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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

I have referred several times in sermons recently to the important event that we commemorate this year: the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation in October 1517. A couple of weeks ago we ended our service by joining other churches on the Spui and Singel for an act of witness on the Spui, followed by a gathering in the Lutheran Church. This commemoration is an important occasion for us - after all, we are called the English Reformed Church and while that title links us more closely to the slightly later reformer John Calvin in Geneva, yet nevertheless we are part of a Protestant stream whose watershed lies in the actions of Martin Luther in Wittenberg 500 years ago.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter I have written the first of what I plan to be a series of three brief articles on the Reformation, but here I would make a couple of observations. The first concerns the Latin phrase 'semper reformanda', or 'always reforming' which has come to be associated with the Reformation. While the origins of this phrase are uncertain and none of the great reformers actually used it, it does nevertheless capture the essential point that reformation is not something that is achieved once and for all, but is rather a constant task. The Spirit of God is at work in the church and in the world, always striving to relate eternal truths to changing contexts and that calls for constant reform and renewal. So, for example, I am writing this during the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland of which we are a part, and later today the Assembly will be discussing same-sex marriage. How do eternal truths meet changing contexts in this issue? There are of course strong opinions on both sides and the debate will be difficult but these issues cannot be ducked and we desperately need the guidance of the Spirit of Truth on such occasions. Change, reformation, is essential and inevitable but requires great wisdom and discernment.

The second observation is that I am also writing this letter on Ascension Day, when we celebrate Christ's ascension and enthronement as ruler of all. Ascension Day reminds us that Christ is Lord of the Church - it is his church, not ours, and the Reformation is an example of where Christ has intervened to bring change and renewal to the body that bears his name. If Christ can do that in the 16th century he can do it again in the 21st - and indeed is doing it in many parts of the world today. Christ loves the church with all its flaws and frustrations and with Jesus as ascended Lord reformation and renewal is possible now, even in our sometimes militantly secular culture.

So, happy Ascension Day. May our ascended Lord keep us semper reformanda!

With all best wishes,
Lance

Report from Consistory

Consistory met on the 3rd and 24th of April, and there was a special meeting on Sunday the 28th of May.

We received notice of the passing of Mrs. Stijnman-Weir on January 31st.

As we do each meeting, we reviewed the functions of Worship and Christian Education, with which Nick will now assist.

Consistory decided that civil weddings will be allowed in the ERC, provided that the bridal couple is also having their religious wedding at the ERC. The amount charged by the ERC will probably remain unchanged, however Susan will be consulted on this matter before making a definitive decision.

Consistory looked back at the Easter period. All services were well attended, as well as the Seder Meal that was held before the Maundy Thursday service. Richard Zook, the choir, soloists and musicians did a wonderful job in the Good Friday service and Easter Sunday. A big thank you to all who helped out in various services and activities.

We also discussed the outcome of the Annual General Meeting, held on the 9th of April. Around 60 members of the congregation listened to presentations from the minister, treasurer, scribe and the convener of the Publicity Committee. Specific topics that were addressed entailed the organization of church meetings during the year, the ramifications of being a community beyond the Sunday service and how to involve people, e.g. the Victorian Evening for Mulanje Mission Hospital and the recent Football Fellowship activities. If you are interested in the Annual Report, please let me know. You can also download it from the website of the ERC.

Following up on the decision to increase the number of serving elders, Consistory was very happy to present Jaap Maas, Gillian Walker, Pamela Woolley and Ingrid Sørensen to the congregation as possible new elders. The edict was read in church on the 30th of April and the 7th of May, followed by their ordination on the 28th of May. The new elders introduce themselves in a special “Who is Who” in this and August’s issue.

Heleen Koning
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ERCADAM 20 team in “Night for the Refugees”



The English Reformed Church has organised a group to take part in the mass sponsored walk of June 17-18th to support refugees. Our team “ERCADAM 20” is taking part in the 10km walk. The walk is for moral support but also to raise money to help refugees all over the world: help with a roof over their heads, clean water, medical care.

For further information please contact Gillian Walker (gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com).

