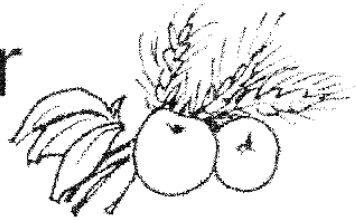


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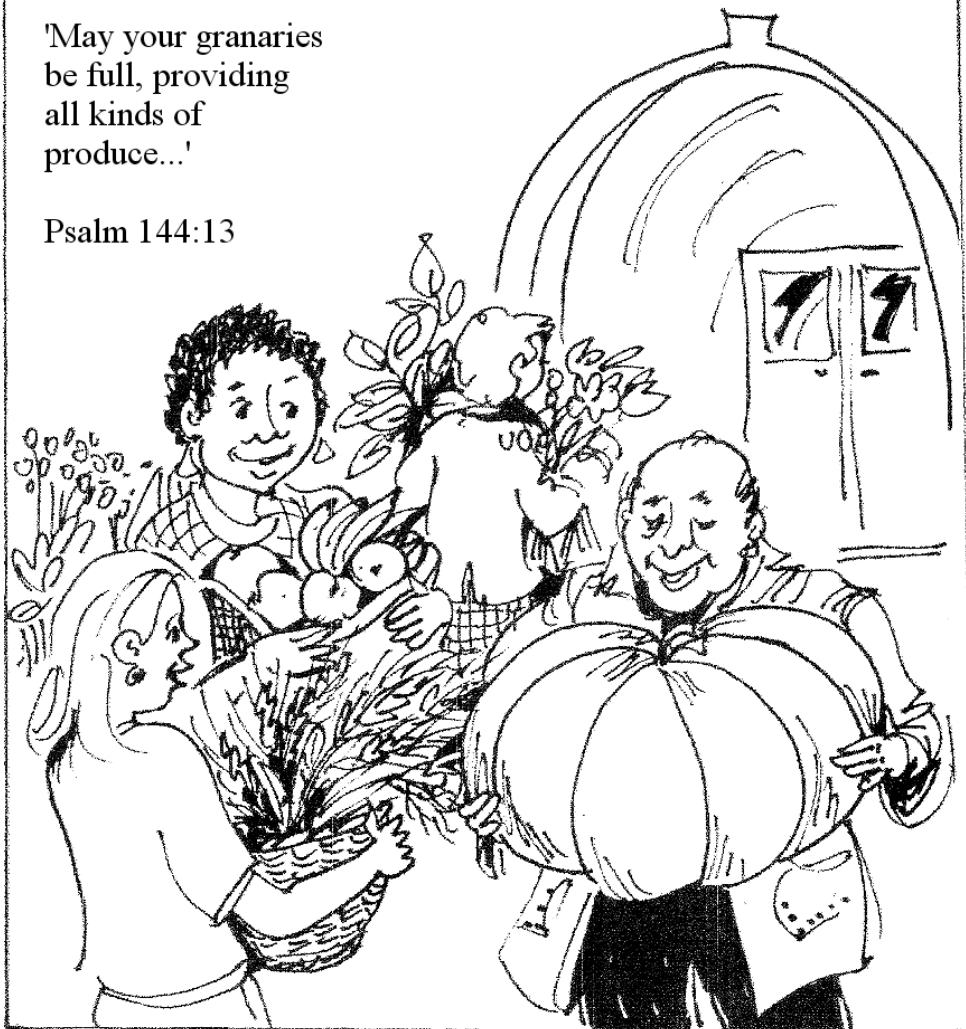
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'May your granaries
be full, providing
all kinds of
produce...'

