided a Dutch communion services for the Catholic Apostolic communities of Utrecht and Amersfoort. The 9:00 am service on Sunday 4 of the month is aimed at Amersfoort and attract an average of about 120 people. Many have been baptized, confirmed and married and have their children baptized at Holy Trinity. Part of this group continue to choose to attend only one monthly communion service and attend other churches during the rest of the month. They may contribute financially but are not on the electoral role. A large part however, many of whom are young people and with young families, have come to see the Anglican Church as their new home and attend most Sundays of the month, either Dutch or English services. Some are in the process of discernment for vocation to the priesthood in the Anglican Church. Part of this group may choose to become active members of an Anglican church in Amersfoort.

The CA's form a close knit community, combining evangelical faith with a love for liturgical worship and the Eucharist.

Almost all will be traditionalist on ethical subjects as same sex marriage and women's ordination. But it is difficult to tie them to typical Anglican churchmanships such as evangelical, Anglo-Catholic, liberal catholic etc. Some like more free worship with bands, others a catholic liturgy with Gregorian chant.

Most value both. They are mainly Dutch

speaking.

For this group the church plant could provide for those who see their future within the Anglican Church. A challenge would be to create open and welcoming conditions for new members from other backgrounds. There is also a risk that further development within the Church of England on ethical issues would estrange part of the CAs.

# The vision for an Anglican Church Plant in Amersfoort

Anglicanism, with a combination of breadth, openness, liturgy, sacraments, tradition, scripture and its strong evangelical, catholic and reformed character has a lot to offer to Dutch society and to the wider Dutch Church through our ecumenical encounters. We can play a unique part in winning and keeping people for Christ by building up Christians and making new ones and by working with other churches from the strength of our own Anglican tradition.

Character and Churchmanship A church plant would be first and foremost an Anglican church within the Diocese in Europe. Services and church life are clearly Anglican and should be welcoming and attractive to all who seek a church that is catholic as well as reformed. Preferably the church should reflect the breath of what Anglicanism has to offer. We should give the plant the space to develop it's own combination of liturgy, teaching and Christian life within the space and limitations of the Church of England. The appropriate combination can be developed by the members of the church plant and the future chaplain.

A church for all ages and Christian fellowship

The new Anglican Church Amersfoort

aims to attract people of all ages. By bringing the church close to the members the church can play an active part in the lives of its members and attendants. The church is not only to provide services on Sundays but also pastoral care, studygroups and teaching for the young and other activities that enhance the faith and provide ample opportunity for fellowship.

#### Language

The church plant should preferably be bilingual offering weekly English as well as Dutch services. The church in Amersfoort would be part of an English speaking Diocese and Archdeaconry with strong ties to Holy Trinity Utrecht. Also in order to welcome expats and immigrants the language should be English. A large part of current members of HTC from Amersfoort are of Dutch origin and value the Dutch services at Holy Trinity. Should a choice be necessary the Amersfoort Taskforce advises the plant should start in English and branch out into Dutch when required and possible.

Aiming to become a self-supporting congregation and connection to Holy Trinity Church

Where Amersfoort starts off as a daughterchurch our aim is that it becomes a sister church.

At first the new church in Amersfoort will start as a *pioneer church* supported from Holy Trinity Utrecht. Technically it will be a *congregation within Holy Trinity* led by a *working team* under the leadership of the Assistant Chaplain for Amersfoort.

The hope and aim is that in time Amersfoort will flourish into a strong selfsupporting Anglican church within our Diocese. However we hope that both congregations can remain connected and give each other mutual support. There are many personal bonds and the close distance between Utrecht and Amersfoort give ample opportunity for close relationships. Continued fellowship can be fostered through holding joint services, sharing activities and teaching, joint projects etc.