Finance Report

Here is the first financial report for this year, following the end of the first quarter. I am glad to say that our expenses were in line with expectations.

January - April	2017	2016	2017 vs 2016
Donations	25,379.76	30,584.56	- 5,204.80
Collections	14,782.12	14,817.79	- 35.67
Church hire	7,469.60	6,517.60	952.00
Concerts	3,150.00	2,512.00	638.00
Weddings	2,000.00	1,675.00	325.00
Church shop		150.00	150.00
Flowers	-13.15	52.55	65.70
	52,918.33	56,159.50	-3,241.17

Unfortunately our income continues to decline, especially because we are receiving fewer donations into the congregation bank account - 21% less than in 2016. Fortunately this has been offset by an increase in income from church hire, concerts (Thanks Kenneth!) and weddings. Nevertheless these sources fluctuate and it would be better to have a reliable and stable flow of income through regular donations. In this context I really would like to remind you that donating into the church's bank account can be tax beneficial.

But there are also examples of how GOD provides for us in different ways. Here I want to share with you just two of these:

Maybe I seem to go on too much about our commitment and support for the Mulanje Mission Hospital, but it has now happened twice in a short time that a colleague who got an extra bonus for a work anniversary donated it to Mulanje.

Another one: Once a year when I discover a certain envelope in the mail, sent by a truly committed friend of our congregation living in the US, I know that someone in ABN AMRO is going to get a bit confused, because these envelopes always contain donations paid by cheque. Now you must know that cheques are really not common any more in Europe, and therefore I - yes me - sometimes have to explain to the bank how to handle them. The good news is that in the end the money always arrives in our account.

Therefore let us continue to trust our GOD that he will provide for us, to worship Him and experience fellowship among us. And as good stewards of His gifts I am sure each of us will continue to share those gifts, including the monetary ones.

As always if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me any time at treasurer@ercadam.nl or (0294) 77 29 34.

Thorsten König, Treasurer

Who is Who

On the 28th of May the ERC was blessed with the ordination of four new elders. In this issue of the Record two of them, Ingrid Sørensen and Gillian Walker, tell us a bit about themselves. In the August Record the second part of this mini-series will feature Pamela Woolley and Jaap Maas.



*From left to right: Gillian Walker, Jaap Maas, Ingrid Sørensen and Pamela Woolley
Photo taken by Jens Sørensen*

Gillian Walker

“The English Reformed Church has played a consistent supporting and inspiring role in my life for the past twenty years, God for much longer. I feel honoured to have been asked to serve you through work as a Consistory member. Some of you may know my face or name. I generally sit near the back of the church during services so can recognise lots of backs of heads, not always the faces! During the time I have been attending this church I’ve organised the coffee rota (quite some time ago), served and prepared the coffee after church for a fair few years, organised and participated in Cooking at De Kloof and am currently plugging voluntary work with and for refugees.

I feel I’ve had a full and rich life and am very thankful for that. It does make it hard to know which bits to highlight. The most important things in my life are my family and friends. This is of course true of everyone I think, so we have something in common already! I feel blessed with a very supportive family who I can talk and laugh with, and with friends who - despite being spread across the world - I know are always there for me.

There have of course been downlights in my life, that's just part of it, they seem to come and go in phases. The trick is to deal with these and with God's support and of those around me things generally turn out really well in the end!

Shortly I'll be starting a new phase in my life. At the end of July I will be leaving full-time employment. This is quite a scary thing for me having worked in at least some form of employment - Saturday jobs, student jobs, then full time as a social worker and later as a health-at-work consultant - for the last 47 years. I am not retiring - that's in 7 years time. I'll be striking out on my own in the world of gardening. Scared but excited. I'm hoping to take it easy in the first weeks after my departure from work. This will also present an opportunity to meet more of our community by going to events I wouldn't normally attend such as the coffee morning, services/bible study and hopefully I'll be allowed to visit the 20s - 30s group - just the once to get to know everyone!

The role in Consistory is entirely new for me and I'll be looking for guidance. Please feel free to offer this. I'm looking forward to helping our church grow in faith, numbers, and sense of community."