Psalm 144:13



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(see back page for October services)

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Every Sunday

9:00 Sung Holy Communion

(1st and 5th in English

2nd, 3rd & 4th in Dutch)

11:00 Sung/Choral Communion
(English)

2nd Sunday of the month

14:30 Choral Evensong

2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month

19:30 Evening Prayer & Praise

Contemporary Gospel worship

Mid-week Worship

Wednesdays

7pm Holy Communion

Daily Offices:

Tuesday to Friday

8:00am Morning Prayer

5:30pm Evening prayer

Saturdays

9:00am Morning Prayer

5:00pm Evening Prayer

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Chaplain's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month I was asked by a ballroom dance club in Utrecht – USDV U Dance, to write an article on the virtues of dance for a publication in which they are asking representatives of different religions for their thoughts. It seemed a little crazy for me to write about this, given that, when it comes to dancing, I have two left feet! But here is part of the article I wrote for them.



Ballroom dance, being a communal act, where there is a reciprocity and exchange between those who engage in it, can be a perfect expression or icon of life in a restored community: a community where everyone has his or her part to play and the gifts of individuals all contribute to a harmonious whole, where there is unity in diversity. In Dante's *Divine Comedy* dance is scarcely mentioned in the *Inferno*, and it is a horrid dance, but dance is the outcome and overflow of joy in the earthly paradise at the end of *Purgatorio*, and souls dancing together is a very frequent sight in heaven, in the final book, the *Paradiso*. Fra Angelico paints serene pictures (above) of the life of heaven, it is a community dancing!

There is something beautiful in dance. What is it that we see and experience in music and in a well performed dance “but pallid reflections of the unimaginable beauty of the countenance of God?” (R Crouse) Here we can taste something of the divine and it leaves a trace, a remembrance in our souls, that leaves us looking up with hopeful expectation of so much more. I pray that in your dancing you may catch a glimpse of it often!

It made me think of how that image of dancing could be an expression of a well ordered church, where there is reciprocity and exchange, both of ideas and mutual encouragement, but also simply in the various parts we play together so that all runs smoothly. It is held together as we all look up for guidance to the same Lord. It requires each of us taking our part and seeing how we might contribute to the whole, humbling ourselves before one another, and participating with a spirit of joy and thanksgiving for the opportunities to serve one another and our God.

This month Hanna Cremer Eindhoven begins as Chaplaincy Administrative Assistant – she joins a team of many others. Soon we hope to invite an Assistant Chaplain – this month making decisions about interviews. I pray that we might all play our part in the life and ministries of our local churches here in Utrecht and Zwolle – so that together we may flourish within our churches and provide an image, an icon, to the world of community life being restored by our blessed Saviour. ✠

Yours in the love of Jesus, David

Our New Chaplaincy Administrative Assistant!

On September 30th, Hanna Cremer Eindhoven joined Holy Trinity Church in a professional role as our part time Administrative Assistant. Hanna will provide administrative support for worship; coordinate chaplaincy communications; be a contact person for the church and in scheduling appointments; manage the premises and lettings; provide office management and general administrative services. We asked Hanna to introduce herself to you in this Newsletter...



As the new chaplaincy administrator I was asked to write a little about myself, which I am happy to do. Some of you may know me personally and some of you may only know my face. A little over 32 years ago I was born as the fourth and youngest child in a warm Christian family. Growing up I have had the chance to see more of the world than just our little nation. During my secondary school years and my college days I spent a few years in various countries in Southeast Asia before settling down in The Netherlands after getting married. After the birth of our second child my position in ING was in jeopardy during a reorganisation. I found it to be the perfect opportunity to take the time to find out for myself what to do next.

This past year has been a year of incredible soul-searching. During this time I decided I wanted to follow God's lead for my working life as I had never been happy during my time in ING. One of the steps I took was to take up a Post Bachelor Course in Coaching/Counselling at a Christian Institute. This has proved to be such a blessing as it has given me peace in not knowing what lies ahead and I have been reminded that I needed to depend on God and not to worry. When the vacancy for chaplaincy administrator came along, I immediately felt I should take this opportunity to serve God in his church and become more involved as an HTC member. I am very excited to start working for Holy Trinity Chaplaincy and I hope I serve this wonderful community in the best way possible. ✂

Regards, Hanna Cremer Eindhoven-Portier

A reminder and invitation to participate in the Bible Study!

