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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

After a morning service in February we had a church meeting in which one of our members, Elisabeth IJmker, talked about the forthcoming Municipal Elections in Amsterdam. Elisabeth is a candidate in these elections, but the purpose of our meeting was not in any way to campaign or to promote her party (she would not tell us what that is) but to make sure that all of us - perhaps especially those who are not Dutch - know who can vote, the nature of the election and of local politics, and what some of the big issues are this time around. Elisabeth's talk was very informative and some of us may have been surprised to find that we do have votes. This was helpful as the aim was to encourage as much participation as possible in the elections.

Elisabeth's talk came just a few days after the death of the American evangelist Billy Graham. Graham was a controversial figure in many respects, not least in his approach to politics. In the early days of his great campaigns in the 1950s Graham was progressive in insisting, for example, that they be desegregated. Yet he had an ambivalent attitude towards involvement in politics. He prioritised the personal over the political, insisting that the world could not be saved by legislation but only when people's hearts were changed - and that meant being converted to Christ. He also believed that real change would only come when Christ returns. This did not stop him from being the close confidant and spiritual advisor to many American presidents - a role which he came to regret towards the end of his life as he recognised that he had been too close and insufficiently critical of some presidents.

So what are we to make of Graham's views? I would suggest that from him we might learn not to put too much faith in politics. Maybe, like me, you grow weary of the inflated promises that are made by campaigning politicians, carried away by their own rhetoric. I have been promised radical change too often and been disappointed. The fact is that so many problems are deep and intractable and solutions elusive. Hopes are so often raised - as, for example, in South Africa after the collapse of apartheid - only to see change stalled and obstructed. Yet, while a healthy scepticism about political processes may be good, it can go too far. The fact is that changes for the better do happen, albeit limited and partial. Apartheid was abolished, and sooner than many expected, quite apart from subsequent developments. The Peace Process in Northern Ireland may be imperfect and parties may be at loggerheads right now, but no-one would deny significant progress since the dark days of the 1970s. Of course we should be aware of the limitations of politics, but that should be an encouragement to us to be more involved, not less. It was interesting that when Elisabeth was asked why she is standing as a candidate that was pretty much her answer - that she was tired of being frustrated by politics and decided the best response was to get involved!

So thank you, Elisabeth, for an excellent presentation. And given the limitations and difficulties facing politicians let's support them - and pray for them - and play our part in elections.

Best wishes,
Lance

Report from Consistory

Consistory picked up her monthly meetings after Christmas, focusing on the new year with Easter just around the corner.

Membership matters

Maeve Quigley and Rik Hartog have requested membership of the ERC. After following the Enquirers' classes, Pastor Lance was happy to present them for membership. Maeve and Rik were admitted by resolution of Consistory.

Annette Kouwenhoven and David Awinesakiya were also admitted into membership by resolution of Consistory.

Anneke de Jong passed away quite suddenly in December. Anneke volunteered in helping to put together the Record. Anneke and her husband Jelte were part of the Coffee Morning gatherings for years. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

In February we received news of the passing of *Annedora Koelman*. Our thoughts are with her family.

Eva and Courtney Bromfield will bring their son Marcus for baptism on March 18.

Outreach work

Thijs and Gillian worked on a statement for the outreach committee, in order to: (i) set the goals of the committee; (ii) decide how to assess new initiatives / developments; (iii) allocate tasks (who does what) and structure decision-making (what is decided by whom).

The mission statement was approved with some minor tweaking and will be presented at the upcoming Annual General meeting on 15 April 2018.

Property Report

Jaap Maas, Property Convener, reported on several matters:

- The internet connection has been significantly improved and is now strong and reliable.
- Heating: The thermostats next to the chancel and in the Consistory room have been replaced. The new thermostats can be controlled remotely - this is a major improvement compared to the past.
- Jaap would like to arrange a meeting with Stichting Het Begijnhof and the Catholic chapel, to discuss safety issues in the courtyard and eventually plan a fire drill.
- Manse: A report following the inspection of the manse has been delivered. It appears that a fair amount of maintenance work is required. Jaap also announced that an association of the owners (VvE) of the building has been set up.
- We are looking into the replacement of the red carpet in church.

Sunday School

Some changes in Sunday School: Sarah Wang, Elisabeth Cavert Morrison and Malou Genet will be ending their work for Sunday School. Consistory would like to thank all three for their work in the past years. Jessica Lamming will start as a new teacher. Pastor Lance and Veronica Garcia Robles, our lay assistant, are in the process of talking with a few members of the congregation who are interested in starting as teachers.