#### **Staffing and Organisation**

Becoming a pioneer church and establishing an Anglican identity

Both the Church Council of Holy Trinity and Bishop Robert will formally need to approve the setting up of the new worship congregation. In accordance with the paper presented at the Deanery meeting on establishing Anglican identity, the Amersfoort plant is to be declared a pioneer Anglican church. In order that legal recognition can be accorded, and to develop fiscal and promotional recognition, the new church will:

- seek oversight from the priest who is licensed as chaplain of the nearest chaplaincy, the Rev. David Phillips.
- issue a declaration of intent and identify Amersfoort to the Area Dean Mark Collinson and Archdeacon Meurig Williams, who will consult with all interested parties and direct a priest to provide oversight.
- appoint the functions of a chair, secretary and treasurer and any other members who provide lay oversight of the congregation to be recognised as such at a general meeting.

This is the bulk of the paper and the remainder deals with some of the other related issues such as relations with the Old Catholics and a proposed schedule for the coming months. The full details will be available after the Council meeting. If you have any thoughts or encouragements please share them with a Council member or myself.

# Poem by Ella Schoonhoven

Ella shared this poem she wrote in a Christmas card. She has agreed to allow it to be published in our Newsletter.

ik dacht veilig te zijn

geschreven belofte in regenboog

maar in de kleuren van nu heersen angst en verdriet

en moet ik wel zingen om het wonder te beleven van die ene waarheid

onvervangbaar eigen als een gedicht

gekaderd in licht refererend aan liefde en

die het wachten mooier maakt

I assumed to be safe

written promise in a rainbow once

but in the colours now projected fear and sadness reign

so I have to sing to relive the wonder of an exquisite truth

irreplaceable as the intimate character of a poem

framed in beams of light referring to love

creating beauty in the awaiting



Adoration of the Magi, Gentile da Fabriano, Florence, AD 1423. (detail on front cover)

# Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Simon Urghart is a member of Holy Trinity Choir and has submitted this article.

It has been a wonderful year for the Choir at Holy Trinity, particularly at the times just past of Advent and Christmas and we hope that you, the congregation and visitors to Holy Trinity, have enjoyed the singing as much as we have. It is not a self-serving occupation for choir members, but there to enhance for all of us our worship of God, following a tradition that goes back centuries in the Anglican Church.



The wonder of the growth in membership at Holy Trinity Church is one in which we can rejoice; adding to the opportunities to express our praise in so many ways. So we hope that you will consider whether you can add to our church life by singing with us in the Choir.

Our church is one that serves many communities, some who are with us for a short time, such as students and those here for short work terms, and is also different to that experienced in a traditional parish, where you live close to the church. This can make the membership of the Choir more challenging and transitional. At times we are few and this means we have to strive hard in giving due praise and support to our congregation.

So please consider joining us in keeping our wonderful tradition of music vibrant and alive, that when done well, is truly a "Song of Praise".

The Choir welcomes anyone to join and strengthen our singing, and you do not need to be an experienced singer or to sing at all services. It is a joyful experience where we share fellowship and learn from each other. Choir practice takes place every Thursday evening from 20.00 to 22.00 in the church hall, van Hogendorpstraat 26, Utrecht.

If you would like to join, or to know more, please contact our Organist and Director of Music: Henk Korff at 06 53 13 00 86

THE PRAYER CHAIN Our chaplaincy reaches out to God in prayer to hold up 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 call Anne Miechielsen. Anne organizes and participates in this ministry at Holy Trinity Church in Utrecht. She can be reached by telephone at 030 220 5049.



# Christian Education in January

#### **BIBLE STUDY IN 2015**

In this new church year we will continue to meet for the Holy Trinity Church's Bible studies. As in previous years the sessions will be held in the Parsonage, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, starting at 20 hours. Coffee or tea at 19.45, end time is 21.45.

Till Lent (4 sessions) the life of women from the Old Testament will be the subject of our study.

