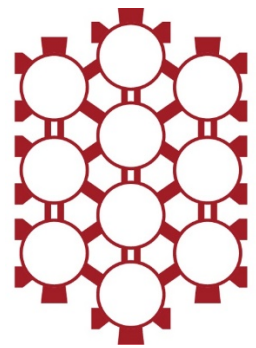


# Anglican Church of St. Anna and St. Mary

Located at the Old Catholic Church  
Kinderhuissingel 76, 2013 AV Haarlem  
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All are welcome to join us in worship; we are an inclusive church a caring community which is committed to spiritual growth and mutual support. Everyone is welcome – we are open to God and our doors are open to all.

## Sunday Service

Come and join us in worship every Sunday at 14:30. The readings for the coming weeks are listed below:

	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</u></b> <u>23<sup>rd</sup> February</u> <u>Sung Eucharist</u>	Genesis 2: 4b – 9; 15 – 25 (Reader: Christine)	Revelation 4: 1 – 11 (Reader: Christine)	Luke 8: 22 – 25
<b><u>Sunday next before Lent</u></b> <u>2<sup>nd</sup> March</u> <u>Choral Eucharist</u>	Exodus 34: 29 – 35 (Reader: Regine)	2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2 (Reader: Daniel)	Luke 9: 28 – 36
<b><u>Ash Wednesday</u></b> <b><u>Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> <b><u>Service will be conducted at 19:30</u></b>		<b><u>Old Catholic Eucharist in Dutch</u></b> <b><u>There will be imposition of ashes</u></b>	
<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</u></b> <u>9<sup>th</sup> March</u> <u>Sung Eucharist</u>	Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11 (Reader: Anni)	Romans 10: 8b – 13 (Reader: Anni)	Luke 4: 1 – 13

## Reflection

Many of you already know that I have just arrived back from the United States where my mother (who was from The Hague) lived since the 1950's. She passed away on the 11th and her funeral was on Monday the 17th. She was 95 and she'd had a full and varied life, there were good times and there were difficult times, but one thing that I will remember her for is her positivity.

I don't go to the states very often, it isn't my home anymore, my home is definitely in the Netherlands, the country of my parents, the country my mother was proud to say she was from. I am very happy here and am glad to call it home.

One phenomenon struck me on this past journey, it is not about America but it is about the world generally and it came up again spontaneously after my return in a phone call. That phenomenon is negativity, both political and social. Our world is about is about power and about money. Politics has become transactional. For example, aid programmes which are not deemed to be in the interest of the state are under threat, whether they are international or domestic. I see an equation between this and Matthew 6.24, that serving both God and money doesn't work. The world needs more positivity and one way to do that is to serve, both God and our neighbour. When we serve each other, when we are compassionate to God's creation, especially that creation created in his image, then we also serve God.

In another conversation I said that I am very proud of our church because we are not negative, we don't put conditions on who we welcome. Indeed, we have a positive message to give and that message must remain our focus. That we welcome all and that message needs to be heard far and wide. As Anglicans we are not transactional, instead we say that everyone is welcome, that we serve everyone, that we don't see any differences.

Amen

## Notices

**Electoral Roll Renewal** – As you may have seen on the church noticeboard all churches need to renew their Electoral Rolls this year. We invite everyone who worships with us regularly or habitually to fill in the form and renew / join the Electoral Roll. Forms will be emailed and are also available in church.

**AGM** – will be held on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March after the service. We encourage everyone to come to the AGM and have a say in the church's future. To qualify to vote please complete an Electoral Roll form before the meeting. Further information is in the church noticeboard and will be emailed shortly.

**Lent Course 2025** – the online discussion group will be looking at the Nicene Creed as preparation for Easter. The course will be done online every Tuesdays on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 starting at 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Diana or Revd. Bruce for further information.

**Choral Evensong** – the choir is preparing a beautiful service of responses, canticles, anthem and hymns for a traditional Choral Evensong on **Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 14.30**. We hope you will join us and bring along anyone who appreciates choral music. All very much welcome!

**Compline Service** is every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the church in Haarlem. This is a very restful and beautiful evening service with prayer and liturgy.

**Haarlem Borrel** will be on 27<sup>th</sup> February at Lokaal, Koningstraat 46, 2011 TD Haarlem at 19:30. All welcome!

**Ladies Lunch** is the time for the ladies to have a nice day out. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 12:00pm. All ladies are welcome to join. Please check with Ann for further information.

**Choir's service** – The choir sung at Chesterfield Parish Church with ECS. We look forward to welcoming them back with a Choral Eucharist service this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 14.30.



**CC Squad** is the Children's Church. All children are welcome to join the CC Squad every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 14:30 during the service. For February, CC Squad will be held on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March.



**Calling for volunteers** – Tea time after church is a time for everyone to enjoy. Please help by volunteering to serve and put your name on the list on the notice board. If you haven't done it before, someone can help you learn the routine. It really helps and it's a fun way to meet more church members. ALSO! if you can contribute with the flower arrangement at the altar, you are welcome to put your name on the notices board. **Every little deed is always appreciated.**

**Visitors:** *If you are visiting us for the first time and you are used to receiving the eucharist in your home church, then feel free to receive communion here as well. If you prefer a blessing, then simply bring this notice-sheet to the communion rail or cross your arms and the celebrant will know to give you a blessing instead. If you require a Gluten Free Host please let someone know. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table.*

You can find all the service information on our website: <https://anglican-church-haarlem.nl>

### **Contacts at the Anglican Church of Haarlem:**

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**Treasurer:** Grada Fokkens

**Church Council Secretary:** Anni Kearney email: [secretary@anglican-church-haarlem.nl](mailto:secretary@anglican-church-haarlem.nl)

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Diocesan contact: <https://europe.anglican.org/safeguarding/who-to-contact>

*For questions regarding funeral, weddings, baptisms or any other pastoral matter please contact the Chaplain. For the church facilities go to <https://haarlem.oudkatholiek.nl>*