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# Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Last Saturday night I lay sleepless in Rotterdam. Present there for the meeting of the International Presbytery of which we are a part (see report elsewhere in this Newsletter), the cause of my insomnia was major disturbances not far from the hotel, as protestors clashed with police outside the Turkish Embassy and horns blared throughout the night. You will know that the trouble was the result of a row between the Dutch and Turkish governments over campaigning for the forthcoming referendum in Turkey. And that was just days before the Netherlands prepared for its elections, and many were alarmed at policies being touted by well-known politicians... and as I write we are preparing a football match with refugees who have come to the Netherlands... and the US President is trying again to impose an injunction banning immigrants from certain Islamic countries. In other words we find ourselves in a harsh and turbulent world where the sense of grievance grows strong and angry voices are raised, where many are displaced and fear stalks the vulnerable.

At times such as these, when dangerous passions are in play and there is such political turmoil, we need a centre to hold on to, a fixed point that can provide our bearings. We need to be anchored in certain fundamental, core beliefs. These include the convictions that:

- every human being bears the image of God;
- we are to love our neighbours as ourselves (and even to love our enemies);
- God is to be found in the suffering and the displaced...

... I could go on, but these are some of the deep truths that need to be repeated over and over again, restated in different ways in narratives and stories until they pulse in our blood and our bones, becoming second nature to us. Only then can we resist the voices that tempt us to think otherwise.

During the lifetime of this Newsletter we will be celebrating the events of Easter, repeating once again the turbulent events of that first Holy Week and Easter morning. As we do so the old truths are laid out once more:

- the truth of our worth in God's eyes;
- the truth about love and what it means;
- the truth of a suffering but triumphant God...

As we share these stories once again, immersing ourselves in them, may they not only *inform* us but also *form* us to be people who live truthfully and faithfully in this baffling and bewildering world.

With all good wishes,  
Lance

# Report from Consistory

Consistory met in February and March as well as during a retreat on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

## Membership matters

*Gail Blazey and her son Michael* were admitted into membership by resolution of Consistory.

*Elisabeth Calvert-Morrison* was proposed as new Sunday School teacher. Consistory approved, thanking her for giving her time and talents.

*Mary Khang* resigned as Sunday School teacher as she is looking for a church closer to home.

## Committees

### *Outreach & Social Events committee*

After evaluating some recent activities (i.e. Burns'supper) it was decided to give some more thought to the questions of what kind of church we are (Sunday church vs. a church with more events spread throughout the week) and what the involvement should be of people (including Consistory) in arranging social events. These questions will also be brought forward at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April.

Consistory supports the Football Fellowship, organised by Gillian Walker and Michael Blazey, to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. Refugees, volunteers who support them and ERC members come together for an afternoon of fun and friendship through sports.

### *Publicity Committee*

The committee is working on a new house style for the ERC, so that we have the same style in all our publications. Templates will be designed for letterheads, posters and presentations.

The committee also functions as an editing board for the Record. Each meeting the content of the upcoming Record is discussed.

### *Property Committee*

During the last meeting of the Property Committee the problems with the heating in the church were addressed, and the necessary steps were taken. The next step will be to install a thermostat that can be regulated online.

## International Presbytery

Pastor Lance and Presbytery elder Baafi Sekyere represented the ERC in the meeting of the International Presbytery in Rotterdam from 10 - 12 March. Thijs Polstra, in his capacity as treasurer of the presbytery was also in Rotterdam.

Elisabeth IJmker and Nina Schroeder went to the Youth Presbytery, a yearly gathering of youth representatives in the International Presbytery. Reports from both meetings can be found in this edition of the Record.

## Mulanje Mission Hospital

The English Reformed Church has had a friendship bond with Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi for many years. As you know we are committed to raising €1.000 per month and we support special projects through charity events. To strengthen the bond, Consistory decided that we should enable our minister to go to Malawi once every two to three years.

## Church hall co-ordination

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of March Johan de Villiers took over the co-ordination of the Church Hall on the Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal. Johan is the first point of contact for the groups that use the hall. A big thank you to Johan for taking on this task!

Next Consistory meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April and the 24<sup>th</sup> April (the latter instead of May 1st). If you have anything you would like to bring to Consistory, please contact me.

You can find the minutes of the meetings on the notice board in church.