Ingrid Sørensen

"Most people know me as Jens' wife, but we only met in 2009! It was a beautiful sunny Sunday in March, and the following year we were married. Sunday morning worship is very important in our lives, but you will also find us at the Taize services and other special events with our ERC Family.

In 1986, I left South Africa to see if I could "make it" somewhere else. My first stop was a small town on the west coast of Scotland, discovering the Highlands, strange Scottish traditions and accents! Later that year, I moved to London and in 1989 my daughter, Georgia was born. In 1994, we moved to Amsterdam.

Following a trip back to Cape Town in 1999, my longing for a church community brought me to the Begijnhof. On the very first Sunday I was made to feel welcome. That is my wish for all visitors and newcomers in our congregation: to feel the way I did all those years ago! What I find so wonderful about the English Reformed Church is that we are always changing, babies are born, children grow up, friends get married, move away. Also, dear ones die. Ministers come and go. Traditions change - but somehow the spirit of friendship remains the same.

It is wonderful to be alongside people from all walks of life and over the world, many of whom have incredible stories to tell and yet all working together and praying for a better world.

Next to my church life you will find me at my full-time job, working for an international Internet Service Provider. I have been in the Telecoms industry for almost 20 years. Photography is one of my passions, alongside cycling, sewing and gardening. Sport is a big thing in our house and we spend a lot of time together or with friends watching football and following major snooker, darts, tennis and rugby tournaments.

My twin sister and two brothers live in South Africa. Georgia lives in Cornwall. Sadly, Jens' twin brother died in 2009. His family and son, Emil, live in Copenhagen. When you don't see us in church on Sundays, that is because we are probably visiting family or friends far away."

Remembrance Day: May 4th

One of the privileges that come with being minister of the English Reformed Church is holding the position of honorary chaplain to the Royal Air Force Association.

Responsibilities that go with this post include leading worship on Remembrance Day, May 4th, at Midden Beemster, where on the night of 19th August 1940 a Blenheim Bomber was shot down, crashing into a field, with two of its three crew being killed, and where the remains of the plane and those airmen continue to rest beneath the surface. Below is my short meditation for the occasion.

Psalm 146:5-10 *God of all.*

This is only the second time I have been out here to Beemster for this ceremony, to stand here at this grave, this memorial. I find it an incredibly moving experience. Like last time I find myself wondering about these pilots that came down here. I wonder who they were, who they left behind, what their lives had been like up to that night when they took off for Holland. And I wonder if they ever imagined, when they were growing up, that they would end their days here in Holland and be buried here.

Recently, in trying to sort out my tax affairs, I have had to learn the difference between a resident and a domicile. I know that I am no longer a resident of the United Kingdom - but I have discovered that I am still domiciled there. I am resident in the Netherlands but non-domicile. And that is because I discovered that one of the things that determines your domicile is where you hope and expect to be buried, or your ashes scattered. Where you plan for your remains to be located is your domicile and for me that is the UK.

These pilots, I imagine, would never have thought of being buried here. I am sure they considered themselves British - English, I presume - through and through: born in Britain, bred in Britain, with the expectation of being buried in Britain. Yet here they are on what to them would have been foreign soil. Standing here I cannot help but think of that famous poem by the very English poet Rupert Brooke, which includes the lines:

*If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware...*

So - some corner of a foreign field is forever England. Except that I do not think that is the right way to think of it at all. Rather than thinking of this soil in which these airmen are buried as English I would rather think of those airmen not as English or British but as members of one human family, one human race. I would like to think that this ground here where these men gave their lives for others is beyond nationality but is rather the place where races meet - and where we discover something greater than nationality, namely our membership of one humanity.

We know too well that today is a time when nationalism, and protectionism are on the increase. There is increasing stress on borders and national identity and not all of that is bad. There is a place for a nationalism and national identity. But there is only a place for it if it is set in a wider context of one human family and race.

Our psalm from which we just read speaks of a God who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them. He is God of all the earth with an eye not for one or other nationality but for the oppressed and the hungry and the prisoner. Before this God this soil here becomes not Dutch ground or English ground - but holy ground. And here where these airmen lie, we find hope for the one human race.

