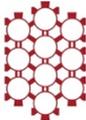


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HOW THANKFULNESS IS GOOD FOR OUR FAITH

Or 'How to avoid taking God for granted'

Text: Deuteronomy 8:6-18

Our annual Harvest Festivals are all about thankfulness. How much we need this discipline! In our modern and prosperous society we can easily fall into a lazy pattern of taking God for granted. Thankfulness is one of the best antidotes God has given us to avoid such complacency.

This passage from Deuteronomy relays the final words of Moses to the people of Israel prior to the crossing of the Jordan and into the promised land. His life is nearing its end, and this is his swansong. What does he say to them? "Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him" (v6). In other words, stay faithful to the Lord and continue to observe the Law. Do not take God for granted.

As Moses unpacks this, he says that God is giving both a promise and a warning. Initially there is the promise of blessing. "For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig-trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills." (vv7-9). Such abundance! water, fertile land, food and resources. God is leading them into a bright future. He promises to bless them.

But that promise comes with a warning – not to forget. "Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God ... Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." (vv11-14).

Listen to the warning. Do not let your heart become arrogant and proud. Do not forget God and what he has done for you. Do not become lazy and take God for granted. Which is of course exactly what happened in the generations ahead. Prosperity led to idolatry and decline. The more they enjoyed God's blessings, the more they take God for granted.

What about us? When we enjoy God's blessing, we too risk taking God for granted. How can we break this cycle in practice? The antidote is **thankfulness**. And we grow in thankfulness by considering the past, the present and the future.

Firstly, we must remember God's faithfulness in the past. "[Remember] ... the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its

venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you.” (vv14b-16).

Throughout the OT the people of Israel knew good times and hard times. But God was always faithful. We too go through good times and hard times. And for us too God is faithful. But in the good times, we tend to forget, so that in the hard times, we struggle to remember. But remember we must! Thankfully there are examples and promises in scripture to strengthen us. And we have our own stories of God’s goodness to encourage each other. As we remember God’s faithfulness in the past, we can be thankful to him for his provision in good times and bad.

Secondly, we can celebrate God’s goodness in the present. “When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.” (vv10-11). The people of Israel had various festivals and feasts to celebrate God’s goodness: the weekly sabbath, various annual gatherings (harvest), and so forth. These typically involved no work, all kinds of offerings, and exuberant celebration (including lots of food & drink). The purpose? By celebrating God’s goodness, the people of Israel were reminded that these blessings come from him. How do we celebrate God’s goodness today? There are many ways. For example, harvest suppers, saying grace before a meal, ensuring we safeguard our own weekly ‘sabbath’. As we celebrate God’s goodness in the present, we can be thankful to him for all the good things he has blessed us with.

Thirdly, we can learn to trust in God’s steadfast love for the future. “But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.” (v18). Notice how God confirms his covenant with his people – a binding promise. And at the heart of covenant is the word ‘khesed’, which means faithful love, or unfailing kindness. There is an old chorus, quoting Lamentations 3: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercy never comes to an end. They are new every morning – great is your faithfulness O Lord”. As you contemplate the future, what emotion do you feel? Excitement? Uncertainty? Anxiety? Fear? There is a lot of uncertainty around. But God is calling you and me to put our trust in his steadfast love for us. He always keeps his promises, and he won’t stop now. As we place our trust in God’s steadfast love for the future, we can be thankful that he always keeps his promises.

Thankfulness is the antidote to taking God for granted. This autumn our Harvest Festival has been somewhat muted by the pandemic. But we can still remind ourselves that we have so much to be thankful for. We remember God’s faithfulness in the past. We celebrate his goodness in the present. We trust in his steadfast love for the future. And we do so with thankful hearts.



Music Matters

It is now less than four weeks to Advent. Although life is very different under the Covid-19 measures, we have been fortunate in being able to have our church services! The musical side has been different as we have resorted to 'canned' choral music for the anthem and hymn; the only 'live' music being organ and organ and flute. However, the choir has been practising in Haarlem church regularly since the end of July, observing a special choral protocol (1.5 metre distancing and staggered seating) it took a little while to get used to that, as you can imagine! However, we feel we have overcome those difficulties!