Tuesday October 14 and 28, starting at 20.00 and ending 21.45

Subject: "Spiritual warfare", The Whole Armour of God: weapons for spiritual warfare based on Ephesians 6:10—20. Besides learning and sharing we will also focus on fellowship with time for listening and prayer for one another. We are all members of one body: the Church.

Everybody is welcome! ✂

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Council Away Days in September 2014

by Peter Gillies, Member of Church Council



The frayed majesty of Retreat Center “Klein Sion” and its grounds is peculiarly conducive to good conversation. Its clear focus on our Lord was a reassuring focal point and the statues to Mother Mary and the Saints were an



opportunity to revisit the High-Church, Low-Church debate. Apparently, it never gets old. Indeed, through our Lord’s humor and a direct Dutch-to-English translation, we were told by the lady attending the facilities there that we were in luck: a “real priest” would be available to do services this weekend. Father David’s cool aplomb betrayed nary a ruffled feather, though some of us did milk every chuckle we could from the absurd misunderstanding. I am innocent.

But back to the Away-Day. Our first initiative was to make a Mission and Vision grounded in practicality. From the earliest moments of the discussion we decided to use the Values defined in last year’s Away-Day as the core of our discussion. A Mission statement was fashioned in a similarly practical way, using material on hand and word-smithing it to fit our current challenges and circumstances. In the end, we were happy to put forward the following proposal:

HTU Mission:

We are a welcoming community of Christians brought together by a shared love of Jesus with lively worship, Christian discipleship, friendly fellowship, and bringing the love of God to others.

“A welcoming community of Christians”

- We are a growing international Church within the Anglican Diocese in Europe. Our members come from the Netherlands and around the world. Some are cradle Anglicans and many come from other church backgrounds.

“Expressed in lively worship”

- Our worship is focused on Jesus, celebrated in the Eucharist, both contemporary and traditional, with a choir or a band, in English and Dutch.

“Growing as disciples of Christ.”

- We provide possibilities for people of all ages to expand and deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

“Friendly Fellowship”

- We offer opportunities after worship and during the week to form friendships for mutual support and encouragement.

“Bringing the love of God to others.”

- We are moved, through our encounter and union with Christ, to share the love of God by word and social action with our city.



This should ideally guide the spirit and direction of our actions as a church for the near to medium term. Indeed, some un-sanctioned fellowship has already sprouted green shoots. Edwin, Patrick, and I made a pact to initiate, in some form, a men's group! Please pray for us...

Ravi Zacharias, the Indian-born Christian philosopher, speaks of what it takes to bring someone to the Lord. Concerning specifically Muslim converts, he says none ever came to Christ through hearing a sermon on Christian apologetics, but by only two ways: 1) they experienced some sort of miracle in their lives; 2) they were brought to Christ through the behavior of a Christian. (of course, that doesn't mean sermons do not play an essential part in the building up of the body of Christ ☺)

How the Holy Spirit will work through us is a mystery, but that He will is a fact. Our obligation is to share the Gospel in a welcoming and friendly way while doing our best to live Christ-centered lives. Please, join your Church Council in ensuring this Mission makes a difference to His praise and glory. ✠



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

As a Lone Member of the Mothers Union I like to keep readers informed of the work they do all over the world. Through many Church of England congregations men and women meet regularly to pray for families all over the world as they struggle to provide a better future and ensure their children are healthy, happy and have every opportunity to do the best they can in life. The groups assist and support campaigns to improve family life and protect women and girls' rights, they offer hospital visiting and assist the homeless. Older members enjoy knitting baby clothes and blankets to be given to those who need them, in this way they feel they are helping and also help the younger members to learn how to knit..