Heleen Koning

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## Did you know that...Mothering Sunday

is a holiday celebrated by Catholic and Protestant Christians in some parts of Europe. It falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter. (For Orthodox Christians in Europe and elsewhere, the fourth Sunday in Lent remembers St. John of the Ladder (St. John Climacus).) Once observed as a day on which people would visit their "mother" church, it has become an occasion for honouring the mothers of children and giving them presents. It is increasingly being called Mother's Day, although that has always been a secular event quite different from the original Mothering Sunday. In the UK and Ireland, Mothering Sunday is celebrated in the same way as Mother's Day is celebrated elsewhere.

[source Wikipedia]

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## Daily Devotions

Just a few days left.

You can find daily devotions in this period of Lent on the website of the English Reformed Church.





# Who is Who

## *Besong Etchu*

“I was desperately looking for a church which shared the same values with my church back home. So I embarked on this search with a friend I had just met in my hostel. We found the English Reformed Church on Google one Saturday evening and the next day we set out to worship there.” Besong Etchu, Amsterdam, 2017

Besong hails from Cameroon in West-Africa, was born and raised in Cameroon’s capital city Yaoundé, and started worshipping at the ERC in October 2011. She soon became an active member, she volunteered for the Coffee and Tea team and took part in other activities. Besong is from a family of 9 being the 8th child.



*Foto by Ingrid Zimmermann-Sorensen*

“We are 6 boys and 3 girls and I happen to be the last girl. I spent 7 years of my life in boarding schools. After my high school, I started University, studied Economics and Management, but 2 years later I decided to move to the Netherlands to start a degree program all over.”

It was always Besong’s wish to study abroad, so when she saw an opportunity to study International Business and Management in The Netherlands, she could make her wish come true. She first enrolled in the faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Amsterdam and after a year she switched to the University of Applied Sciences. This enabled her to gain work experience whilst studying. Finding work upon graduation as a foreigner without any work experience whatsoever is almost impossible. At the University of Applied Science she was obliged to do an internship and gain work experience. Besong graduated in July 2016.

“I did my internship with IDEXX laboratories. While there I learnt a lot and also put in a lot so much so that I was hired part time upon completion of my internship. This didn’t end there. Immediately after I graduated IDEXX offered me a fulltime contract and that is where I am till date.”

Besong was a member of the Presbyterian church of Cameroon before moving to Amsterdam. She fondly remembers the worship there:

“My church was a very lively place one will always look forward to visit. I mostly miss the drums and instruments we play during offerings and praise time. The dancing and loud chants which made you feel as if heaven was going to break open the next minute!”

Besong is a keen volleyball and lawn tennis player. She loves to watch movies in her free time and when possible hang out with her friends once in a while. When asked about role models in her life, she mentions her mother as an example. Especially her independence. Besong has a personal philosophy on role models:

“I believe people have different personalities and opinions in life making it hard to find a balance in between. I believe in admiring and looking up to someone about a particular aspect and not entirely. I advise young people to believe in themselves and work hard for what they want and to be content. Because your role model could be someone who got to where they are because they were born with some privileges, but your case is different and the fact that you cannot achieve what the person has doesn't make you any less of a hard worker.”

On her future, Besong has definite ideas:

“I wish for a God fearing, loving and happy family with 4 kids! And of course, greater heights in life career wise.”

Johan de Villiers

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## Annual General Meeting

On Sunday April 9 the Annual General Meeting will be held in church after the service. Consistory presents the annual report regarding 2016 including the audited accounts and looks ahead to the new year.

Everyone is invited to come, however if a subject needs to be voted upon, only members can vote.

After the meeting we hope to share some potluck lunch.

Copies of the annual report will be available in church as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of April or send a message to the Scriba for a digital version ([scriba@ercadam.nl](mailto:scriba@ercadam.nl)).





# Football Tournament

Ingredients: a football pitch, two balls, 55 players from all ages and walks of life, a bunch of spectators, a team volunteers and the sun! Mix this (plus a bit of wind, fair enough) and you get a great afternoon of football.

The players, divided into four teams, played a tournament on two half sized pitches (which made it far easier for the fans to follow the matches).

The Football Fellowship Amsterdam was the name of the tournament. The fellowship followed the football; this

universal language was spoken in and between the teams. Players for the ERC played together with refugees, coming from different countries. Some already with a legal status in the Netherlands, waiting for housing and job opportunities, others in a more complicated situation, having been here for quite a while yet still without the expectation of a status and no possibility to return to the country of origin.