Our Advent and Christmas services are beginning to take shape, but needless to say: *"things will be very different from other years!"*

Working on a maximum congregation of 30 people (excluding staff) we are preparing shorter services, but broadly based on our usual Advent & Christmas Carol services (29 November and 24 December). There will be no candlelit processions, but there will certainly be candles! Under the present rules the congregation alas! is not allowed to sing, so the number of carols will be reduced and sung by the choir only. The structure of the lessons will remain the same.

You might wonder how we will be able to fit our normal Advent and Christmas congregations in? The short answer to that is, 'we won't'. As with our present services, people will have to register beforehand and sadly, full is full.

Does that mean most people are going to miss the Advent and Christmas Carol services? Fortunately it does not. Both Old Catholic Cathedrals (Haarlem and Utrecht) will - all being well - be fitted out with a new camera system before the end of November that will enable the church to stream the services. We will be able to use that system, so that we too can stream the important services, such as Advent and Christmas. We are very grateful for this possibility as those services are important in the life of our church, both liturgically and musically. For the carol services the choir will be spread out in the sanctuary, for other services the choir will be at the back.

Normally we would also be singing at Middachten Castle at their annual Christmas Fair. Sadly they have been forced to cancel this event as the social distancing is not possible during the event. We are not sure whether the carol service in Rheden is still a realistic option, but that has not been decided yet.

We are considering a short Carol concert on Saturday evening 19 December and possibly stream that too, but that will very much depend on how the situation in The Netherlands develops. The coming lockdown in England means that all church services will also be suspended. Let us hope and pray that that situation will not occur in The Netherlands!

Sunday 13th December was the proposed date for our annual Christmas Bring and Buy, but under the present Covid-19 measures that will not be possible, as social distancing round the stall would be almost impossible!

This does not mean you will not be able to buy your usual Christmas fair - see elsewhere in *Lifeline* how you can order your goodies in time for Christmas.

All the above is under the premise that the Press Conference coming Tuesday 3 November does not bring such extra measures into force that we have to change all our plans for the services.

Therefore we hope that the Advent Carol Service will be on 29 November at 7.30 pm, the **Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist** at its usual time of 6 p.m. followed by our **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 8 p.m.** These services bring us from Advent to Christmas and are a joyful and festive celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! We hope we will be able to sing these services and share the readings and carols either with a small congregation in church and a much larger congregation online!

We will keep everybody informed via posts on the website, the church app or separate emails informing you about the services, including the format of our first service in 3 January.2021.

With all good wishes for a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

*Martin van Bleek,
Director of Music*



Advent Discussion Group 2020 – three sessions

Life to the Full is an ecumenical York course for discussion groups.

This course explores what it might mean to experience fullness in the midst of our busy lives. How can we help each other to experience this fullness.

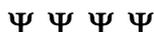
Dates : 3, 10, 17 November 2020

Day : Tuesdays

Time : 20.00 – 21.15

Place : *Microsoft Teams online*

For the first time we will be meeting online via Microsoft Teams. So far there are eight participants. If you would like to join one or more sessions, please contact Diana Dammer.



***From the Council.* AGM - Annual Chaplaincy Church Meeting**



This year our AGM took place in Church after the Harvest Service. It wasn't our usual Harvest service, there was no traditional tea, however, the occasion was celebrated with a beautiful Harvest display created by Ann with a contribution from Angela and we raffled a wonderful fruit basket kindly donated by Corrie Ann. Congratulations to Simone who won this!

For the AGM, everyone stayed in their pews so we were all appropriately distanced. We were delighted to welcome Rev. Ruan Crew, Area Dean, who led the Harvest service and was also Chair for the meeting for the second year running. Before it got started, Ann and Andrew circulated with hot cups of tea and some traditional English biscuits courtesy of Martin!

The meeting was supported by reports which had previously been circulated as follows: Finance, Chaplaincy, Choir, Compline and Prayer List, Synod and Mission. A brief summary was given on each report with 'Any Questions' afterwards. In addition, short presentations were given on last year's Electoral Roll and the developments in Social Media and Marketing as a follow up to last year's action points. Diana was elected again as Synod Rep, and Martin and John were again appointed as Wardens.