The MU. sends out a monthly e-newsletter covering the work they do worldwide, inspiring mothers to do their best for their families. They also report on the many successful campaigns and good things that are happening as a result of their efforts.

For more information about the mission of Mothers' union and to learn how to join, you can go to www.mothersunion.org or I would be most happy to speak with you. ✂

From your editor.

Thinking ahead: Mission to bikers?

from Judith Riet, our Ecumenical Rep on USRK, Utrecht Ecumenical Council of Churches



The USRK is a network of churches in the city of Utrecht. For every meeting we visit a different host church, so we get to know the different churches in the city and get to know each others style of worship. Henk Korff and I are representatives of Holy Trinity.

One of the things the council is currently thinking about is the Tour the France. In July 2015 the cycling event will start in Utrecht. This will probably have consequences for church services in the inner city on the 4th and 5th of July. But instead of seeing the problems, we are asked to see the opportunities for the churches as well. How can we use the Tour the France to reach out to the city and the tourists who will visit that weekend? The USRK is planning a follow-up brainstorm on this topic.

A second topic of interest is the pastoral care to homeless people in the city. The Dutch Reformed Church (Jeruzalemkerk) is very active in this field. They sponsor two pastors who give spiritual and practical support to homeless people. As it is getting more difficult to find sustainable funds for this project, they are now looking for ways to broaden the project outside of their own church. They have asked the churches of the USRK to think with them about the future of this project.

For more information, see the website of the USRK: www.usrk.nl ✂

Thanksgiving: Some Biblical Principles about our thank offerings

Below are a few pictures more pictures from our Council Away Day in September.

1. Most important is that we present **ourselves** “a living sacrifice to God, holy, acceptable to God, which is [our] reasonable service.” [Romans 12:1]

2. In the Law of Moses, God commands that the people give of the **first fruits** of their labour, that is, not after all our needs are met. We should take time and plan how much we will give and review it from time to time considering our circumstances and the circumstances of the church and community [e.g. Exod 23:19; Lev 23].

3. The people were commanded to give offerings that are “**unblemished**” – a pure sacrifice. The Lord does not want us to give money we stole from a bank! God also does not want us to give something that is not of value to us anyway, but rather a real sacrifice. [see Exodus 12:5 or Leviticus 6:6 and also Malachi 1:12-14]

4. The biblical principal of a **tithe** or 1/10th of our earnings is found throughout Scripture. [Genesis 14:20; 28:22; Deut 12:17; 14:22; 26:12; 2 Chron 31:5; Mal 3:7-10; Neh 10:39; Matt 23:23] Nor should we feel constrained by the tithe [Acts 2:44-45] nor compelled to be so blessed. It is understood that the circumstances for each of us differs.

5. Offerings should be **given** not out of compulsion but **willingly** from the heart out of love for God and cheerfully [Exod 35:5, 21-29; 2 Cor. 9:7].

6. We are **not** to make **an outward show** of what we offer nor to take pride in ourselves inwardly [Matt 6:1-4].

7. We are **not** to be **concerned** about **what others give**, but about what our Lord is calling *us* to give [Rom 12:3-13].

8. We are encouraged, as a part of our giving, to **provide for the needs of the Church** [e.g. Matthew 10:10; Luke 8:2, 3; 1 Cor 9:4-14; Philippians 4:15-19].

9. Remember that it is **more blessed to give** than to receive [Acts 20:35], when we give we are “sowing to the Spirit” [Gal 6:6-10]. ✂





The Prayer Chain

If you have any requests for the prayer chain, or if you feel called to take part in this ministry of intercession, please contact Anne Miechielsen, who organizes this at Holy Trinity Church in Utrecht. She can be reached by telephone at 030 220 5049. ✂

A Message from Maya:

MICHEL OF THE MIRACLE

Maya has asked me to repeat her article shown in the last newsletter as it was incomplete and had inaccuracies. She writes...

Maybe some of you missed my article about Michiel, a few years ago.