Food, clothing and a place to stay have already been taken care of by a number of organisations. But it is also about finding your way in this country and establishing friendships. That was the aim of organisers Gillian Walker and Michael Blazey when they presented the idea of a football tournament to the Social and Outreach committee.

Together with people from the "Wereldhuis", an initiative of the Protestantse Diaconie in Amsterdam, this tournament was put together.

If the enthusiasm of players, organising committee, volunteers and spectators are indicative, we should expect a follow up later this year.

We will keep you posted!

Heleen Koning

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# News from Presbytery

## Report Presbytery Meeting March 2017

This year's first Presbytery meeting of the International Presbytery was held on the second weekend of March (9<sup>th</sup> till 12<sup>th</sup>) at our sister church in Rotterdam, the Scots International Church. As usual our congregation, the English Reformed Church, was well represented by our Minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone, our Presbytery Elder, Mr Baafi Owusu Sekyere and supported by Mr Thijs Polstra, who is the current Presbytery Treasurer.

The meeting and church service were led by Rev Ewen Maclean, Minister of our sister congregation, Saint Andrews Church of Scotland in Gibraltar in his capacity as the moderator of our Presbytery for this year.

There were three visitors from the mother church, Church of Scotland in the persons of Rev Susan Brown (Convener, Europe & Americas Committee, World Mission Council), Mrs Ann McIntosh (General Treasurer, Church of Scotland) and Mr Archie McDowall (Deputy Treasurer, Church of Scotland).

Rev Susan Brown who is also the Minister of Dornoch Cathedral (the only female Minister of a cathedral in the UK), represented the World Mission Council, whilst Mrs Ann McIntosh and Mr Archie McDowell were at the meeting to explain and throw more light on the financial implications to our Presbytery and its congregations with the change of status from a mission case to a fully-fledged Presbytery within the Church of Scotland.

Highlights of decisions taken at the meeting are:

- The appointments of Mrs Julie Gardner as Presbytery Safeguarding Coordinator, Rev Irene Bom as Presbytery Worship & Prayer Promoter and Rev Jimmy Brown as Presbytery Ecumenical Representative. Also, Rev Norman Hutcheson was appointed as Interim Moderator for Saint Andrew's Church, Lisbon, whilst Rev Jan Steyn was scheduled to be inducted as Minister of Scots Kirk in Paris on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.
- Congregational Treasurers are instructed to contact Mr Archie McDowall (Deputy Treasurer, Church of Scotland) with all queries on Mission & Renewal contributions and copy the convener of Presbytery Finance Committee, Mr David Ross.
- A Treasurers' Conference is to be organised to agree how income can best be presented in accounts and encourage consistency between Charges where appropriate to ease Mission & Renewal calculations.
- Presbytery signed off last year's Mission project, "Beyond Crisis" in Budapest as duly and successfully completed and encourages congregations to donate to the two projects for this year and next year, "Equestrian Club Hope" in Algeria and the support for rebuilding of homes destroyed in recent earthquakes in Italy.
- Also, congregations are encouraged to explore new ministry opportunities to Scots and English speaking people and make use of the Development Fund. A good example is the Malta congregation's work on Gozo Island which is to be supported by the fund.
- Congregations are to take note that next year, 2018 is declared the Year of Young People and Cascais (near Lisbon) has been appointed European Youth Capital for 2018. They are to follow developments, encourage and support their youth to participate where possible. Also participation of representatives to youth gatherings and National Youth Assembly is highly recommended.
- There are a lot of resources on the website of the Church of Scotland, including General Assembly Remits on mission, so congregations are encouraged to access them and appropriately apply them to suit their local situations.

- It was noted that the Youth Presbytery held in February in Budapest was a success and the Education and Training Committee was encouraged to seek a host for next year's event.

Our Presbytery will be represented at the 2017 General Assembly by the following commissioners:

- Trinidad: Rev Jim Sharp & Ms Margaret (Peggy) Ng-See-Quan
- Rotterdam: Rev Derek Lawson & Mr Ruud Witte
- Brussels: Rev Andrew Gardner & Mr David Lloyd
- Budapest: Rev Aaron Stevens & Ms Eva Boros
- Geneva: Laurence Twaddle & Elder (to be named)
- Others: Rev Jimmy Brown & Ms Alice Tulloch
- Youth Representative to General Assembly: Katelyn Guichelaar (Budapest)
- Presbytery representative on Commission of Assembly: Ms Alice Tulloch

The next presbytery meeting is on the second weekend of September 2017 in Malta.