Despite the strange circumstances, there was a feeling of positivity amongst everyone there and Ruan talked warmly about our church, noticing the 'family feel' that comes from our close community. It was noted that, even during Lockdown, the efforts made to keep everyone in touch has kept our feeling of belonging strong and our faith alive. We finished with The Grace.



As a final light moment, Martin produced a box of Cadbury's Cream Eggs (which he hadn't managed to give out at Easter due to the Lockdown) and everyone went home in a very cheerful mood! *Anni Kearney, Secretary*

The front cover of Lifeline has changed! We hope you like it! Our thanks to Anni Kearney for her creative skills and to Andrew Kearney for the Lifeline 'Masthead' - do you recognise the Lamb from the front of our building, over the porch? We have also included our new Anglican Church Haarlem logo which you have probably seen on the website and other communications.

Archdeaconry Synodical Gathering 8 - 10 October 2020 (online)

This year the Archdeaconry Synod was conducted online via 'Zoom'. It is wonderful that modern technology provided the opportunity for the representatives of the chaplaincies in NW Europe to meet at a distance and yet together. On **Thursday evening 8th October**, as each representative joined the meeting, we could see each other on our own computer screen with three pages of participants. So far away and yet so near!

The Archdeacon Paul Vrolijk gave a short introduction on the changes in the chaplaincies: vacancies and new chaplains. Also, there was the surprising news that he has decided to step down from his four-day role as Archdeacon, in order to spend more than two days each week as fulltime Chaplain of Holy Trinity Church Brussels. This demanding position caring for the chaplaincies is really a fulltime job. Later during the weekend, it was good to hear that Sam van Leer (Chaplain of Groningen and former Dean) was willing to become acting Archdeacon for six months.

During the non-AGM (decisions are not made online) an update of the Archdeaconry finances was very clearly presented by the Treasurer David Sayers. Due to the Covid 19 lockdown, this year has seen a great saving on travel expenses. This is the same for the Diocesan finances as all visits by the Bishop to the chaplaincies in our vast diocese are now conducted online.

On Friday afternoon and evening 9th October Safeguarding matters were presented by Grace Fagan, who explained the reorganisation of the Safeguarding Team, their supporting role and the more structured online Training Pathway. This has three levels:

- C0 Basic Awareness - for everyone
- C1 Foundation - for anyone with a role in the church
- C2 Leadership - for Safeguarding Leadership : two modules of 90 minutes in groups of 12 with online trainers.

The conclusion is that it is important to centralise and record the process so that as many as possible, who are involved in the life of the church, can be trained to make sure everyone is safe.

Bishop Robert shared updates and Andrew Caspari (Diocesan Secretary) gave a power point presentation of different aspects of the strategies and vision of the chaplaincies.

- Changes in our markets (core English migrant communities despite Brexit).
- Challenges of who we are: women in ministry, youth, economics, climate agenda.
- Impact of Covid 19 - a health and an economic crisis. Each chaplaincy has found its own way: isolation has brought us together in different ways in terms of support.
- Diocesan website produces online information and regular e-news.
- A digital diocese: meetings online, reduction of carbon footprint.

The Archdeacon closed the evening with Compline and an address on Romans 8: 26. It is the spirit who sustains us in the weakness of the present age.

Saturday morning 10th October began with Morning Prayer. This was followed by a session given by the main speaker **Stephen Hance** on **Mission and Outreach during the pandemic**: a time of great loss but also unprecedented opportunities. How can we authentically communicate the Gospel in our age? Seven characteristics were outlined.

1. Solidarity and localism – connecting with the places where we live and recognising the unsung heroes in hospitals, supermarkets etc. who keep society running.
2. Organisation reputation - what have we done as a chaplaincy in the pandemic: engaged or retreated?
3. Spiritually seeking - everyone now has access to church via online services, websites, livestreaming. Everyone can easily try it out but may never go to church.
4. Online is here to stay - for meetings and worship. We need to do it well in a digital world.
5. Smaller and diverse congregations - anxiety about gathering in large numbers, therefore opportunities to reach different groups online.
6. Fragile and tentative - church needs to be more flexible, creative and experimental.
7. Rest and play - we will emerge from the pandemic in a collective culture trauma. We need to be a church which offers a light touch: fun and play, offering fullness of Life in Christ.