Presbytery matters

Anja Polstra, Nina Schroeder and Sarah Höppner were the ERC representatives at the International Youth Presbytery, which took place in Lausanne in February.

The March meeting of the International Presbytery is taking place on the second weekend of March in Lisbon. Pastor Lance and Baafi Owusu Sekyere will attend.

The October 2018 meeting of the International Presbytery will be held in Amsterdam. A committee will start the preparation for this three-day meeting (12,13 and 14 October), during which our congregation will host representatives from all congregations with the Presbytery of International Charges.

Ingrid Sørensen will join Pastor Lance as commissioners on behalf of the Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in Edinburgh, in May this year.

Other matters

Burns' Supper: 28 people graced the event. The atmosphere was nice and relaxed. Consistory thanked Thijs Glasz, Sally Stone and all those who have put their efforts into organizing the Burns' Supper.

Eric Foggitt, a speech therapist and also a minister of the Church of Scotland who lives in Amsterdam, has offered to hold a training course for people who read in church or do the Prayers of Intercession. On March 17, about 16 people followed the training, which was very interesting and fun. Thank you, Eric.

The next meeting of Consistory will be held on Monday April 9.

Heleen Koning
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Easter services

Sunday 25 March	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday
Thursday 29 March	08:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday
Friday 30 March	08:00 p.m.	Good Friday
Saturday 31 March	09:00 p.m.	Service of Light and renewal of baptismal vows
Sunday 1 April	10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday

Finance Report

Income January - December 2017, Amounts in €

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017 vs 2016</u>
Donations	81,337.56	88,145.4	- 6,807.84
Collections	51,892.76	52,150.56	- 257.80
Church hire	21,544.80	17,071.40	4,473.40
Concerts	16,204.24	17,427.80	- 1,223.56
Weddings	5,675.00	8,000.00	- 2,325.00
Church shop	860.00	1,659.40	- 799.40
Flowers	- 51.05	30.51	- 81.56
	177,463.31	184,485.07	- 7,021.76

At the beginning of each year it is always a challenge to write the treasurer's finance report as the AGM in April is coming soon when all the details of 2017 will be presented.

As you can see, our income is EUR 7,021.76 lower compared with 2016. Despite all the monetary obligations we have - like salaries - and all the major projects we conducted in 2017 - like ongoing maintenance work, new chairs, cleaning of the organ - we closed the year with only a small deficit of a little bit more than EUR 6,000, which we took from our reserves. On another note: I was asked why the amounts presented in my reports for "flowers" is so low, despite there being many of you donating for flowers with so much loyalty - for which we are most grateful! The amount presented (here even minus 51.05) is the balance between what is given and the amount spent for flowers.

For this time I want to keep it with this short article and want to encourage you to attend the AGM in April when I will report on the details.

May GOD bless you for all your contributions of time, gifts and money in 2017 and your ongoing support and commitment to live HIS good plan in 2018.

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

April 15: Annual General Meeting ERC

Every year Consistory gives the congregation an overview of the developments in the past year. The minister and scribe give their report, the treasurer will present the financial state of the church and there will be time to highlight a few topics: this year this will be Outreach Work and the International Presbytery, which will hold its meeting in October in Amsterdam.

The Annual report will be available as of April 1 (both in paper and PDF). All are welcome to join the meeting after the service on April 15.

Outreach Work

The English Reformed Church adopts a mission statement which promotes five marks of mission and by which we aspire to be Christ's people, transformed by the gospel, making a difference in the world. The outreach initiatives at the English Reformed Church can specifically be linked to one of those 5 marks: "to respond to human need by loving service". During 2017 - with the growth of number of elders - we were able to devote time to looking at which outreach activities we undertake and how we do that.

We are doing more than we might think! We support the Mulanje Mission Hospital, several 12-step programme groups - such as AA - in the Church Hall, the Voedselbank, cooking for the homeless at De Kloof, and various activities to support refugees, partnering closely with Het Wereldhuis, Amsterdam City Rights, other churches and Human Aid in Greece.

At the beginning of 2018 consistory decided to bring all these activities under the umbrella of an Outreach Committee (Gillian Walker & Thijs Glasz). This doesn't mean the committee will be interfering in all activities. What works, works. The committee is there to be a sparring partner for those involved in ongoing activities, to organise help for them if/when needed and to advise/facilitate the start-up of new initiatives.