Pastor Lance

Open Church

Volunteers needed to keep the church open!

During the week a group of volunteers keeps the church open for visitors, but we can use more volunteers. We often have vacancies in the shifts.

You are always guiding with another person. Every shift is about 2 or 3 hours.

As a guide you will be surprised how many visitors are coming to the church. In April, we had more than 40,000! They come from all over the world, but also from Amsterdam. So, if you like, you can brush up your knowledge of other languages.

You can guide on a regular basis or just when you have some spare hours.

If you are interested please contact Els Nooij, co-ordinator of the team via email:

openchurch@ercadam.nl



Photo courtesy of miketravelguide.com

News from Mulanje Mission Hospital



Photo courtesy of Mulanje Mission Hospital

Mr Vincent Tchaluwa, Home Gardens Officer, has recently attended a leadership course in conservation agriculture and is now keen to teach his new skills - he will be running vegetable production courses for the villages around MMH.

Next Time: News about the Laboratory Renovation

The Reformation (I)

The first in a three-part series of brief notes on the Reformation, begun 500 years ago this year, and starting with Martin Luther.

The great historical movement known as the Reformation is usually considered to have been kick-started by the actions of a German monk, Martin Luther who, on October 31st 1517, is said to have nailed to the door of the church in Wittenberg 95 theses concerning the practices and theology of the Roman Church of his day. The date is significant: October 31st is the eve of All Saints Day, when prayers and masses would be offered to the departed saints, seeking their help in releasing deceased loved ones from the state of 'purgatory' where they were believed to endure purification prior to entrance to heaven.

What happened on that day brought to a focus a deeply corrupt practice whereby grace was effectively purchased through the sale of 'indulgences'. Between them, Christ and the saints were deemed by their good deeds to have stored up such a treasury of superfluous merit for salvation that transfers could be purchased between this store and the deficient accounts of ordinary sinners - thus shortening their time in purgatory and ensuring a steady supply of money to the papacy. For Luther, this was the 'presenting problem' but it was just the tip of the iceberg. Corruption in the church was rampant and also included immorality among the clergy (e.g. violation of celibacy) and neglect of parishes.

Theologically, Luther's protest involved a rediscovery of grace and - as Luther expounded it - a rediscovery of St Paul's great emphasis that our salvation is secured by Christ alone. Or, to put it more accurately, justification (being put right with God) is secured by the grace of God, through faith in Jesus Christ alone. For Luther this opened the door to a number of other key emphases. It led to a strong emphasis on what was known as 'the priesthood of all believers' - the conviction that our relationship with God does not require the mediation of the priesthood as Jesus is the one true high priest and together with him all believers form one priesthood with access to God through him. This amounted to an empowering of the individual and, with that, the conviction that the Bible could be read and interpreted by ordinary people, apart from the clergy. This prompted Luther to translate the Bible from Latin into ordinary language so that all could read it - a move which had huge impact on German culture and the development of the German language.

Predictably, Luther was excommunicated by the Church in 1521. Summoned to account for his views to the Diet of Worms, he was condemned as a heretic and was only spared a heretic's fate because of his protection by powerful political allies who, for various reasons, supported his cause. He went on to get married to a former nun, thus reinforcing the practice of clerical marriage that some had already begun.

The effects of Luther's stand are incalculable. His actions led to the rupture of the church and, arguably, the developments of pluralism, individualism, liberalism, secularism and various reconfigurations of the relationship between church and state - in short, many features of the modern world that we now take for granted. Such is the power of ideas - and, sometimes, their unintended consequences!

Pastor Lance

Friends of the ERC

Friends' Foundation "Stichting Friends of the English Reformed Church".

The English Reformed Church in Amsterdam's Begijnhof has been the home to an English language congregation since 1607 but it has been a gathering place for over 400 years. The present church building is over 500 years old and this grand old lady requires constant care and maintenance.