Via zoom we were all put into breakout rooms: different groups of five. We were invited to share how we can apply the above points to our own church situation.

Conclusion: Young people do not commit themselves to organisations or institutions. We need to reinvent ourselves into a movement and become creative in forms of worship to reach different groups. The pandemic is accelerating a paradigm shift so that we need to change.

The morning finished with separate Annual Meetings for The Netherlands and Belgium with Luxemburg. It was good to see many familiar faces and friends online but we missed having the opportunity for our annual catch up. For the first time after Synod, some of us had individual contact by phone, WhatsApp or Zoom. Hopefully, next year Synod will be able to meet again in Drongen!

Diana Dammer-Wilson - Archdeaconry Representative



Christmas Bring and Buy

Owing to Covid-19 restrictions our annual Christmas Bring and Buy cannot take place after our service on Sunday 13 December and neither can our Advent Tea. However, there is a way of buying your usual Christmas fair in time for Christmas!

Instead of me ordering a number of items from Taste of Home at random, you can send me an email with your specific orders and I will get them to church for you to pick up after a service. All proceeds will go towards the church as usual. We do have a selection of Christmas cards in stock still, but we would have to arrange a 'viewing' at church before or after a service.

So if you want mince pies (6 in a box), individual Christmas puddings or a large one, pots of mince meat, Thorntons Classic chocolates, Cadbury's Santa Collection box, a rectangular piece of Christmas cake, Paxo stuffing mix, Christmas crackers, etc. please let me know your wish list either at church or in an email by 15 November at the latest. Email to: martin.van.bleek@gmail.com and I will do my best to get everything for you!

Martin van Bleek



Boxing Day Drinks

At this time it is completely unclear whether we will be able to meet for our traditional Boxing Day drinks from 12 -2pm on Wednesday 26 December. Please check our church website nearer the time.



In our last Lifeline Adam Powell shared his recollections of Prague – now
Recollections of Budapest

by Adam Powell

I travelled to Budapest with just one agendum; to visit the naturally heated baths at Gellert Hotel. There is a network of caves beneath Budapest with natural springs with mineral rich water at 78°C. This is of course too hot for bathing, and the water is cooled to 27°C for a swimming pool, and 36 - 40°C for three other pools. It is an art nouveau building opened in 1927 but there have been thermal baths in Budapest since the C17th; the water having been exploited by the Habsburgs during the period of Austrian rule.



The rest of my itinerary was organised with the help of Meander Hostel. The staff advised me that there are daily tours organised from the steps of St Stephen's Basilica. I went on the general tour, the Communist tour and the Jewish legacy tour.

There are many important buildings in Budapest but in my opinion the most important are St Stephen's Basilica and the Parliament. Both buildings are 96 m tall and are the two highest buildings in Budapest. The city does not have skyscrapers, and for the modern age has an interesting and varied skyline.

Hungary has existed as a country for about 1 000 years. The Hungarians originated from the Ural Mountains and the Hungarian language is Asian in origin. They were seven pagan tribes who were converted to Christianity by Stephen, their first King and the future St Stephen. In the Basilica you will find a perfectly preserved hand of St Stephen which is believed to be a miracle. The hand is paraded annually around St Stephen's Square to convince the general public of the authenticity of the miracle.

Budapest has another saint, St Gellert, from the same period. He tried to convert pagans to Christianity, who put him in a barrel and threw him off what is now St Gellert Hill into the River Danube when he died on impact. On top of Gellert Hill there is the Liberty Monument celebrating the end of World War II and the end of German occupation. Unfortunately when the Russians liberated Hungary from the Germans they forgot to go home! The monument was adapted in 1989 to celebrate the end of Communism.

During the Communist era a red star 3 m high was placed on the peak of the Parliament breaking the law stating that the Parliament and St Stephen's Basilica be of equal height. When the Parliament was opened in 1902 it was on the understanding that church and state be equals. The red star is now inside the Parliament leaving the Hungarian people to speculate on when re-introduction of Communism will be. Other Communist memorabilia has been donated to museums.

The Parliament is jointly with the Houses of Parliament in London the largest Parliament in Europe but since 1918 only half of the Parliament is used. Following World War One, Hungary lost two-thirds of its territory and one-third of its population. In its history Hungary has had eight different capital cities, four of which, including Bratislava, lie outside the current border.

