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The New Normal

By Andrew Taylor

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the LINK! As always, we hope that you will find plenty to inform and entertain you in this latest copy. We find ourselves, as a chaplaincy church and as individuals, living in what is now called the “new normal”. COVID-19 has turned our lives upside down, and eight months or so after the virus became evident worldwide, we have had to learn so many new ways to adjust. That has been just as true for us as Church. And this is to say nothing of the huge tragedy and sadness that many people known to us have had to cope with.

Over the last three months we have, very slowly and (we hope) carefully, begun the process of re-introducing Christian life together at St John and St Philip. It has been heartening to see people come together in worship on Sundays and during the week. Over three Services, last Sunday, for example, just short of 100 people were in Church. And, of course, we continue to stream live our Morning Services for all who cannot attend in person at this time.

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That process of return continues this Autumn, and overleaf you will find news of what we intend to do to create a balance of church life both in person and online, as we have been doing so far. Ensuring that people feel safe in coming to Church has been our priority, and we will continue to do our utmost in making sure that this remains.

Overleaf you will find, therefore, the re-introduction of our *Diary at a Glance*. And this edition of The LINK focuses especially on the work of our various Mission Partners, as a reminder of who they are and, perhaps, as an introduction to all members of the chaplaincy who may be unfamiliar with them. This Autumn we bid farewell to Chaja Verkerk, as she begins a new and exciting stage in her life (more inside as to exactly what!), and we anticipate later this Autumn the formal licensing of Katherine Fortier and Jan Huber as Readers. They are the focus, therefore, of our two “Sixty Seconds with...” slots. Week by week we have their gifts of ministry in conducting worship, without perhaps knowing exactly who they are outside of the role they play. We hope that their little contributions inside will explain all!

Otherwise there is news of various musical events coming up, and dates for Choral Evensong this coming Year. We have news of how we intend to re-introduce Holy Communion Services on Sundays, having begun to do so on Wednesday evening this Summer. And Café Connect will return “in person” from Friday September 11th. Harvest is also fast approaching, and we have news of exactly how we intend to celebrate that at the end of September. And, all things being equal, we intend to hold our annual Christmas Market at the end of November, in what of course will be very different conditions.

Our prayer, as always, is that God will be our guide in all of our endeavours, and that He will continue to bless the life of our chaplaincy church into the future that He intends for it.

At a Glance - Chaplaincy Diary: September

Tuesday 1st September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
19.30	Monthly Prayer Meeting (Church Hall)
Wednesday 2nd September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
12.30	Midweek Communion and Lunch
14.30	Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)
Thursday 3rd September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Friday 4th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer (Church)
10.30	Café Connect (Hall)
19.45	Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Saturday 5th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Sunday 6th September – Trinity 13	
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Morning Prayer (Hall); Holy Communion (Church)
17.00	Wellspring (ZOOM)
Monday 7th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 8th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 9th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
12.30	Midweek Communion and Lunch
14.30	Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)
Thursday 10th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Friday 11th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer (Church)
10.30	Café Connect (Hall)
19.45	Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Saturday 12th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th September – Trinity 14	
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Holy Communion (Hall); Morning Prayer (Church)
17.00	Wellspring (ZOOM)
Monday 14th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
19.30	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 15th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 16th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
12.30	Midweek Communion and Lunch
14.30	Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Thursday 17th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Friday 18th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer (Church)
10.30	Café Connect (Hall)
19.45	Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Saturday 19th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
20.00	UNICEF Concert (see below)
Sunday 20th September – Trinity 15	
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Morning Prayer (Hall); Holy Communion (Church)
17.00	Wellspring (ZOOM)
Monday 21st September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 22nd September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 23rd September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
12.30	Midweek Communion and Lunch
14.30	Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Benefit Concert



Benefit Concert for UNICEF

In Stil Moderno plays music of Castello and Frescobaldi (o.a)

19 september 2020 20 pm, door open 19.45
Anglican Church of St John & St Philip
Ary van der Spuyweg 1, Den Haag

60 Seconds with...Katherine Fortier



Where are you from originally, and how did you arrive here at St John and St Philip?

When I first arrived in The Hague from Canada 23 years ago with my husband and two small children, we asked our host if they knew of any churches with services in English. "Oh yes," said our

landlady, "I know the English Church." We were warmly and personally welcomed, felt at home immediately, and have been members ever since.

Do you have a particular role or responsibility here for the chaplaincy?

More recently I was encouraged to take up a leadership role in licensed ministry, and I'm very pleased to say that after four years of part-time distance learning I was awarded in July with my diploma, a Certificate in Christian Studies from St John's College Nottingham. This is part of the training requirements to become a Licensed Lay Minister, or Reader. Reader is a confusing title, but a Reader in the Church of England is a lay person, often with another job during the week who is selected, trained, and commissioned to exercise an authorized ministry: to lead services of worship, preach sermons, offer pastoral care, and help the chaplain with Christian teaching in the parish setting.

