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Choral Sundays

at the Anglican Church Haarlem
Kinderhuissingel 74, Haarlem

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost/Pinksteren

Sunday 31st May - Choral Evensong

Sunday 7th June Choral Eucharist

Sunday 14th June - Music Sunday

at 14.30 - 15.30

Musical Director: Martin van Bleek

**Choirs: The Choir of the Anglican Church Haarlem
The Anglican Singers**

PLUS Special Choral Evensong

Saturday 30 May, Grote of St.-Bavo Church at 17.00

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#all welcome



May Meditation – an extract from Reverend Derek Akker’s reflection on Psalm 42.

*Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls;
All Your waves and billows have gone over me.*

Psalm 42, verse7

On my first visit to the Holy Land, we arrived on an early autumn evening, and on the way to Jerusalem, we were requested to pray for rain. It had been a long hot and dry summer. We woke the following morning with about 10cm, 4 inches of rain flowing down the road. Later we drove down to the Dead Sea and saw the effects of the flash floods. We caught the sense of waters sweeping over, heard the water cascading down. From still waters to waves bellowing down can happen in minutes.



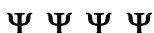
That is the nature of flash floods. Sometimes life can be like that, calm and then it all changes we are battling against the waters, so to speak, that are sweeping over us.

*The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime,
And in the night His song shall be with me - A prayer to the God of my life.*

Psalm 42, verse8

Father Derek’s full reflection on this psalm and on other psalms can be found on the church website:

<https://anglican-church-haarlem.nl/reflections-by-rev-derek-akker/>



Music Matters

Holy week and Easter Sunday are already behind us, as is Ascension Day. The next Church Feasts are Whitsun and Trinity Sunday – Music Sunday. The Good Friday service and the Easter Eucharist were once again meaningful services, and the music and readings helped us focus on the meaning of the Passion and the joyful Resurrection. The choir had worked incredibly hard for both services. Our traditional Cadbury's Cream eggs were also distributed after the Easter service. A standard order from Taste of Home.

Our choir will be singing the Choral Eucharist on Whitsunday 24 May. On Saturday 30 May **at 5:00 pm** the Church Choir and the Anglican Singers will sing Choral Evensong in the Bavo together with members of Anglican choirs from the Archdeaconry of NW Europe. This will be our first Archdeaconry Choral Festival since covid. Richard Lyne will conduct the service, and James Pollard will be playing the organ. On Sunday 14 June we will celebrate Music Sunday in our Choral Eucharist. The theme of this last service will be centred on music in church worship. Finally, on 26 July we will sing Choral Evensong in the St. Bavo at 7 pm. Bruce will be officiating at this service. Do join us for these services!

The choir is also practising with other members of the European Cathedral Singers for our week in St Edmundsbury Cathedral from Monday 3 until Sunday 9 August. Thursday is our day off. Do come and see us if you are in the neighbourhood.

We look forward to seeing you all at these special services!

*Martin van Bleek,
Director of Music*



CC Squad- from Anni

It wonderful to think that our Children's Group, CC Squad, has now been running for three years and each month we enjoy time together to learn Bible stories and related themes through discussion, fun activities and very often a craft. CC Squad also plays another important role as it allows us to nurture the fellowship between our young members and their special place in our church.



In our last session we squeezed into the Vestry to consider our church's very special philosophy of making everyone welcome, relating this to the Bible and the teachings of Jesus. We opened with a jigsaw - it turned to be a picture of our group - but it was missing a piece! Luckily the children soon found it (hidden somewhere in the room...) and this sparked the discussion that if anyone is excluded, the picture is incomplete, it is just not right. Our ideas of inclusivity and being welcoming to all led to an inspiring comment by one of young members who observed that: it doesn't matter who you are, what you look like - God sees what is inside you and what comes from inside is what matters.



We have one more session planned in June and then we look forward to our summer outing at Spaarnewoude Park planned for mid-July. Another moment for laughter, fun and a chance to bond. We have a little left from some generous donations so there will definitely be a round of ice creams for everyone!

1 Samuel 16:7 "For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart"

Poet's Corner *from Christine*

There are Those ...

By Maria Wislawa Szymborska

There are those who conduct life more precisely.
They keep order within and around them.
A way for everything, and a right answer.

They guess straight off who's with who, who's got who,
to what end, in what direction.

They set their stamp on single truths,
toss unnecessary facts into the shredder
and unfamiliar persons
into previously designated files.

They think as long as it takes,
not a second more,
since doubt lies lurking behind that second.

And when they're dismissed from existence,
they leave their place of work
through the appropriately marked exit.

Sometimes I envy them
- it passes, luckily.

Wislawa Szymborska, received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1996.

Ms. Miscellaneous

Rhubarb

Last week I bought a bundle of rhubarb on impulse. On impulse, because I am the only one in my household who likes this vegetable – and therefore I never buy it.

But that day last week I decided I wanted rhubarb. With Nigella Lawson in the back of my mind, I suddenly was sure she would have a perfect recipe for something rhubarby that everybody would love.

And sure enough – I found the perfect cake in “How to become a domestic goddess”: corn flour cake with rhubarb. Simple and delicious! And hurray: both of my children and my partner loved it! And I did too.