In 1970 a friend of the church, Mr Gerard Rhee, registered a foundation called the "Friends of the English Reformed Church" (legally registered as a Stichting at the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce). The aim of the foundation was to give support in any way possible to maintain the presence of the church in the city as a place of worship, as a concert venue and as a meeting place for many people and cultures. The board of the Friends Foundation is chaired by Rev Dr Lance Stone and further consists of Henk Keizer, secretary, Maria-Louise Genet, Thijs Polstra and Jolmer Gerritse, Treasurer.

Over the past almost fifty years the Friends Foundation has carried out its task through involvement in two major building restorations in 1972 & 2006, development of the concert programme, acquisition & renovation of the Manse in 2001 and many other acts of support for the work of the church using gifts and legacies from the members and supporters of the Church.

Few buildings are more loved and treasured in Amsterdam than the English Reformed Church. The Begijnhof setting, the unique culture, and its historical place in the city make it a very special place. The Manse offers a suitable home for our ministers and their families as well as housing the minister's office and church activities such as the weekly bible studies and various meetings.

2016 overview

During the year 2016 € 45.000 was paid by the Friends Foundation to The ERC to cover the costs of the final part of the five-year refurbishment programme of the church building, resulting in a 15% depletion of the reserves. Thankfully, income from donations, including cash received from church visitors, were above the level of those in the previous year. We want the Friends Foundation to be able to rebuild the reserve fund to allow us to offer help in a timely way when future problems arise. We are grateful to all those who have supported the Friends Foundation in the past and those who offer their support in the future.

You can give your support through single gifts, annual or monthly donations, by bank transfer, in the name of Stichting Friends of the English Reformed Church in favour of IBAN NL90ABNA0624180069 - BIC ABNANL2A, or in cash in the treasury box at the porch of the Church, or through a bequest.

As an affiliation of the English Reformed Church the A.N.B.I. status applies through the P.K.N., to donations to the Friends Foundation as well. Further information can be found on the church website www.ercadam.nl.

The accounts of the Friends Foundation are consolidated with the accounts of the English Reformed Church. The accounts are audited yearly by the audit committee of the English Reformed Church and available, presented and approved at the Annual General Meeting of the English Reformed Church.

If you have any questions regarding the Friends Foundation please contact me at: friends@ercadam.nl, Begijnhof 48 - 1012 WV Amsterdam, T 020-623-4675.

Thank you for your continued support.
Jolmer Gerritse,
Treasurer, Friends Foundation

Jane Austen celebration

Are you a fan of Jane Austen? Do you love *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Persuasion*? Well, the Jane Austen Society of the Netherlands is holding a service on **July 18th** at 19.30 hrs at our church to commemorate the 200th anniversary of her death. The service will include prayers written by Jane, and appreciations of her art. All welcome!



Our website - www.ercadam.nl

Do as almost 5.000 people did last month - visit the English Reformed Church's website. Below you'll find several good reasons for doing so:

News: Read the latest information relating to our church community.

Newsletter: Sign up for the newsletter, which will keep you up-to-date with the life of the church.

Liturgy sheet: Saturday you can download the liturgy sheet for the upcoming Sunday service.

Concerts: Check out the upcoming programme - with around a hundred concerts a year there's something for everyone.

Events: The comprehensive calendar will give you an overview of all upcoming events.

Sermon & Prayers: Should you be prevented from attending the Sunday service or would like to hear the sermon and the prayers again, you can listen to the recordings or, if you prefer to read them, download the manuscripts.

The Record: You're reading it! Then you probably know the latest issue is always available from the website - as well as issues dating back to December 2013.

Guides: Download a brief guide to the English Reformed Church. It comes in 33 different languages, so there's a great chance you'll find it in your mother tongue.

Mission: The English Reformed Church has a growing congregation of almost 400 members representing more than 40 nationalities. On the website you can read about the mission we all share.

Facebook and Twitter: From the website you can follow us on social media.

Go to www.ercadam.nl for all this ... and so much more!