As convener of Presbytery Mission Committee, I had to represent our Presbytery at the World Mission Council's World Mission Presbytery Conveners Conference in Edinburgh a week after the Presbytery meeting, where the Church of Scotland's mission activities of the last year, around the globe, were presented and discussed. The highlights were on the Church of Scotland's ongoing support and contribution to achieve peace in South Sudan (the world's youngest nation), update on the "Let us build a house" Project (supporting Nepalese earthquake victims), Oikocredit and an update on the church's HIV Programme.

Should you have any questions or need any explanation, please don't hesitate to ask me at church or via email.

Baafi Owusu Sekyere (Presbytery Elder)

## International Youth Presbytery

The International Presbytery's 'Youth Presbytery' started years ago as a way to bring together youth from different Church of Scotland congregations around Europe. The latest meeting was held in Budapest, February 17-19, where Nina and I were able to participate on behalf of ERC.

About 20 representatives from Amsterdam, Bochum, Brussels, Budapest, Lausanne, Paris, and Rotterdam arrived on Friday night for some getting to know each other and pizza. Although the churches represented are in these places, many of the young people came from even further afield, including the United States, Brazil, Canada, Indonesia, New Zealand, and Syria.

The theme of the weekend was 'Semper Reformanda: Always Reforming', referring to the beginning of the Reformation - this year 500 years ago. On Saturday we rotated through three workshops: 'Bibliodrama and Changing of Names' (to reflect on reforming ourselves), 'Doodling and Local Change' (to reflect on reforms in our local church), and 'Reformation Then and Now: Making Signs about What to Keep, What to Change and What the Church Must Stop Doing' (thinking about church and change in the wider sense).



A common theme introduced by participants throughout the weekend was the importance of diversity and inclusivity in church. We were able to share how at our international congregations we find unique places where we are able to meet people from different countries, age groups, and backgrounds. Celebrating and treasuring this diversity seems to be one of the key lessons for the church today.

The workshops also showed how we all have different relationships to the churches we attend. Especially those who have deliberately chosen to attend their congregation (in contrast to some of the younger participants who were attending the church they grew up in) felt there was little they wanted to change about their church. As one participant expressed, “If there was something I didn’t like- i.e. something I would want to change - I wouldn’t be going there. I would find a different church.” This sparked a discussion among some of us on church membership and loyalty towards your church community in a time where many of us are roaming around, living temporarily in one place and then in the next. The weekend closed with the group leading Sunday worship at St. Columba’s Budapest (our host). We selected the hymns, wrote the prayers, chose the scriptures, and prepared a reflection. Overall, Nina and I felt fortunate to be able to represent our ERC community and meet many new wonderful people. Though the group was only together for a few days, the contacts made will definitely have a longer-term effect!

*Elisabeth IJmker*





# Study, Services, Fellowship

## Coffee Mornings

The coffee mornings take place on the first Tuesday of each month, a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with members of our congregation who carry the history of our church. Please join if you are interested, you are most welcome to come. You can contact Sies Plokker or Joke de Bruin for more information.



The next months the coffee mornings will be hosted by:

4 April 2017: Janet Donszelmann and Dr Lance Stone, at the home of Janet

2 May: we are going to the pancake restaurant in the Bosplan (at one's own expense).

13 June (i.p.v. 6 juni): at the home of George Meerveld.

There will be a summer break in the months of July and August.

On the 5th of September, the yearly outing of the Coffee Morning group will be held: to Madurodam followed by lunch.

## Midweek Fellowship

In our fortnightly Bible Studies we have begun our studies in Matthew's Gospel, the Gospel followed in our worship and by churches all over the world in 2017. First and third Wednesdays of the month at 9-11 Jan Willem Brouwersstraat, 1071LH Amsterdam, starting at 20:00 hrs.

## Taizé Service

Second Wednesday is our joint Taizé service with the Roman Catholic Begijnhof Chapel, a wonderful opportunity to share in ecumenical worship with our near neighbours. If you haven't given this a try, come along. Services start at 19:30 hrs.



## Coffee after the service

Meet your fellow members of the congregation over a cup of coffee after the service each week! And if you enjoy these gatherings, please consider volunteering once in a while or regularly. We always need help in this vital ministry.

Please contact Anniek van Engelenburg or Sally Stone.