For over eight years the English Reformed Church has been providing a hot meal once a month for 100 people at the homeless shelter on the Kloveniersvoorburgwal known as De Kloof (see the article on the next page). Special thanks go to Tom Flanagan who organises the rota and also to all who have contributed their time and energy in 2017.

Our donations to the Food Bank continue to be regular and very welcome. About every two months Thijs Polstra takes a carload of food and toiletry items to the Food Bank's warehouse. This amounts to around 10 or 12 shopping bags full.

Although we do not regularly use our church hall for our own activities, we continue to provide a safe, central and welcoming venue for dependency groups. Special thanks go to Johan Sloet de Villiers for his continued dedication to keeping the church hall up and running.

Refugee mission

Various activities were organised in 2017 to support refugees both close to home in Amsterdam and far away in Syria, France, Croatia and many other countries. Our support has been both material and social offering personal contact as well as food and clothing. Some examples: two football tournaments with/for refugees, high tea with refugee ladies at the Wereldhuis in May, Swap 'n Shop - distribution of clothes collected to refugees, Nacht van de Vluchtelingen sponsored walk: raised E 1720, collected a people carrier carful of clothes, blankets, tents for refugees in Calais/Dunkirk, individual church members offer shelter on an ad hoc basis to refugees in urgent need, collected three sewing machines to help refugees in Croatia on their road to building a new life etc.

Some of our outreach work is very visible and well known, there are also many unsung heroes donating money, material goods and love and support on an individual basis. We would like all who participate in anyway whatsoever to know that each contribution is seen

and gratefully received. We will continue our support for others in need in 2018 and pray that however their lives unfold they will feel respected, loved and wanted.

Gillian Walker and Thijs Glasz

De Kloof

De Kloof is Amsterdam's oldest shelter for the homeless, originally founded by the Catholic society St Vincentius. It is situated in the basement of Kloveniersburgwal number 95 in the heart of the city. De Kloof is very reminiscent of a beehive: always brimming with people from all corners of the city. Here visitors can take a shower and have a shave, exchange their clothes, get a cup of coffee and something to eat. Above all, it's a place to find some peace and quiet which allows the visitors to arrange their affairs with the help of a social worker.



The English Reformed Church is committed to providing a team of people who will cook a hot meal on the 2nd Monday of the month (recipes, tips and a budget are provided).

This is a very rewarding and great opportunity to help your fellow wo/man. Perhaps you'd like to organize a work-related activity? Set up a team of friends? Or join one of the teams in 2018? We would love to hear from you!

Please email: dekloof@ercadam.nl

Or for more information speak to Thomas Flanagan or Ingrid Sørensen at the Church.

European Youth Presbytery

A weekend at the Youth Presbytery of Europe meeting in Lausanne

During the weekend of 16-18 February, Nina Schroeder, Sarah-Katharina Höppner and I traveled to Lausanne, Switzerland, to represent our church at the annual Youth Presbytery of Europe gathering. We were part of a group of 15 young people from all across the Presbytery, with delegates from Rotterdam, Brussels, Paris, Bochum, Lausanne, Budapest, and even Colombo, Sri Lanka!

The weekend included several discussions surrounding the topic of resilience. The question of what difference faith makes in our daily lives was an important focus point.

In the evenings we were treated to lovely dinners cooked by members of the congregation. And on our free afternoon, we took a little group up the hill to an art museum, which was situated in a park with the most beautiful view of the lake and surrounding mountains.



On Sunday, the whole group participated in the service in various ways, ranging from doing the readings and the prayers to the childrens' talk and a musical interlude, during which we tried to share some of our choir experiences with the Lausanne congregation.

All in all, it was a lovely weekend, and it was wonderful to be able to connect with young people from our sister churches across Europe!

Anja Polstra



Open Church

Recently I was helping keep our church open for visitors, something I do quite often. It was not a busy day, just a few large groups and a few small ones, as well as several individuals. Since it was not busy I decided to pay more attention to the languages the visitors used to guide themselves around the church: we have laminated guides to the ERC in 34 languages!

So while Els was keeping count of the number of visitors who entered the building, I was welcoming them and pointing out the guides. I kept track of the languages, intermittently, for close to two hours. While the main languages used were Dutch and English—which is to be expected—there were lots of other languages that people were able to find and use: Polish, Hebrew, Turkish, Spanish (lots of Spanish!), French, Italian, German, Portuguese, Swedish, Russian, Rumanian, Catalan and Danish. It left me wishing I spoke more than only two languages!