Seven years ago I received a phone-call from a young man who asked me to translate his documents.

He came to Utrecht and I started work, hoping to finish it in one day, while he was reading a book in the sitting-room. On a coffee break, he told me the story of his life.

“When I was 15, I lived like a beast. I did everything that God had forbidden. Not that I believed in God - to me that was ----- nonsense. Then I became ill and quickly got worse and worse till I was bed-ridden and unable to move. When I was 18 I thought I was going to die and cried out to God—If you exist, please help me!”

Suddenly, I felt movement in my arms and in my legs,

I lifted my arms and moved my legs,

I sat on the edge of my bed and stood up,

I began to walk and have continued to walk since.

I was so grateful that I followed a course to teach Christianity and decided to work in the slums of Brazil

While working in Brazil I met a young lady and we fell in love and got married.”

Last month Michiel, his wife Ismilinda and baby Melissa came to the Netherlands and visited Maya. They hope to come back in two years time and get to know more people at Holy Trinity and maybe share with us their life-story and about their work.

They send us all their love and Gods Blessing. ✂

Lost Items

Did you forget something or do you miss anything?

Please check the box in the parsonage hall. There are umbrellas, specs, scarfs and more. ✂

Isabel Baars



31st OCTOBER – ALL HALLOW'S EVE

Many customs are linked with this day – most of them because this was the 'day before'. To the Celts it was the day before winter and the New Year officially began. In later years it became the day before, or eve of, the Christian festival of All Hallows, or All Saints' Day.

The Eve of All Hallows (Hallow's Eve gradually became the word 'Halloween') was the day for driving out evil – which makes it seem very strange now that some people 'celebrate' Halloween by dressing up as witches and monsters and having special parties.

Wouldn't it be better for us as Christians to celebrate by dressing up as angels and saints rather than as ghosts and devils?



BEFORE & AFTER

The answer to these questions are either 'befores' or 'afters'...

1. What comes before thunder?
2. What comes after red on traffic lights?
3. What comes after Advent?
4. What comes before green in the colours of the rainbow?
5. What comes after dusk?
6. What comes after revision?
7. What comes before a surname?
8. What book comes before the Book of Ruth in the Bible?
9. What comes after Lent?
10. According to the proverb, what comes before a fall?



Why did the angel lose her job?

She had harp failure.



How do angels greet each other?

They say 'Halo'.



Answers: 1. lightning 2. amber
3. Christmas 4. yellow 5. night 6. exams
7. fore or Christian names 8. Judges
9. Easter 10. pride

Moeder Teresa

In Calcutta
ligt de armoe
letterlijk op straat
verdicht zich boven elke maat
ik ben op zoek
er ligt een bedelaar
te sterven op de hoek
ik ben op zoek
naar Iets of Iemand
hoger dan het ik
ik ben op zoek naar God

een mens verschrompeld
tot wat voddend
holle ogen en skelet
niet wachtend
niet hopen
onaangeraakt vervagend
de goot zijn laatste bed
ik ben op zoek
er ligt een bedelaar
te sterven op de hoek
ik ben op zoek
naar Iets of Iemand
hoger dan het ik
ik ben op zoek naar God

een vrouw zich buigend
over deze mens
ze draagt een kruis
ze pakt zijn hand
ze spreekt hem aan:
in liefde aangeraakt
krijgt hij van haar een naam

en ik-
in een flits
weet ik:
in dit gebaar
van deze vrouw
naar deze mens
word ik God zelf gewaar-

Oeke Kruythof

Mother Teresa

In Culcutta the poverty
lies literally on the street
concentrated beyond measure
I am searching
there lies a beggar
on the corner, dying
I am searching
for Something or Someone
mightier than myself
I am searching for God

there lies a shrunken
crumpled bundle of rags
sunken eyes, skin and bone
neither waiting
nor hoping
but fading and neglected
the gutter his final bed
I am searching

a woman leans over him
she wears a cross
she takes his hand
she talks to him
touched by love
he receives from her a name

suddenly in a flash
it was revealed to me
that through the gesture
of this woman
towards this man
I had sensed
the presence of God...

translation/
transcreation

Jenny Narraway



Drinking from the Well of Life

These daily readings are meant to augment and fit with the readings used at the services of Holy Communion on Sunday. This is from an essay by Bishop John Jewel (1522-71) about Scripture...