## Ladies Fellowship

For those who have not yet been able to attend, we start out by having dinner together followed by a time of fellowship. We are now looking each month at a chapter from the book, *Experiencing God's Peace* by Elizabeth George from the Series 'A Woman After God's Own Heart'. If you would like to join us but are not on the invitation list, please contact Peggy Krol and you will be added to the list. All ladies are most welcome!

## Men's Fellowship

The Men's fellowship group continues to meet in the last week of the month. For more information regarding meeting dates and times, please contact Jaap Maas at [jj.maas@upcmail.nl](mailto:jj.maas@upcmail.nl). All men are welcome

## De Kloof

Tom Flanagan is always looking for people to help out on the second Monday of the month. A group of four will prepare a meal for the visitors of the homeless shelter De Kloof. If you are interested, please contact Tom at [dekloof@ercadam.nl](mailto:dekloof@ercadam.nl).

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# Services in Holy Week

Services and events during this most important of weeks are as follows:

Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am

**Palm Sunday**

Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm:

**Passover Seder at the Church:**

traditional Jewish Passover celebration with food (children welcome) *followed by*  
8 pm: **Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service.**

Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm (with devotional music from 7.30 pm):

**Good Friday service.**

Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 pm:

**Service of light with renewal of baptismal vows.**

Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am:

**Easter service with Holy Communion.**

## A message from our Music Director

The choir is busily preparing for a full Easter season! We will be singing in the service on Palm Sunday, when the children will again sing and process with their crosses. Then on Good Friday the choir will sing in the evening service. Again, as it was last year, the service will be preceded by 30 minutes of organ music in the darkened church. This is always a very special and moving service that you'll not want to miss. Then Easter Sunday will showcase the choir in all its glory, together with a brass quintet. The tradition begun last year will be continued: Handel's Hallelujah chorus will be sung by the entire congregation, so bring your scores!

The choir will be taking their summer break quite early this year, but we'll make up for it by singing all we can just before that: 7 May and 21 May, then with special music for Pentecost on 4 June.

Make a joyful noise!  
Richard Zook

# Concerts in the ERC



**Sunday 2 April 2017, 3.15 pm**  
Plantagekoor, Vocaal Ensemble  
Amadeus and instrumental ensemble  
Conductor: Bert 't Hart  
with Ireen van Bijnen: soprano  
Nelleco Aalders: contralto  
Rocus van den Heuvel: organ

Programme: Passion concert  
Johann Sebastian Bach: Cantata Du wahrer  
Gott und Davids Sohn BWV 23,  
Johann Sebastian Bach: Cantata Aus der Tiefen  
rufe ich, Herr, zu dir BWV 131  
Johann Adolf Hasse: Miserere in C

**Tuesday 4 April 2017 1 pm**  
Bishopsgate Senior School Choir England  
Conductor: Charlotte McCarthy

Programme: To include works by George  
Frederick Handel, John Rutter and Andrew  
Lloyd Webber  
Free concert with a voluntary collection

**Thursday 6 April 2017 1 pm**  
The Exeter University Singers, England  
Conductors Peter Robinson and Daniel  
Maw

Programme: To include works by Thomas Tallis,  
Tomas Luis de Victoria,  
Anton Bruckner, Charles Villiers Stanford and  
Morten Lauridsen  
Free concert with a voluntary collection

**Saturday 29 April 2017 8.15 pm**  
Johannette Zomer soprano and Bart  
Schneemaan, oboe  
accompanied by het Tulipa Consort

Programme: Master Concert - Johann Sebastian  
Bach  
To include the following works:  
Overture No. 1 in C BWV 1066  
The Sinfonia with obligato organ solo from  
Cantata BWV 49 Ich geh' und suche mit  
Verlangen  
Cantata BWV 202 Weichet nur, betrübte  
Schatten



**Friday 12 May 2017 1 pm**  
The Rietveld Ensemble  
Nancy Braithwaite: clarinet  
Elisabeth Perry: violin  
Richard Wolfe: viola  
Matthias Naegele: cello  
with Elaine Hou: piano

Programme: The Rietveld Ensemble and Friends  
Johannes Brahms: Trio Op. 114 for clarinet,  
cello and piano  
Gabriel Fauré: Piano Quartet No. 2 Op. 45  
Free concert with a voluntary collection

**Sunday 14 May 2017 3:15 pm**  
Noriko Amano: harpsichord and Vivian  
Berg baroque oboe and recorder

Programme: Louis-Antoine Dornel: Second suite  
in D minor  
Giovanni Battista Sammartini: Sonata B flat  
minor  
William Babell: Sonata C minor.  
Johann Sebastian Bach: Sonata G minor BWV  
1020  
Domenico Scarlatti : Sonatas for harpsichord  
Arcangelo Corelli : Sonata C major Op 5 No. 6

**Friday 19 May 2017 1 pm**  
The Mansfield University Concert Choir,  
Pennsylvania, USA  
Conductor: Doctor Peggy Dettwiler

Programme:  
To include works by Josquin des Prez, Tomas  
Luis Victoria and Felix Mendelssohn.  
Also American choral repertoire, American folk  
songs and spirituals.