What do you do when you're not in Church?

In my case, I am a Child and Educational Psychologist. I work with children who attend English-speaking international schools. My practice is very busy, with long working days, but I love my work and am grateful for the privilege of helping children and teenagers learn, gain confidence, and enjoy life despite the challenges they may experience.

What do you like best about the Church?

I feel we have such richness in our church community at St John & St Philip - people from broad and varied experiences and backgrounds with so much to offer in terms of knowledge, expertise, faith, prayer and just and good neighbourliness. Some of the jobs our parishioners do all week are awesome in responsibility, and my hope would be that our church helps support, renew, stimulate, and equip them as Christians making a difference in the world. The church's mission, to me, is to be a force for good: social justice, solidarity with the oppressed, opposition to the structures that keep people in poverty, activism in the cause of justice. I really cherish being part of a Home Group for prayer and study with wonderful folk who have become dear friends. Theology Book Club is a new addition which I am excited about.

Thursday 24 th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Friday 25 th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer (Church)
10.30	Café Connect (Hall)
19.45	Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Saturday 26 th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27 th September – Trinity 16 Harvest Festival	
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Holy Communion (Hall); Morning Prayer (Church)
12:30	Harvest Festival Picnic
17.00	Choral Evensong
17.00	Wellspring (ZOOM)
Monday 28 th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 29 th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 30 th September	
09.15	Morning Prayer
12.30	Midweek Communion and Lunch
14.30	Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

And what do you feel we could do differently?

I am one of those people who can really appreciate, enjoy, and feel at home in a wide variety of types and styles of worship and I like variation so, for me, the variety at St. John & St. Philip is a treasure. I think people would say I have a vivid personality myself, and I genuinely love rich and immersive worship - from a silent meditation retreat, to an evening of Taizé music while sitting on the floor with a folk guitar and bread and wine passed around, a Christian rock concert complete with giant screens, or a cathedral Evensong with full choir and exquisite choral music, even a sung eucharist with wafting incense. It's all good.

And what book/piece of music could you not live without?

I am similarly eclectic in my musical tastes. Is it too cliché as a Canadian to say that Glen Gould's Goldberg *Variations* are the best ever? My favourite instrument is cello, though, so Bach's Cello Suites also figure highly in my rotation. But when I exercise or clean house it's to the sounds of old-school punk like the Ramones or The Clash, and when I drive long distances I have to sing along to singer-songwriters like Sinéad O'Connor or Paul Simon. Chilling at home I've been listening to alt/indie artists like Regina Spektor, Vampire Weekend, and The Mountain Goats. I have a thing for really unique voices, so I am a huge fan of David Bowie, Tom Waits, and Leonard Cohen. With the inclusion of Taizé music in the mornings, Spotify's algorithms are very confused about what kind of playlist to offer me!

“Come, ye thankful people come...”

Harvest Festival

September 27

Harvest Thanksgiving Services and Festivities

- 08.30: Holy Communion**
- 10.30: Communion (Church)**
- 10.30: Morning Prayer (Hall)**
- 12.30: Gather for the Picnic**
(food for your household,
not to be shared)
- 14.00: Entertainment**
- 17.00: Evensong (Church)**

Ministry Experience Rome

by Chaja Verkerk

I have been given the opportunity to take part in this year's Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme in the Diocese of Europe. This means that I will be moving to Rome for the new academic year, to live and work in Rome at All Saints Church and also the Anglican Centre in Rome, starting on the 1st of September.

The Ministry Experience Scheme is a year-long internship for those aged between 18-30 who wish to immerse themselves in the life of the church. The intern becomes part of the ministry team of the host church and gets the opportunity to deepen their faith, discern a possible vocation, explore chaplaincy work and contribute to the church and its members. For example, by leading a bible study group, taking part in multiple ministries within the church, or by setting up new initiatives.

In exploring a vocation, getting an impression of what the work is like isn't enough. So the Scheme also offers some theological training, either through a local tutor, or long distance with some of the other interns. Because the Interns are scattered all over Europe, with placements in Copenhagen, Lyon, Barcelona, Leuven, Vienna and Rome this year, there will be online meetings and some in person visits to each other's placement churches, if the current pandemic situation permits it.

There is also plenty of room for spiritual and personal reflection which, of course, is a very important part of any discernment journey. Every Intern has a mentor in their placement church, but they are also assigned a spiritual mentor who is part of the MES formational team whom they will meet with multiple times through the academic year.

Normally, all the Interns and their mentors would embark on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the second half of the Scheme, but that also depends on what the world will look like in six months' time.