A structure can be: what can we learn from the life and acting of these women for:

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

#### **Coming sessions:**

Tuesday Jan 13 Sarah and Rebeccah Tuesday Jan 27 Mirjam and Rahab

For personal preparation you might use material from one of these websites:

- <a href="http://www.womeninthebible.net/">http://www.womeninthebible.net/</a>
- <u>http://www.oldpaths.com/Archive/Johnson/</u> Edna/Elizabeth/1939/BibleWomen-OT.pdf
- <a href="http://www.wordlibrary.co.uk/bible/women/">http://www.wordlibrary.co.uk/bible/women/</a>
- <a href="https://www.blueletterbible.org/wm/indexT">https://www.blueletterbible.org/wm/indexT</a>
  abWom.cfm

During Lent the focus will be at a special Lent theme. This as a break in the year program. After Easter follows the study of the life of two female witnesses of Christ's resurrection and after Pentecost the life of gentile or Jewish women who found Christ through the spreading of the gospel, as mentioned in the New Testament, is on the roll.

After the summer break we hope to study the Biblical vision about the Church as the bride of Christ.

Everybody is very welcome. It is an opportunity also for Christian fellowship and to pray for one another. Let us have together, as Christians, as brothers and sisters in the Lord, a fruitful growth in being Christ's Church!

Danielle Los - 030 236 8572 Hans Baars - ebaars@planet

# STUDENT BIBLE STUDY UTRECHT

A monthly study group for students continues its investigation of the virtues and vices. On **Tuesday January 13** Rosemary Strengholt will lead the Student Bible Study Group, considering **the Virtue of Prudence**. If you are interested it starts at 18:15 at Rosemarie's place: **Mijdrechtstraat 87**, **Utrecht**.

This is also the focus of the theme being reflected on in talks at the Saturday night Prayer and Praise services. A special guest will preach on Prudence on January 17 at 19.30 at Holy Trinity Church.

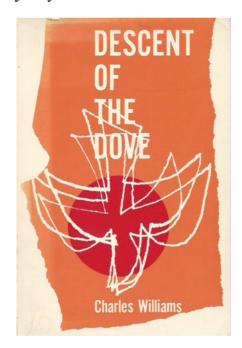
Please contact Jonathan if you have any other questions at 06 20 96 16 78 or *j\_finkjensen@hotmail.com*  $\nearrow$ 

## Christian Education in January

## Christian Classics Study Group

# The Mysterious Charles Williams! Friday January 17, 6:30pm

We turn from Dante (last November) to Charles Williams (1886-1945). Williams' novels – or, 'metaphysical thrillers' – first brought him the attention, then friendship, of T.S. Eliot and of C.S. Lewis, whose *Allegory of Love* he had been reading in proof as part of his work at the Oxford University Press. During World War II he moved to Oxford and became an active member of the literary circle, the Inklings, which included Tolkien, Lewis and Dorothy Sayers.



A great ambition of Williams from around 1913 was a verse retelling of the King Arthur stories, which would do justice to the Quest for the Holy Grail. It resulted in two volumes of a new cycle, which together constitute *the* major imaginative work about the Grail in the twentieth century, even though he died before

completing it. Eliot said, "no one who has known both the man and his works would have willingly foregone either experience."

We will read samples of his poetry and prose, including some from *The Descent of the Dove: A Short History of the Holy Spirit in the Church* (which Rowan Williams, as a young Cambridge don, always had his students read) — in the context of his life, not excluding the dark aspects which only began to become widely known in the 1970s and 1980s.

Excerpts from The Descent of the Dove and selections of Arthurian Poetry will be sent ahead of time to any who are interested (see below).

**David Llewellyn Dodds will introduce us to the works of Charles Williams.** David
is a member of the Arnhem – Nijmegen
Chaplaincy and is an expert in Williams
poetry and prose. He is currently working
on a complete critical edition of Charles
Williams' unpublished Arthurian poetry
and prose.

The evening at the Parsonage begins with supper at 6:30pm followed by a presentation and discussion (7:45pm) and we will end with drinks and fellowship at 9:30pm.

Please contact Hanna, our Parish Administrator, if you plan to attend so we know how many to cook for and so you can be sent materials ahead of time:

Administration@holytrinityutrecht.nl &

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Sent to the editor by Madeleine de Boer, who has been attending a Christian Meditation series with Hettie van Hessen-Eijbergen.