This word is the true manna; it is the bread which came down from heaven; it is the key of the kingdom of heaven; it is the savour of life unto life; it is the power of God unto salvation. In it God shows to us his might, his wisdom, and his glory. By it he will be known of us. By it he will be honoured of his creatures. Whatsoever truth is brought unto us contrary to the word of God, it is not truth, but falsehood and error; whatsoever honour done unto God, disagreeeth from the honour required by his word, it is not honour unto God, but blasphemy... What emperor by force ever prevailed so much? What strength could ever shake down so mighty idols from their seat? What hand of man could subdue and conquer the whole world, and make such mighty nations confess they had done amiss? This did the Lord bring to pass by the power of his word and the breath of his mouth.

The Week of Trinity XV – September 29 to October 4

KEEP, we beseech you, O Lord, your Church with your perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without you cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Jeremiah 28	Ephesians 6:1-9	Jeremiah 29:1-20	John 8:31-end
Tuesday	Jeremiah 32:1-15	Ephesians 6:10-end	Jeremiah 32:15-35	John 9
Wednesday	Jeremiah 32:36-end	Philippians 1:1-11	Jeremiah 33:1-13	John 10:1-21
Thursday	Jeremiah 33:14-end	Philippians 1:12-end	Jeremiah 34:8-end	John 10:22-end
Friday	Jeremiah 37	Philippians 2:1-11	Jeremiah 38:1-13	John 11:1-44
Saturday	Jeremiah 38:14-end	Philippians 2:12-end	Jeremiah 39	John 11:45-end

The Week of Trinity XVI – October 6 to 11

O LORD, we beseech you, let your continual pity cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your succour, preserve it evermore by your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Jeremiah 40	Philippians 3	Jeremiah 41	John 12:1-19
Tuesday	Jeremiah 42	Philippians 4	Jeremiah 43	John 12:20-end
Wednesday	Jeremiah 44:1-14	Colossians 1:1-20	Jeremiah 44:15-end	John 13
Thursday	Ezekiel 1:1-14	Colossians 1:21--2:7	Ezekiel 1:15-end	John 14
Friday	Ezekiel 2	Colossians 2:8-19	Ezekiel 3:1-14	John 15
Saturday	Ezekiel 3:15-end	Colossians 2:20--3:11	Ezekiel 8	John 16

The Week of Trinity XVII – October 13 to 18

*O LORD, we beseech you, absolve your people from their offences;
that through your bountiful goodness we may be delivered from the bands of those sins,
which by our frailty we have committed:
grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Ezekiel 9	Colossians 3:12-4:1	Ezekiel 11:1-13	John 17
Tuesday	Ezekiel 12:1-16	Colossians 4:2-end	Ezekiel 12:17-end	John 18:1-27
Wednesday	Ezekiel 13:1-16	Philemon	Ezekiel 14	John 18:28-end
Thursday	Ezekiel 17	1 Thessalonians 1	Ezekiel 20:1-26	John 19:1-30
Friday	Ezekiel 20:27-44	1 Thes. 2:1-16	Ezekiel 22:23-end	John 19:31-end
Saturday	Ezekiel 24:15-end	1 Thes. 2:17--3 end	Ezekiel 28:1-19	John 20