Last year the ‘guides’, as we call ourselves, welcomed more than 260,000 visitors into our church. Some of these folks put donations into our 17th-century treasure chest in the vestibule—more than €15,000 in 2017. Others bought cards and ERC history books at our small shop—close to €1,000 was raised. But the most important thing is that people from all over the world were able to see our church and learn something about its history and what we do at the ERC now. Several of the visitors ended up joining us for a Sunday service. I could tell you stories about all the connections we as guides have made with the people who come into our church just to take a look. I once met a lady who used to be a colleague of my father in Kentucky years ago; when we were on holiday in India last year my husband and I had lunch with a lady I had met as a tourist in our church; I had tea with another lady I met in the ERC when she returned to Amsterdam a year later; in the past several years two couples who came in as tourists ended up getting married in our church ... all of us have stories like this.

We wish we could keep the church open even more often, but we just don’t have enough volunteers to take advantage of the free mornings and afternoons available for ‘guiding’. If you think you might like to join us either once or twice, or perhaps every now and then, or even on a more regular basis, it would be great to welcome some new volunteers into our small group of guides. You don’t need any experience, you don’t need to know too much about the ERC’s history, you don’t even need to interact with tourists if you don’t want to—we just need to have people who can help out so that we can have two volunteers present whenever the church is open. Think about it!

If you would like more information just speak to me or to Els Nooij, or you can email Els at openchurch@ercadam.nl.

Susan Polstra

“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. This old building requires constant care and maintenance, to be primarily covered from the Friends Foundation reserves, as regrettably subsidies have largely subsided recently in the Netherlands for National Monuments, such as the church. In 1970, a Friend of the Church, Mr. Gerard Rhee, registered a foundation called the “Stichting Friends of the English Reformed Church”. 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 Pastor Dr. Lance Stone and further consists of Maria-Louise Genet, Henk Keizer, Secretary, Thijs Polstra and Jolmer Gerritse, Treasurer. Over the past forty-eight years the Friends Foundation has carried out its task through involvement in two major restorations of the church building in 1972 and 2006, the acquisition and renovation of the Manse in 2001, and ongoing maintenance of the Church building and the Manse. Furthermore, development of the concert program and many other acts of support for the work 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: **Vincent van Gogh** visited the Church in 1877 and wrote to his brother Theo: *“I do love that little church much and probably many keep memories about things and places that are not strange to me” “Many people were not there in the church, but the people have a curiously attractive expression on their faces, that speaks of good character. On many views there was, as it were, to read what can be found in those English books by Eliot & others”*.

During 2017 the total receipt of donations increased, through donations received from **individual persons** and especially those from **visitors** of the church, who leave their donations at the treasury chest at the porch of the church. This has been greatly encouraged by the many **volunteers**, who help to keep the church open to visitors during the week. We are grateful to all those who have supported the *Friends Foundation* in the past and those who offer their support in the future.



Engelse Kerk, litho 1880 by J.C. Braakensiek, source: Stadsarchief Amsterdam

You can give your support through single gifts or periodical donations:

- by **bank transfer** to: IBAN NL90ABNA0624180069 - BIC CODE ABNANL2A, in the name of: Stichting Friends of the English Reformed Church, AMSTERDAM.
- in **cash** in the treasury box, situated at the porch of the Church entrance, or
- through a **bequest**, to be arranged with your notary.

As an affiliation of the English Reformed Church, the A.N.B.I. status applies to donations to the Friends Foundation as well. Further information can be found on the church website. The accounts of the Friends Foundation are published together with the ERC accounts, audited by the ERC audit committee, available, presented and approved at the Annual General Meeting of the ERC.

In case you may have any questions regarding the *Friends Foundation*: please contact me at: friends@ercadam, T +3120-535-3366, or at Begijnhof 48, 1012 WV Amsterdam.

Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal and for your support,
Jolmer Gerritse, Treasurer

Make a joyful noise

The Christmas season is already far behind us. The choir certainly enjoyed all the musical festivities and we hope that the congregation did as well.

