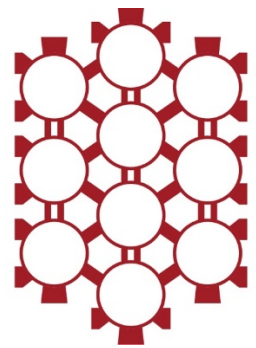


Anglican Church of St. Anna and St. Mary

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>1st Reading</i>	<i>2nd Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
4th Sunday of Lent 30 th March Mothing Sunday Choral Evensong	Joshua 5: 9 – 12 (Reader: Ann)	2 Corinthians 5: 14 – 21 (Reader: Andrew)	Luke 15: 11 – 32
5th Sunday of Lent 6 th April Choral Eucharist	Isaiah 43: 16 – 21 (Reader: Martin)	Philippians 3: 4b – 14 (Reader: Sonia)	John 12: 1 – 8
Palm Sunday 13 th April Old Catholic Church Eucharist		Combined service with Old Catholic Church at 10:00 Liturgy of Psalms	
Maundy Thursday 17 th April OKK/Anglican Eucharist		Combined service with Old Catholic Church at 19:30	
Good Friday 18 th April Devotion with Choir		Good Friday Service at 11:00 Seven Readings Liturgy	

Reflection

In the Spring, we see growth again. The trees start to become green again. We see more flowers. In fact, have you ever been surprised by how it only takes a single warm day for the cherry blossoms to appear. It just takes a few days of warmth for the birds to start singing, we see them scattering around collecting all sorts of things to build nests. Waterfowl start pairing up again. The world becomes new again. Spring can be seen as a metaphor for renewal, just like Lent is also a time of renewal. During Lent we look to the past and we reflect, in the Spring we look forward to the warmth of Summer and the rebirth of life. Lent and Spring happen at the same time of year, appropriately so, because it is now that we reflect, we see renewal and are given hope. Easter is also approaching and I think it's very appropriate that it happens in Spring. It marks the end of Lent and it marks a new beginning. A new beginning because this is when Jesus rose from the dead and ministered to his disciples for a further 40 days until he ascended to heaven. Not only did Jesus minister to his disciples he also prepared them for their future ministry without him just as he was prepared when he spent 40 days in the wilderness. During Lent we celebrate Jesus' preparation, and from Easter we celebrate a further 40 days while the disciples were prepared.

In fact in these two periods of forty days we are also being prepared. We are being prepared for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who remains behind after Jesus returns to the creator, to take his place at God's right hand. The Holy Spirit remains, to help us to connect with God, to remain connected with Christ and to remain connected with God's everlasting word. The word which continues to speak to us directly in our everchanging world.

Notices

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 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st, 8th 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 30th at 14.30**. This will also be the Mothering Sunday, so there will be handing out flowers. We hope you will join us and bring along anyone who appreciates choral music. All very much welcome!

Choral Evensong – The choir of Salisbury Cathedral, UK will be serving in St. Bavo Church, Grote Markt – Haarlem on Sunday, 6th April at 17:00. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

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.

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

Confirmation – The new confirmations will be held on **Sunday, 25th May 2025 at 15:30**. At our church, The Anglican Church, Haarlem. This service will be done by Bishop Robert Innes. If anyone would like to be confirmed, please sign up with Revd. Bruce.

Reflections from Revd. Derek Akker – The new reflection will be going on a pilgrimage to a number of sites in the west of Scotland, places rooted in a deep Christian heritage. These reflections provide space to appreciate places and the sacredness that has been associated with these places and the people who lived and shared their faith there. Reflections can be read on the website: <https://anglican-church-haarlem.nl>

CC Squad is the Children's Church. All children are welcome to join the CC Squad every 4th Sunday of each month at 14:30 during the service. During the other weeks, there will be activity packs provided for children who come to the church with parents. Feel free to ask for the activity pack before the service starts.

Calling for volunteers –

Tea time after church is a time for everyone to enjoy. We need more volunteers so please put your name on the list on the noticeboard. 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.

Flowers - if you can contribute with the flower arrangement at the altar, you are welcome to put your name on the noticeboard.

WE WELCOME! Please help to give everyone a warm welcome, especially newcomers who may not realise our service is upstairs or how to use the service books. *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>

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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>