This year's group consists of six interns, and uniquely enough it is an all-female group. One of the interns is in her second year of the scheme, two interns have already studied theology and another intern has been working for the Church of England in the past couple of years. It's a good variety of people, and I am sure I will be able to learn a lot from the others and their experiences.

It's a very exciting opportunity I have been given, and I am looking forward to this new experience of immersing myself in church life and discerning a vocation, but also getting to know a new country, culture and language.



	<h1>Café Connect</h1>
<p>Come connect over tea or coffee. Enjoy a piece of cake and a little peace from outside. A warm drink and warm conversation. Please join us. We look forward to you seeing you!</p>	
<p>Fridays at 10.30 – 12.00</p> <p>In the Church Hall at Riouwstraat 2 Questions? churchoffice@stjohn-stphilip.org</p> <p>Church of St. John & St. Philip The Hague </p>	

MISSION PARTNER UPDATES

Medical Mission Ministry International (MMMI)

By Dr Peter Reis

Report on relief projects in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

850€ was sent to East Nepal for food distribution in villages where we already work with medical teams. This was needed because of the lockdown, and a group of disabled people and widows were hungry and with no access to the government's own programmes. 1000€ was also sent to Lesotho, where we have a youth worker. This was also for food help, as was 250€ sent to India through a missionary couple.

Our project in Riode Janeiro on the first aid youth team has been on hold for this year, also for reasons of the corona virus. Teams there are more involved now in medical care from local government organizations, and the MMMI Board has decided to wait until 2021 before being involved there again.

At the last Board meeting, it was decided to give support to two new Projects. One project is in India, working together with a couple who work with Youth with a Mission. MMMI gave relief funds for that in April, and the further aim is to get them a car for their medical outreach in the villages in the hilly area of the middle of India. This will cost 6,500 Euros. The second project is a partnership with Mercy Indonesia. MMMI is well known in Papua since 2000, and we want to find sponsors for a new building for a childrens' home in Wamena. One of the channels for this is through the Indonesian Diaspora in Holland.

Tabitha Ministries

By Bram Rutgers

"I am happy to inform you that with the help of Tabitha Netherlands we were able to help three times with food baskets. The first time together with the Anglican Church in Zababdeh, with food baskets for 35 needy families, and the second time with Imam Emad of the Muslim community for 13 families. For the third time, with Sami Esawi, Board Member of Tabitha Palestine in Zababdeh, and food baskets for 25 families. I am glad to give such needed help in these hard times that Zababdeh and other places are going through. Thank you very much for the funds and your prayers."

We were able to give this help thanks to the positive response we received from our sponsors from our request for support in our Newsletter in March.

After initially easing the lockdown, Israel and the West Bank are experiencing a second Corona wave. So new restrictions have been introduced again. But there is good news. On Monday August 3 the day care was re-opened, for the moment with fewer children than usual, and with a day care staff of only two leaders. Also we are making a start with finishing our guest house, on the top floor of our Centre. Later this year we will give you more information about this project.

Support Trust for Africa Development (STAD)

By Florence Andrew

Following the declaration of the COVID-19 as a world pandemic by WHO on 11 February 2020, STAD embarked on awareness raising/ campaign under the theme "COVID-19, COMMUNITY RESPONSE PROGRAM" in Koboko, Uganda and Torit, Eastern Equatoria, South Sudan. The purpose was for STAD to develop a program response mechanism to prevent the spread of COVID-19 especially in the rural communities by strengthening the technical capacity of STAD's volunteers with knowledge on COVID-19 and other health related diseases prevention. In collaboration with the District Task Force and local council leaders in Koboko District, STAD conducted awareness in more than 7 Municipalities & trained 15 women and youth in liquid soap making. STAD supported over 70 households, about 560 of the most vulnerable people (refugees, elderly, the sick, widows, child headed families, pregnant women and people with disabilities with 350 liters of liquid soap, maize flour, beans, cooking oil, small sliver fish (Ngeje) in April. While in South Sudan, the campaign was conducted in 6 Bomas. About 765 people directly and indirectly benefited from the awareness on COVID-19 prevention. STAD installed some Tip-Tap (1 litre plastic buckets) for hand washing in some communities, and is currently seeking funds to drill a water borehole in Midia sub-county in Koboko to install more Tip-Tap facilities and to support some vulnerable beneficiaries in hot-culture farming. Thus, provision of improved water sources (defined as protected wells, standpipes or hand pumps especially in rural areas) to the disadvantaged/vulnerable groups is needed to comply with hand washing measures, hygiene and sanitation. STAD's education and peace building programs are currently on hold due to the lockdown measures.

MISSION PARTNER UPDATES

Local Missions

By Rob Molenaar

Local Missions is a gathering of various projects that are being supported by our Church. For this LINK I will update you on the Straatpastoraat Den Haag. The Straatpastoraat aims to help the homeless and distressed in our city. This is done by lending an ear, helping them navigate through the bureaucracy, and providing them a warm meal every Friday evening.