At the beginning of September 2014 I received an invitation to join the Christian meditation course, led by Hettie and an intiative by the Roman Catholic Salvatorie parish in Utrecht (which is a joint venture of the St. Catharina Cathedral and the St. Augustinus



church). The course consists of seven evenings' contemplative prayer and meditation, followed by a weekend retreat in the Belgian Nazareth Abbey, in spring 2015.

The sentence in the invitation that really captured my attention was: "St. Augustine said: 'God waits on the threshold of your heart'". It is a sentence so familiar, yet suddenly a feeling of urgency seemed to ring through and I immediately applied for the course. A few weeks before the beginning of advent we had our first Christian meditation evening in Hettie's home. There were about ten of us, sitting in a circle.

Hettie first explained that physical tension blocks out the Holy Spirit; it just can't get through to us if we are all strung up. So each session we started with some relaxation exercises from Zen practice - in upright sitting position - soothing the muscles, massaging the back of the head and calming the breathing. Following this relaxation there was a meditation, sometimes on the breath: "Our breath is the breath of God" and trying to experience this fact. But the first few sessions Hettie instructed us in the Jesus prayer – an ancient and very powerful meditation: "Jezus

Christus, zoon van God ontferm U over ons" (Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on us). We silently repeated this prayer for a few minutes and then listened to beautiful choir music. By that time a serene stillness and feeling of peace had settled on me – actually, I think maybe on everyone.

Then, each time, there was a short bible reading from the New Testament, in Lectio Divina style - which is reading bible or other texts in a spiritual way with an open heart and without any physical tension.

Hettie handed out the printed text to all and one of us was asked to read it out loud. In a few moments of silence we took the text in, after which we read it a second time for ourselves, trying to capture what word or sentence stood out in the text – "what was highlighted for us", so to speak. In couples we then shared our 'highlights' and discussed it. It is amazing what can come out of a word or a sentence when you brainstorm about it with another person!

The evenings all ended with listening to more music – often a song from Taizé – and a cup of herbal tea. In addition Hettie provided us with inspirational readings as possible 'home work': texts on prayer, Lectio Divina, the "Maranatha" meditation, and websites for daily bible quotes.

At home I continued meditating on 'the Jesus prayer'. It has become more intense each day and a feeling as if waves of 'the tingling power of the Holy Spirit' rush through me, empowering and cleansing. Truly mysterious and wonderful! Well, the course is still going on – so more to come...

Happy and Blessed New Year everyone! &

#### Jesus Christ and the Goldfinch

Sent to the editor by Karin Whitfield

On Christmas morning I was looking out of the kitchen window over bare fields framed by avenues of bare trees when I saw a small bird pecking at the grass.

A swan on the river and a stork on the roof in Buren are instantly recognisable, but I'm usually defeated by the tiny birds that dart in and out of our shrubs and trees and which refuse to pose for more than two seconds so that I can consult my book of European birds...

However, this little bird had very distinctive markings, bright red around its beak and bright yellow across its wings: a goldfinch.

I had a vague recollection of seeing a painting of the Madonna and Child with the infant Jesus clutching a goldfinch in his chubby hand, but couldn't remember where.



Madonna, Child and Goldfinch - Cecco di Pietro



Madonna & Child & Goldfinch - Sano di Pietro

Internet revealed not one painter or one painting but many many, making it all but impossible to choose one for this article. Like in the Christmas carols we have been singing, birth and death, manger and cross are inextricably linked. A legend tells of how a goldfinch flew down over the head of Christ and was taking a thorn from his crown, when it was splashed with the drop of his blood, thus becoming a symbol of crucifixion.

On this Christmas morning I suddenly realised that, like the numerous works of art, there was a whole flock of goldfinches on the drive and on the lawn busily pecking away. What a beautiful gift!