Budapest has only existed as a city since 1873, being an amalgamation of Buda, Obuda and Pest. Buda was the capital from 1774 to 1873. Pest grew rapidly during the second part of C19th. If there is such a thing as a Hungarian "golden age" this was it.

Following the 1848 Revolutions across Europe there was a Hungarian war of independence. It was ruthlessly suppressed by the Austrians and the Russians. The Austrians were impressed by the number of Jews who volunteered to fight in the Hungarian resistance in spite of having lived in Hungary for only a short period of time. The Austrian Government decided to give Hungary equal status within the Habsburg Empire which inspired rapid building programmes in Vienna and Budapest, because the two countries saw themselves in competition with each other.

Budapest was home to two very important Jews in history; Sigmund Freud and Theoder Herzl, founder of Zionism. Unfortunately the atmosphere in Budapest deteriorated rapidly in the early C20th and became very anti-semitic. There is a tendency in Hungary to blame this on the German invasion of 1941 but there was a serious problem even before that.

Today Hungary has new problems of its own. Viktor Orban suspended Parliament shortly after I returned to The Netherlands. He is able to sustain his dictatorship by promoting a national obsession with football. It may be a long time before I go back to Hungary, if at all.



Ms. Miscellaneous

Comfort

It's been a while since my last column. I think the last one was about my fantastic corona-proof 54th birthday in April. Since then the COVID-19 virus seemed practically beaten in the summer, but now unfortunately we are dealing with the second wave. And so when I was pondering the subject of this new Ms Miscellaneous I decided it should NOT be about corona. But if one decides to ban pink elephants from one's thoughts, of course all one can think of is... pink elephants. And so corona keeps popping up in my brain trying to think of another topic...

I surrender. Corona it is. I must admit I did not handle moving into the present second wave of infections all that well. I do not like working only through computer screens and the restrictions on meeting family and friends.

On the other hand online meetings with everybody working from home sometimes lead to unexpected and funny situations. A few weeks ago I was in an online meeting in which we had a serious and somewhat heated discussion about which course to take, when suddenly a ginger cat's tail sailed through one of the screens. Everybody burst out laughing. The air was cleared immediately resulting in a unanimous decision on the path to follow.

And the other day I attended an online session with very dedicated and serious policy officers discussing a new law. At some point one of them mentioned that she had to leave the meeting strictly on time to be able to walk her new border collie pup. Immediately everybody wanted to have pictures of the pup, which resulted in a WhatsApp avalanche of everybody's pets, ranging from gerbils to tropical fish and from rabbits to puppies – and a variety of oooo's, aaaa's and a nice selection of emoticons expressing how very cute all the pets were.

Unexpected things like that turn out to be a big comfort to all people working online from home, including me. So I think I'll try to provoke more of those informal incidents during online meetings, to create and feel the comfort that we are all in this together. Moving towards Advent will help to focus on the biggest comfort of all: the birth of baby Jesus and the promise of new beginnings.

Take care, stay healthy and have a comfort – able Advent!

Veronique Ruiz



Sue Akker

As promised in the last Lifeline, here is a short 'bio' from Fr Derek Akker's 'better half'.

I was born in Bury in the late **** - a lady doesn't tell her age - oh heck it doesn't really matter now - 1948). My father was British and my mother Belgian.

Dad was in the RAF and met my mum at the end of the war in Belgium. They married and mum came over to Radcliffe (just outside Manchester).

I appeared, did the usual things, school, and then work. I probably had cooking in my genes as my grandparents had a "frituur" in Belgium and a restaurant, though they lost everything in the war. They were all members of the resistance, managing a school as caretaker and cook, which meant that allied airmen could pass through the school to the next contact, hopefully on their way back home.

This photo is one of many that were in my mum's book of memories and autographs.

I met Derek at a Christmas party at a children's care home, during which he knocked a glass of orange juice down my back ... we were married 12 months later - 😊 the power of orange juice 🍹



Derek decided in 1985 to put himself forward for ordination. It did worry me a little - he was a very committed Christian and I wasn't sure about being a vicar's wife, But I'd do anything for a 4 bedroom house! And I've always said: 'what you see is what you get'; please do not put me on a pedestal as I will fall off!