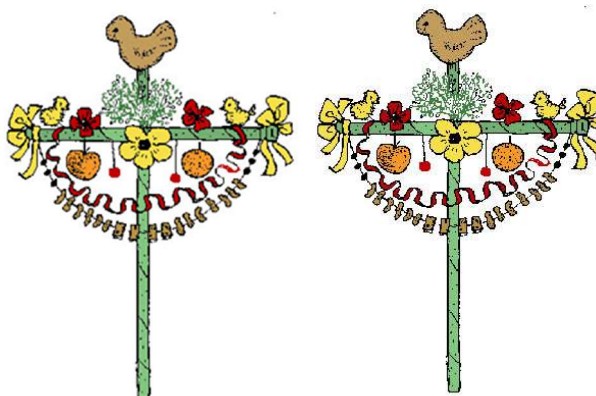
Now, as always is the case with church musicians, we set our sights on Easter, which always approaches faster than you'd think! The choir will again this year be singing on Palm Sunday to celebrate (along with the children of the Sunday school) the entrance into Jerusalem.

From there we move into the very dramatic mood of Holy Week, with the choir singing in the service on Good Friday. This very moving and contemplative service will be preceded by 30 minutes of organ music, drawing on the vast musical repertoire appropriate to this dramatic occasion.

Easter Sunday will bring out the choir in full glory, joined by brass and you, the congregation, who will - as is our new tradition - have the opportunity to raise your voices in Handel's glorious Hallelujah chorus. Come with your voices well oiled!

Make a joyful noise!

Richard



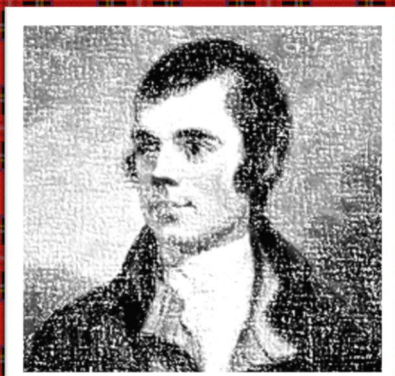
Poetry in the Church

On a Saturday evening in January around 25 people came together to commemorate the life and work of Robert Burns. He is considered the most famous Scottish poet and song writer, born in Alloway on 25 January 1759 and dying in Dumfries in 1796. In his short life he wrote poems and songs which are still treasured by many. One of the most well known is Auld Lang Syne.

Each year on or around his birthday a traditional dinner (haggis, neeps and tatties and cranachan for dessert) is held, following a strict protocol and with room for the dinner guests to share their favourite poem by Robert Burns (and if you are not a Scot by someone else).

A wonderful evening and a great tradition. Thank you to all who made it happen.

Heleen Koning



Concerts in the ERC



**Saturday 24 March and
Sunday 25 March 2018 4 p.m.**
The Vivaldi Master's Ensemble



Programme: *The Four Seasons*
Johann Pachelbel: Canon in D major
Antonio Vivaldi: Spring and Summer from the
Four Seasons
Johann Sebastian Bach: Air from Suite No. 3 in
D major, BWV 1068
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Lacrimoso from the
Requiem in d minor
Franz Schubert: Ave Maria
Georg Friedrich Händel: Largo from Xerxes
Ludwig van Beethoven: Allegro from Symphony
No. 5
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Divertimento in D
Major K. 136

Monday 26 March 2018 1 p.m.
The choir of The Duke of Kent School,
England
conductor: Nick Rye

Free concert

Programme: to include:
Elizabeth Poston: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
Randy Newman: You've got a friend in me
Sara Bareilles: Kaleidoscope Heart
Liam Sternberg: Walk Like an Egyptian
Neil Young: Heart of Gold
The Commodores: Easy Like Sunday Morning

Saturday 31 March 2018 3:15 p.m.
Het Appassionata koor and string
ensemble
conductor: Karel Kok
Ralph Beckers: tenor
Wieger de Boer: bass
Ronald van der Veen: organ

**Programme: John Stainer: The Passion
oratorio: The Crucifixion
Josef Rheinberger: Stabat Mater**

Monday 2 April 2018 1 p.m.
The choir of The Holt School for Girls,
England
Conductor. Andrew Gray

Free concert

Programme: To include:
John Rutter: The Lord Bless you and keep you
Trad: Shenandoah
Bob Chilcott: Irish Blessing
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Ave Verum
Giulio Romolo Caccini: Ave Maria
César Franck: Panis Angelicus
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Crown of Roses
Spiritual: Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
Eric Whitacre: Seal Lullaby
Bart Howard: Fly me to the moon
Peter Knight: You are the new day