It is a miracle of a recipe; I trust Nigella’s cooking blindly, but never would have thought that something containing so much sugar, would not taste that sweet at all and I confess I had my doubts about my household members’ taste for this cake, since they really do not like straight forward rhubarb compote – way too sour, however much sugar and chalk is added. But in this cake the tart sourness of the rhubarb proved to be the perfect match for the soft sweetness of the corn cake.

When we were all enjoying a slice of this deliciousness, I thought this combination of sharp sourness and soft sweetness could be a good metaphor for a healthy friendship, relationship or community between people. Only sourness makes people bitter and weary, and only sweetness can lead to boredom and maybe even arrogance. But combining the two keeps us humble, grateful and interesting toward each other, don’t you think?

God works in mysterious ways – he challenges us and loves us, he confronts us with ourselves and protects us. And he provides us with all kinds of means and metaphors to reflect on, love and learn from each other. Rhubarb and corn flour for instance.

Veronique Ruiz

Keeping in touch:

Do you wish to receive regular emails about church services and events? Or would you like to join the church WhatsApp group for the latest service and social news? - email Anni at anglican.church.haarlem@gmail.com

Compline

Every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm we have a Compline service in the church in Haarlem. This is a very restful and beautiful evening service with prayer and liturgy. Everyone is most welcome!

Haarlem borrel

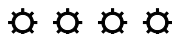
The third Wednesday of each month we gather in Haarlem for a 'borrel' usually at the Jopenkerk in Haarlem. For the next time and place please check with Rev Bruce. Everyone welcome!

Ladies Lunch

Ladies from the church meet for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month at 12 noon, alternating between the Molenplas restaurant, Waertmolenpad 1, Haarlem and the Cineworld restaurant in Beverwijk (2 mins walk from the train station). All ladies are welcome, and if you would like to join, please let Ann know.

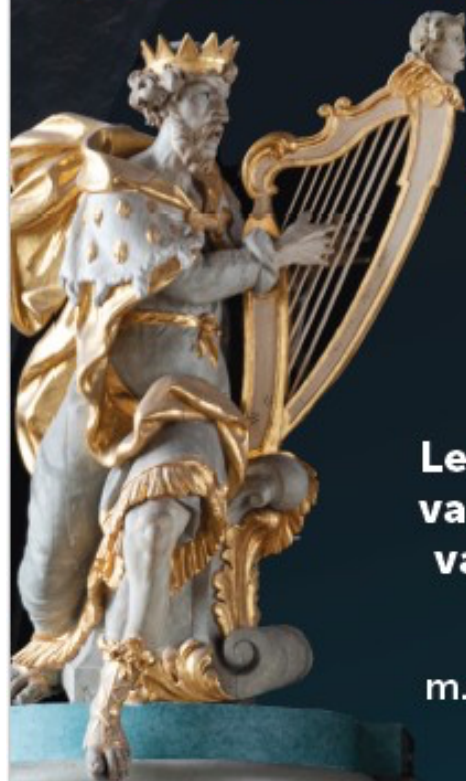
ACH Ramblers

ACH Ramblers is a walking group. We will be walking around some beautiful areas around Haarlem. This activity requires us to have some preparations beforehand. If you wish to be kept up to date of any future walks, then please contact Simone, or send an email to anglican.church.haarlem@gmail.com.



ZOMERAVONDMUZIEK

GROTE OF ST.-BAVOKERK HAARLEM



Zaterdag 30 mei
17.00 uur

Evensong

Leden van diverse koren
van de Anglicaanse Kerk
van Noordwest Europa

o.l.v. Richard Lyne
m.m.v. James Pollard, orgel

Grote Markt 22
toegang vrij | collecte na afloop



Protestantse Gemeente
Haarlem

Foto: Jurriaan Hoofsmijt

Bekijk het gehele
programma op
www.bavo.nl



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church services in January and February 2026

Revd. Bruce Rienstra

All are **most** welcome to our services in Church

Details can be checked in advance on our website

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See also the website of the Anglican Church in Haarlem:

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Sunday 3 May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	14:30	Choral Eucharist <i>with choir</i>
Sunday 10 May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	14:30	Sung Eucharist <i>with hymns</i>
Thursday 14 May <i>Ascension Day</i>		
Sunday 17 May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	14:30	Choral Eucharist <i>with choir</i>
Sunday 24 May <i>Pentecost</i>	14:30	Choral Eucharist <i>with choir</i>
Saturday 30 May	17:00	<i>Archdeaconry Choral Festival Evensong in St. Bavo Church, Grote Markt.</i>
Sunday 31 May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	14:30	Choral Evensong. <i>The Church Choir and the Anglican Singers</i>
Sunday 7 June <i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	14:30	Choral Eucharist <i>with choir</i>
Sunday 14 June <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i> <i>Music Sunday</i>	14:30	Choral Eucharist <i>with choir</i>

Sunday 21 June <i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>	14:30	Choral Eucharist <i>with choir</i>
Sunday 28 June <i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i> <i>Peter & Paul, Apostles</i>	14:30	Sung Eucharist <i>with hymns</i>
Sunday 4 July <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	14:30	Choral Eucharist <i>with choir</i>

Endnote from Simone:

The Cake of Love

A kilo of kindness
A ladel of letting go
A pinch of patience
A gram of gratitude
Heaps of hope
A handful of humanity
A jug of joy

This recipe never fails

From Charlie Mackesy's book 'Always Remember: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, the Horse and the Storm'.

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