The Week of Trinity XVIII – October 20 to 25

*Almighty and everlasting God, show your pity upon us your humble servants,
that we who trust not in our merits may know, not thy judgment, but thy mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Ezekiel 33:12-20	1 Thes. 4:1-12	Ezekiel 33:21-end	John 21
Tuesday	Ezekiel 34:17-end	1 Thes. 4:13--5:11	Ezekiel 36:22-end	Hebrews 1
Wednesday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	1 Thes. 5:12-end	Ezekiel 37:15-end	Hebrews 2
Thursday	Ezra 1	2 Thessalonians 1	Ezra 3	Hebrews 3
Friday	Ezra 4	2 Thessalonians 2	Haggai 1:1--2:9	Hebrews 4:1-13
Saturday	Zechariah 1:1-17	2 Thessalonians 3	Zechariah 1:18--2 end	Hebrews 4:14--5:10

The Week of Trinity XIX – October 27 to November 1

*O Lord, we beseech you, make us subject to you with a ready will,
and ever stir up our wills to entreat you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Monday	Zechariah 3	1 Timothy 1:1-17	Zechariah 4	Hebrews 5:11--6 end
Tuesday	Zechariah 6:9-end	1 Timothy 1:18--2 end	Zechariah 7	Hebrews 7
Wednesday	Zechariah 8	1 Timothy 3	Zechariah 11	Hebrews 8
Thursday	Zechariah 13	1 Timothy 4	Haggai 2:10-end	Hebrews 9:1-14
Friday	Ezra 5	1 Timothy 5	Ezra 6	Hebrews 9:15-end
Saturday	Ezra 7	1 Timothy 6	Ezra 8:15-end	Hebrews 10:1-18

By Chance



Since it was a lovely morning we decided to take a detour through the cemetery in Montmartre. I was in Paris with Daniel my Belgian friend, a belated birthday treat for him and an advanced treat for me, and having slightly overdosed on 18th century works of art in the previous days, we decided on something a bit more mundane and so we had headed off to Pigalle. What struck me as we wandered through this necropolis was the hierarchy that seems to persist, even after death. Grave monuments that ranged from the discreet to the downright vulgar, family vaults that were bigger and more impressive than many a modest home for the living and some that were positive art collections in themselves. So it was that we ran into a grave surmounted by a very impressive bronze statue, slightly larger than life, of a naked man, striding forward with a staff in his hand. There was something not quite right about the figure. I couldn't work out what it was but there was something amiss with the anatomy. The legs were perhaps a little too long and the pose not quite natural which made the whole thing rather extraordinary. Daniel, being an art historian, was of course fascinated by the work and found the name of the sculptor on the plinth at the back: Landowski. He had never heard of him but we filed the name away for future reference.

A little further on, in the shadow of a two storey grave monument that looked like a diminutive block of flats there was a group of cats. As you know, I am an absolute addict when it comes to cats and I went over to look more closely. There must have been at least 20 of them, some in apparently good condition, but others that looked very much to be on their last legs (or should that be 'paws'?). There was an old man there as well, standing slightly to one side of the group. He signalled to me to keep my distance. And then I realised what he was doing: he was feeding them! There were several bowls of dry food lying around and a couple of dishes with cat milk. He came over to me and turned out to speak surprisingly good English. He wanted me to keep my distance so that I didn't scare the cats away because then the birds would eat their food. He told me that he had been feeding these stray animals for the past 40 years! Every day he comes into the cemetery with his bag full of cat food and treats and spends half an hour or so with his 'friends'. One of the animals seemed a little more daring than the others and ventured somewhat closer, not close enough for me to touch, but close enough to get a cat-treat from the old man. I gave him a donation to his cat-food fund and we moved on. What a coincidence, I thought, that an art historian and a cat-lover should both have run across exactly what they enjoyed most as a result of a chance visit to a cemetery.