# Drinking from the Well of Life

## Epiphany – January 5 to 10

O God, who by the leading of a star manifest your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant, that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Isa 66:10-end	Matthew 4:12-5:16	Isa 49:1-13	Romans 15:8-21
Epiphany	Isa 60	Luke 3:15-22	Isaiah 61	John 2:1-11
Wednesday	Hosea 9	Mattheus 6:19-end	Hosea 10	1 Thess 5:12-end
Thursday	Hosea 11	Mattheus 7	Hosea 12	2 Thess 1
Friday	Hosea 13:1-14	Mattheus 8:1-17	Hosea 14	2 Thess 2
Saturday	Joel 1	Mattheus 8:18-end	Joel 2:1-14	2 Thess 3

# Sunday after Epiphany – January 12 to 17

O LORD, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Joel 2:15-end	Mark 4:21-end	Joel 3	Galatians 1
Tuesday	Amos 1	Mk. 5:1-20	Amos 2	Galatians 2
Wednesday	Amos 3	Mk. 5:21-end	Amos 4	Galatians 3
Thursday	Amos 5	Mk. 6:1-13	Amos 6	Galatians 4
Friday	Amos 7	Mk. 6:14-29	Amos 8	Galatians 5
Saturday	Amos 9	Mk. 6:30-end	Obadiah	Galatians 6

# Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 19 to 24

Almighty and everlasting God, who govern all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Jonah 1 and 2	Matthew 12:22-end	Jonah 3 and 4	1 Corinthians 1:1-25
Tuesday	Micah 1	Matthew 13:1-23	Micah 2	1 Cor 1:26—2 end
Wednesday	Micah 3	Matthew 13:24-43	Micah 4—5:1	1 Corinthians 3
Thursday	Micah 5:2-end	Matthew 13:44-end	Micah 6	1 Corinthians 4:1-17
Friday	Micah 7	Matthew 14	Nahum 1	1 Cor 4:18—5 end
Saturday	Nahum 2	Matthew 15:1-28	Nahum 3	1 Corinthians 6

# Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 26 to 31

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Habakkuk 1	1 Corinthians 7	Habakkuk 2	1 Corinthians 8
Tuesday	Habakkuk 3:2-end	1 Corinthians 9	Zephaniah 1	1 Cor 10:111:1
Wednesday	Zephaniah 2	1 Cor 11:2-end	Zephaniah 3	1 Cor 12:1-27
Thursday	Zechariah 11	1 Cor 12:2713 end	Zechariah 13	1 Cor 14:1-19
Friday	Malachi 1	1 Cor 14:20-end	Malachi 2:1-16	1 Cor 15:1-34
Saturday	Malachi 2:173:12	1 Cor 15:35-end	Malachi 3:13—4 end	1 Corinthians 16

#### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – February 2 to 7

O God, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Jeremiah 1	2 Cor 1:1—2:11	Jeremiah 2:1-13	2 Cor 2:12—3 end
Tuesday	Jeremiah 4:1-18	2 Corinthians 4	Jeremiah 5:1-19	2 Corinthians 5
Wednesday	Jer 5:20-end	2 Cor 5:20—7:1	Jeremiah 6:1-21	2 Corinthians 7:2-end
Thursday	Jeremiah 7:1-28	2 Corinthians 8	Jeremiah 8	2 Corinthians 9
Friday	Jeremiah 9:1-24	2 Corinthians 10	Jeremiah 10	2 Corinthians 11
Saturday	Jeremiah 14	2 Cor 12:1-13	Jeremiah 15	2 Cor 12:14—13 end

#### **WORSHIP IN JANUARY**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January Christmas 2

9:00 Sung Communion (English)

11:00 All Age Worship Communion (English)

Zwolle 16:00 Sung Communion

20:00 Sung Communion (English)

> 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Sung Communion (English)

14:30 Choral Evensong

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January **Prayer and Praise** 

19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band Guest Preacher: On the virtue of Prudence

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2

9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion (English) **Zwolle** 16:00 Sung Communion

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Ecumenical Evensong (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

20:00 Choral Evensong

Guest Preacher: On John 4

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January **Epiphany 3 (Conversion of St Paul)** 

9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion (English)

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In addition to the above services we normally offer at Holy Trinity Utrecht:

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)