Free concert with a voluntary collection

**Saturday 20 May 2017 8:15 pm**  
Coro Encanto  
Conductor: Felix van den Hombergh  
With David van Ooijen vihuela and  
baroque guitar

Programme: Capilla Flamenca  
Flemings and other Northerners at the court of  
Carlos Primo, better known as Charles V of  
Toledo  
Many Flemish masters such as Romarin,  
Crequillon, Gombert and De Manchicourt came  
to Spain in this period to serve in the chapel of  
Carlos Primo.

**Sunday 21 May 2017 3:15 pm**  
Het Franz Liszt Kamerkoor  
Conductor: Eric Jan Joosse  
Laurens de Boer piano

Programme: Animal Day in May  
As well as a performance of Captain Noah and  
His Floating Zoo by Joseph Horovitz and  
Michael Flanders and Eric Whitacre's Animal  
Crackers, works by Johann Hermann Schein,  
Jacques Arcadelt, John Wilbye, Orlando  
Gibbons and Paul Hindemith will also be heard.

**Saturday 27 May 2017 8:15 pm**  
Kamerkoor Douce Memoire  
Conductor Felix van den Hombergh

Programme: Les Pays- Bas  
Music from the Netherlands  
From Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck to Daan  
Manneke

**Sunday 28 May 3:15 hrs**  
Trio the de Bie Family  
Alexander de Bie: organ and piano  
(15 years old. A student of the School  
for young talent, Royal Conservatory,  
The Hague.)  
Andrea Wittchen: soprano  
Jack de Bie: piano

Programma: From Sweelinck to Rachmaninov  
To include organ works by Jan Pieterszoon  
Sweelinck and Johann Sebastian Bach: Trio  
sonata No.2, BWV 526  
Solo piano works by Ludwig van Beethoven,  
Frédéric Chopin and Sergei Rachmaninov  
Songs by Frédéric Chopin/ Pauline Viardot,  
Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky and Sergei  
Rachmaninov





# Short News and Activities

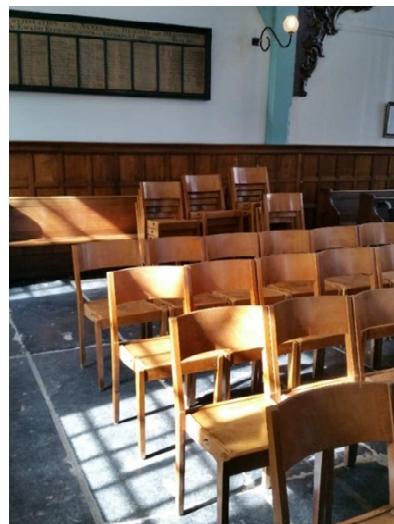


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Meet **Gail Blazey** and her son **Michael**. We welcomed both of them as new members during the service on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March.

## A Farewell to the chairs

In the week before Easter the chairs in the church will be replaced with new ones. It took a while before we made the final decision, but now the time draws near when we will say goodbye to the old chairs. We hope they will get a second life, so if you are interested, please let Thijs Polstra know. You have to collect them yourself before Easter. Just so that you know: the chairs are not suitable for a dining table.



## Youth Programmes available during Sunday Services

- Crèche: open for 0-3 year olds
- Sunday School: open for 4-11 year olds
- Junior Church: open for 12+ year olds

For more information, please speak to Veronica Garcia-Robles, Lay Assistant, in church or send her an email: [layassistant@ercadam.nl](mailto:layassistant@ercadam.nl)

A message from one of our members, Shawna Snow

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## **Admitted to Membership**

**March 19: Michael Blazey and Gail Blazey**

## **Baptized**

**February 26: Edlyn Binsem Ngah**  
**(daughter of Elvis Ngah and Susan Agbor)**

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