Before we left for Paris I had seen an article in the British Daily Telegraph about little visited jewels in the city, one of which was the greenhouses in the gardens at Auteil. These are elaborate 19th century iron structures grouped around a magnificent central tropical greenhouse filled with steamy palms, an aviary and pools of Japanese carp. The article advised readers to visit as soon as possible since there are plans to demolish some of the greenhouses to allow the Roland Garros tennis centre (Paris' answer to Wimbledon) to expand. To be honest, when we got there we saw that the section of the gardens directly next to the tennis courts is in such a poor state of repair that selling it will probably raise more than enough cash to refurbish the remaining greenhouses and restore them to their former glory. We needed lunch by this time so we headed off in search of a bistro. Since the

French Open was underway and we were right next to the tennis centre, we feared that this might be a difficult task!

Obviously, the French, being gastronomically dedicated, provide more than adequate lunch facilities on site for there was what looked like a small and surprisingly quiet place just across from the gardens. The tables outside were free but we decided to go inside. It proved to be a bit like the Tardis in Dr Who: small on the outside but vast within. The café was located on a sort of peninsula and opened on both sides onto the streets and the other side was very busy indeed! Nonetheless the service was smooth, courteous and not particularly slow even if the waiter did insist on calling us ‘young men’ which at our age can be seen as a bit of an insult!

Now Daniel is a whizz at reading maps and over lunch he consulted his trusty street map of Paris, planning our post-lunch excursion. What should he find just a few blocks away from the café where we were but the Landowski museum! Talk about chance! Of course we had to investigate. It was a bit tricky here and there as many of the side roads were closed to traffic because of the tennis but eventually we found ourselves in what looked like an ordinary residential street. The signs directing us to the museum were typical of French road signs where it sometimes isn’t clear which of several options is being indicated. Surely this couldn’t be the right place. Then there it was. The garden gate was open although the building looked like an ordinary house. We went in and were immediately confronted by



other statues by Landowski. The museum itself was in a cellar and since it was the first Sunday in the month, entry was free. The statue we had seen in the cemetery turned out to be just part of a bigger work ‘The Descendants of Cain’ which stands in the Tuileries gardens. The museum was dusty and looked rather tired; it was only rather small but for an unknown artist (unknown to us at any rate) it seemed adequate. On the way out we were confronted by a mosaic which was instantly recognisable: Christ the Redeemer in Rio. Landowski may be unknown but this, his most famous creation, is world renowned. If, by chance, we had not ventured into the cemetery in Montmartre we would never have learned about Landowski and his work.

All of which set me thinking about ‘chance’ in general. My friendship with Daniel, something that has given both of us an opening to a future that we thought we had lost was the result of a ‘chance’ visit by friends from London two years ago. They wanted to drop in on their pal in Antwerp who had just been bereaved and could I drive them down. If they had been more secure on the roads of Europe they would have made the trip alone but, by chance, they needed a chauffeur. Although I have difficulty believing that all we do is predestined, since this to my mind compromises the concept of sin, yet all these ‘chance’ encounters have shaken my doubts. As someone once said, there are no such things as co-incidences – they are God-incidences, signs that we are not wandering aimlessly through life; we are being gently guided by a loving Father. ✠

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Services in October

(services are in English unless otherwise specified)

Sunday 5 th October	Harvest Festival – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 9:00 Sung Communion 11:00 All Age Worship – Holy Communion Zwolle Anglican Church – 16:00 Sung Communion
Sunday 12 th October	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion (Healing Service) 14:30 Choral Evensong
Saturday 18 th October	The Feast of St Luke the Evangelist 10:00 Holy Communion Evening Prayer and Praise Service 19:30 Service of the Word with Gospel Band with preacher
Sunday 19 th October	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Lay Preacher in Utrecht: <i>Mr Peter Boswijk</i> 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion Zwolle Anglican Church – 16:00 Evensong
Sunday 26 th October	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity 9:00 Sung Communion (Dutch/Eng) 11:00 Choral Communion
Tuesday 28 th October	The Feast of St Simon and St Jude Apostles and Martyrs 20:00 Holy Communion

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) (Wed at 19.00)
Saints & Holy Days:	Holy Communion at 20.00