After 36 years Derek due to ill health decided to retire and after 2-3 years he found out how to get on the list for locum duty the rest as they say is history.

Love to you all,
Sue X

Poets Corner

There is No Frigate Like a Book

There Is No Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away,
Nor any Coursers* like a Page
Of prancing Poetry –
This Travel may the poorest take
Without offense of Toll –
How frugal is the Chariot
That bears the Human soul.

* swift, spirited horses

Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) was an American poet. Unrecognized during her lifetime, she has since been regarded as one of the towering figures in American literature. Her stanza forms, rhythms and sometimes rhymes echo the standard Protestant hymns of her day, especially those of Isaac Watts.

With semi-lockdown and travel restrictions in place, our movements have been much curtailed. No problem, says our poet: there are even more riches and inner worlds to discover with a book. Emily herself led a very reclusive life, actually choosing to self-isolate at home for most of her life.

Maybe you have found yourself reading more in recent months, like me.

Christine Bradshaw



In een droom

In een droom liep ik een winkel binnen;
achter de toonbank stond een engel.
Ik vroeg; 'Wat verkoopt u hier?'
'Alles wat u maar wilt', zei de engel.

'O', zei ik, 'echt waar? -
ik wil graag vrede op aarde,
geen honger en armoede meer,
gezondheid en onderdak,
vrijheid en respect voor iedereen'.

'Wacht even', zei de engel,
'U begrijp mij verkeerd.
Wij verkopen hier geen vruchten,
alleen maar de zaden, die kunt u zelf zaaien'.

In a dream

In a dream I walked into a shop;
behind the counter stood an angel.
I asked: 'What do you sell here?'
'Everything you want', said the angel.

'O', I said, 'really? -
I should like peace on earth,
no hunger or poverty any more,
health and homes,
freedom and respect for everyone'.

'Just a moment', said the angel,
'you misunderstand me,
We don't sell the fruit here,
just the seeds, which you can sow yourself'.

(thanks to: Marga Beekman)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All are most welcome to the following services,
which will continue to follow the pattern of a said service
with organ introduction and a recorded anthem.
The services will be conducted complying with government guidelines;
- please register in advance as per our website:
www.anglican-church-haarlem.nl

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| Tuesday 3 November | | Advent Reading group
- please contact Diana Dammer |
| Sunday 8 November
<i>Remembrance Sunday</i> | 14.30 | Remembrance service and Eucharist
- Rev. Canon Jake Dejonge |
| Tuesday 10 November | | Advent Reading group |
| Sunday 15 November | 14.30 | Eucharist
- Rev. Canon Jake Dejonge |
| Tuesday 17 November | | Advent Reading group |
| Sunday 22 November | 14.30 | Eucharist
- Rev. Dr. Mattijs Ploeger |
| Sunday 29 November
<i>Advent Sunday</i> | 19.30 | Advent Carol Service
- Rev. Robert Frede
to be confirmed- live and streamed |
| Sunday 6 December | 14.30 | Eucharist
- Rev. Robert Frede |
| Sunday 13 December | 14.30 | Eucharist
- Rev. Dr. Mattijs Ploeger |
| Saturday 19 December | 20.15 | Possible short Carol concert? |
| Sunday 20 December | | NO service (choir practice in church?) |

Thursday 24 December 18.00 Eucharist
Christmas Eve
 - Rev. Canon Jake Dejonge

20.00
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
 - Rev. Robert Frede
 to be confirmed- live and streamed

Sunday 27 December 14.30 NO service

Sunday 3 January 14.30 Eucharist
 - Rev. Robert Frede

16.00 Old Catholic Vespers
 - to be confirmed

Due to the current rules, all those attending church need to register beforehand. Please visit the website to register (you can see the link to register on the Welcome page).

<https://anglican-church-haarlem.nl>

On the website, we also publish a printed Sunday service with readings, prayers, the sermon and links to a carefully selected anthem and hymn.

You can also visit the website 'mid week' for reflections and prayers, written by Revd Derek Akker. In Advent, a special 'Advent Calendar' of prayers, bible readings and reflections will be there for a special countdown to Christmas!



And remember, the website gallery is updated regularly with photographs, full of happy memories and reminders of key events. Just visit the website and see!