Friday 13 April 2018 8.15 p.m.
MADAMICELLA Quartet



Saturday 14 April 2018 1p.m.
Het Rietveld Ensemble
Elisabeth Perry: violin, Richard Wolfe:
viola, Matthias Naegele: cello
Nancy Braithwaite: clarinet
with. Helena van Heel: mezzo-soprano,
Marleen de Bakker: harp, Jeannette
Landre: flute and Vaughan Schlepp:
piano

Free concert

Monday 16 April 2018 1 p.m.
**Edgeborough School Chapel and
Chamber Choir, England**
Conductor: Kate Davies

Free concert

Sunday 22 April 2018 3:15 pm
The De Bie Family
Alexander de Bie: organ and piano (16
years old, Young Talent class
Conservatory of Amsterdam & Den
Haag)
Andrea Wittchen: soprano
Jack de Bie:piano

Saturday 28 April 2018 1 p.m.
**St Görans Motettkör, Stockholm,
Sweden**
Conductor Olov Risberg

Free concert

Programme:
Enchanting vocal music from Corsica
MADAMICELLA quartet sing traditional and
modern Corsican polyphonic songs.
A quartet which returns to the sources of
Corsican polyphony, a vocal tradition of
unparalleled riches.

Programme:
Het Rietveld Ensemble and Friends
Second in a series of four concerts
Jeff Hamburg: Songs Along the Way for mezzo-
soprano, harp, clarinet, violin, viola and cello
(world premier)
Bohuslav Martinu: Chamber music No. 1 for
clarinet, violin, viola, cello, harp and piano
Claude Debussy: Sonata for flute viola and harp

Programme: to include, a.o.works from
Johann Pachelbel, César Franck, John Rutter,
Bob Chilcott, Alexander L'Estrange, Philip
Godfrey, Lovland & Graham, Brian Lewis, Peter
Aston, Will Todd, Andersson and Ulvaeus,
Eva Cassidy

Programme: *French colours and the Spanish
soul*
Juan Cabanilles: Tientos for organ
Claude Debussy: Préludes from Livre II
Olivier Messiaen: organ solo from La Nativité
du Seigneur
Joaquín Rodrigo: Madrigales Amatorias
Julio Osma: Cantares de mi tierra
Joaquín Turina: Poema en forma de canciones

Programma: Charles Villiers Stanford: Coelos
ascendit hodie
Dieterich Buxtehude: Missa Brevis
Franz Biebl: Ave Maria
John Tavener: Funeral Ikos
John Tavener: Ave Maria
Jan Sandström: Sanctus
Ralph Vaughan Williams: Agnus Dei
Gunnar de Frumerie: Herren är min herde
Oskar Fredrik Lindberg: Fäbodpsalm
Charles Wood: Hail, gladdening light

Short News and Activities

Night of the Refugee: join the ERCAdam10

How far would you walk at night for fear of violence?

On Saturday the 16th of June 2018, at midnight sharp, thousands of people will start their 40 kilometer walk from Amsterdam to Amsterdam, from Rotterdam to The Hague, from Utrecht to Utrecht or from Nijmegen to Arnhem. They walk to raise funds for emergency aid for refugees worldwide, and to raise awareness for the situation of those people in need.

65.6 million refugees

Worldwide there are 65.6 million people fleeing from war, violence and oppression. All participants of the Night of the Refugee raise money for refugees and displaced persons worldwide.

Next to the 40 kilometer walks, an additional shorter walk will be held in the evening of the 16th. ERC puts together a team for the 10k walk: team ERCAdam10

Interested in joining? Please see the website or let Gillian Walker know



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

World Day of Prayer March 2

A group gathered on the first Friday of March for a service around the theme prepared by women in Surinam. We welcomed Mary Lou in our service, who is part of a women's group in Cologne.



Membership notices

Baptised

Marcus Bromfield, son of Eva and Courtney Bromfield
(March 18)

Deceased

Anneke de Jong (4 December 2017)
Annedora Koelman (3 February 2018)

20-30s Lunch continues

The 20s and 30s continue to meet every first Sunday of the month to have lunch together. Anyone in their 20s and 30s is invited to join us for this time of fellowship. We will walk to a restaurant together after the service. For more information, contact Veronica Garcia-Robles, the Lay Assistant or Pastor Lance.

The Publicity Committee acts as editorial board for the Record:
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