Jens Anders Wejsmark Sorensen
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Begijnhof, Amsterdam. Download the liturgy sheet [here](#).' Below this are three image thumbnails: 'MUSIC IN WORSHIP' (showing a band), 'YOUTH MINISTRIES' (showing children), and 'WORSHIP' (showing a church interior). At the bottom, there are sections for 'News' and 'Newsletter'. The 'News' section has a yellow graphic with the text 'The Helper Has Come' and a link to 'Spirit of truth, Advocate'. The 'Newsletter' section has a form with an 'Email Address' field and a 'Please fill in the code:' field."/>

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Sundays at 10:30 am in [Begijnhof, Amsterdam](#). Download the liturgy sheet [here](#).

MUSIC IN WORSHIP YOUTH MINISTRIES WORSHIP

News

Spirit of truth, Advocate

Were you unable to attend the Sunday 21st May service or would you like to hear the sermon and the prayers again, you can listen to the recording here. Revd Dr. Lance Stone gave the sermon and Judi Haynes-Smart led the prayers of intercession. You can also read the sermon! The readings (Scripture reader was...

Newsletter

Keep up-to-date with the life in our church.

Email Address *

Please fill in the code:

Study, Services, Fellowship

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are held in various homes, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. The atmosphere is always friendly and everyone is welcome. If you would like to come for the first time or have any questions, please contact Elly Kalf, Sies Plokker or Ans van Saagsvelt.



The next months' coffee mornings will be hosted by:

June 13th, at the home of Mrs. Elly Kalf, Amsterdam, tel. 020-6479174

September 5th, Excursion to Madurodam:

This excursion will be paid out of the donations of the members. If we cannot make ends meet, it might be necessary to ask for a small contribution.

October 3rd, at the home of Charles & Ans van Saagsvelt, Hoofddorp, tel. 023 -5615371, 06 534 33031

November 7th, at the home of Mrs. Janet Donszelmann, Amstelveen

December 12th, at the home of Mrs. Pat Rood-van Beem, Sassenheim

Midweek Fellowship

Midweek Fellowship Bible Studies

At present we are working through the book of Exodus in our fortnightly Bible Studies, looking back to those foundational events that formed the beginnings of the people of God. Attendance has been encouraging and discussion lively. Come and join us, *Lance*.

Taizé Service

The Taizé services co-led by the ERC and the Begijnhof Chapel have continued to meet every second Wednesday of the month. There are two more services planned for June 14th and July 12th before we take a break in August. The services are a wonderful opportunity for members from both of the congregations to come together in worship and fellowship.



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. 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.



Concerts in the ERC

Saturday 10 June 2017 3:15 pm

Vocaal ensemble Tout Venant

Conductor Enrique Lopèz Corton.

Benny Aghasi: dulcian, Klaas van

Slageren: renaissance trombone, Robert

Cases: guitar.

Programme: Ensalade, Spanish choral and instrumental music

To include works by Mateo Flecha, Tomás Luis de Victoria and Manuel Oltra

Saturday 10 June 2017 8.15 pm

Ensemble Hermes

Conductor: Jeroen Spitteler

Programme: Flanders conquers Rome
Monumental polyphonic motets from the Sistine chapel.

Serene beauty of sound from the era when singers and composers from the Low countries dominated the music at the papal court.

To include music by Josquin des Prez and Adriaen Willaert.



Sunday 11 June 2017 3:15 pm

Eline Bergmann: piano

Rossitza Ovtcharova: violin

Manuel Visser: viola

Sanne van der Horst: cello

Programme: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Piano Quartet in g minor K478

Gustav Mahler: Piano Quartet in a minor

Friday 16 June 2017 1 pm
The Founder's Choir of Royal Holloway,
University of London
Conductor: Alexander Turner
organist: Rupert Gough



Programme: Songs of Farewell
Sacred and secular works by 20th century
British composers

Hubert Parry:
My soul there is a country, I know my soul hath
power, Never weather beaten sail
Gustav Holst: I love my love, Swansea Town
My sweetheart's like Venus
This have I done for my true love
Charles Wood: Hail, gladdening light
Peter Warlock: Yarmouth Fair
Guy Turner: O waly, waly
Ralph Vaughan Williams: The turtle dove
Organ solos: Hubert Parry: Elegy, Henry
Purcell: Voluntary in D

Free concert with a voluntary collection

Tuesday 27 June 2017 1 pm
The Chamber Choir, Reed's School,
England
Conductor: Iain Carnegie

Programme:
To include:
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart :Ave Verum Corpus
Gabriel Faure: Cantique de Jean Racine
John Rutter: Look at The World
John Rutter: Gaelic Blessing
Hubert Parry: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Henry Walford Davies: Sons and Daughters
Samuel Wesley: Lead me, Lord
Howard Goodall: The Lord Is My Shepherd
Martin Shaw: With a Voice of Singing

Free concert with a voluntary collection

Tuesday 11 July 2017 1 pm
The junior choir of the Lady Eleanor
Holles School for Girls, Hampton,
England
Conductor Victoria Barnes

Programme: Spirituals and folk songs from the
Netherlands, Russia, Africa, England and
Wales.
To include:
Siyahamba - We are Walking in the Light of
God, Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Oh Won't You
Sit Down,
This Old Man, Kalinka, Hansje Pansje, Hoofd,
Schouders, Knie en Teen.
Also numbers from well known musicals such
as Who Will Buy (Oliver!), Entr'Acte (Joseph), I
Could Have Danced All Night (My Fair Lady) and
much more !

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Short News, Activities and Outreach



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

Already a while ago...

On Saturday, February 4th, the Junior Church participated in a project with Serve the City Amsterdam. Their project was to collect donations of socks and underwear for the homeless so that they would be a little warmer and drier during the then wintry conditions. Thanks to all who donated from the ERC, our JC group collected about 100 pairs of new, warm socks and many new pairs of underwear as well to pass out to the homeless on the day. That day, three of our ERC teens (Henry, Luke and Emilia) along with Lay Assistant Veronica and Lance, our minister, participated in the service project, wrapping the useful gifts before going to hand them out personally at the “Regenboog” homeless shelter. It was a fun day of service for all and the homeless who received the gifts were certainly grateful.



Luncheon

The 20s and 30s group has continued to meet for a fellowship luncheon after the service on the first Sunday of every month. Gatherings are always relaxed and enjoyable, as the members enjoy one another's company and conversation. Any who are in their 20s and 30s who would like to join the group, please check on the group's Facebook page or contact our Lay Assistant, Veronica Garcia-Robles.



All pictures on this page are taken by Veronica Garcia Robles

Over the past few months, the Junior Church has been helping at the World House once a month in lieu of their regular JC class during church. The teens, along with their JC Teacher, walk to the World House together and will continue to do so right after the first hymn on the 3rd Sunday of each month. It has been an interesting and good experience for them to become involved with the organization which does so much to help refugees. On all other Sundays, JC classes continue to meet as normal.

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Greetings back from Kerak

Rogier Schravendeel, coördinator of a network of churches to help refugees, visited churches in Kerak, Jordan, in the period of 20 to 27 May 2017. He did this on behalf of churches in Amsterdam to convey our greetings and to wish our brothers and sisters in Christ in Kerak strength and wisdom regarding the influence of IS in the region. The area suffered from an attack in December 2016, which led to 10 lives lost.

Rogier knew the area well, since his work as an engineer in the Dead Sea area in 2014. Kerak was the place Rogier went to church and after his return to the Netherlands he kept the bonds of friendship alive. His initial plan was to organize a tourist activities in the area, but given the political situation the alternative was this solo trip first, to take the 600 greetings from 31 Amsterdam churches (including the ERC) to the churches in Kerak by himself.

You can follow the work Rogier Schravendeel is doing towards the friendship bonds with the church in Kerak on his website

<https://friendsofkerak.wordpress.com>

If you are interested in the full report of his visit to Kerak, please send a message to info@ercadam.nl and you will be sent a copy in PDF.



Dear Christian friends in Amsterdam:

In behalf of Karak Latin Church we express our appreciations for you support in prayer and encouragements.

24 Of May 2017

I encourage this friendly relations between all different churches in Karak and the church in Amsterdam

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الكراك - الأردن
KERAK (JORDANIA)

Tarah Hijayin

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