During the Covid-19 Lockdown, the Straatpastoraat had a really hard time. The pastors could not meet the people they would normally help. Also, they had to close the doors of their dining hall in the town center. Where normally every Friday 120 people received social support and a meal, no one could now be fed. Several messages were received of people in trouble, because of the lack of the Friday meal. For some people, this meal is their only truly nutritious meal per week. Quickly, the decision was made to start a delivery service. Every week during the Covid-19 Lockdown, a team of volunteers would cook meals (adhering to the Covid-19 Regulations) and then package it in plastic containers. Other volunteers, mostly on bikes, would deliver these meals to the people in either shelters or private homes. These meals were received with much gratitude. As more and more people requested these meals, the delivery service grew every month.

When the Covid-19 Restrictions loosened, the Straatpastoraat could open a little. During weekdays, a lunch moment was introduced for about 20 people. Unfortunately, the building could not host more people with the restrictions in place. These lunches were well received since a lot of guests were disaffected during the Lockdown. Since the beginning of July, the meals are no longer being delivered to the recipients. Meals are now being distributed at the site of the Straatpastoraat dining hall in the town center. Most guests do not mind since they have missed the company of the other guests and welcome the opportunity to see them again.

Hopefully in the near future, the Straatpastoraat will be able to open even more. It is hoped that the church service which was normally hosted before the meal can start up soon again. Further down the line, all of us are hoping that the Straatpastoraat can start providing its services again on the level they did before the Covid-19 crisis. For this we continue to pray.



The Healthy Vine

by Jay Dennett

Operating in a rural area of Luweero District about 70kms north of Kampala in Uganda, the Healthy Vine is a health and sanitation orientated community development programme. This has expanded over the years from a focus on malaria prevention and provision of clean water to one which now touches on many aspects of community life. As a result of the programme Sekamuli parish has risen from number 9 to number 1 in terms of health and sanitation in Luweero District.

Working in the two parishes of Sekamuli and Kiteme, we are currently involved with over 1,900 families. Over the next three years we expect this to rise to around 3,600 families. Most families comprise of two adults and at least five children. We started in 2008 in Sekamuli and now all 10 villages are within the programme. Kiteme came into the programme late 2018. We are currently active in three of the 15 villages and expect to have covered the entire parish in about three years.



Opening a borehole



Mosquito net care



Kitchen clay stove

Our four paid field workers run the programme on a day-to-day basis. They have specific responsibilities and are supported by 45 volunteer Community Health Workers (CHW) who are trained by the Healthy Vine.

The field workers and CHW's work in the villages encouraging the families to develop model homes. A model home is a family dwelling with healthy and sanitary living. It is located within the family compound and includes a kitchen with a clay stove and external chimney, dishrack, tippy taps for hand washing adjacent to the kitchen and latrines, pit latrine, enclosed area for washing and bathing, animals (chickens, goats and pigs) kept humanely.

The area is on the edge of a large swamp with no natural clean surface water, so boreholes are sunk one per village.

We also operate a Life Skills module in over 17 schools which teaches health and sanitation and offers counseling mainly for senior girls. Several schools have been supported by the provision of latrines and rain water catchment water supply.

Sekamuli Secondary School was expanded by 200% and a primary school has been built and expanded in Mputte Village. The community Health and Maternity Unit has been established in co-operation with Luweero District Health Dept. and several income generation projects are supported.

In order to develop a sense of ownership which is essential to sustainability all projects are realised from start to finish in conjunction with the group, school or village concerned. This includes a contribution to the project value of 20% from the group, school, or village. It can be in local materials, unskilled labour, accommodation and food for contractors or a combination of these.



CHW's recently qualified

COVID-19

In March of this year, COVID-19 reached Uganda and the whole country was placed in lockdown. The announcements were only made over radio and TV, so the vast majority of the community received distorted information by word of mouth. Public transport was forbidden and all shops closed. Despite promises by the government no support was given to the health centre or



Mputte School



Typical School Latrine

community, so the Healthy Vine has given the community guidelines on social distancing, regular hand washing etc. We supplied the health workers in the clinic and maternity unit with hand sanitizers and face masks and placed additional hand washing in all village centres. A number of elderly vulnerable adults faced severe hardship and we have distributed some basic necessities to some 88 individuals.

Our field workers are all qualified in community work to diploma or degree level at Ugandan Universities. In cooperation with some of these universities, we regular take interns for their field work training. Our CHWs are all volunteers from the community, trained by the Healthy Vine. It is a practical "hands on" training and they receive no remuneration, but we supported their goat project and every year we have a Christmas party.

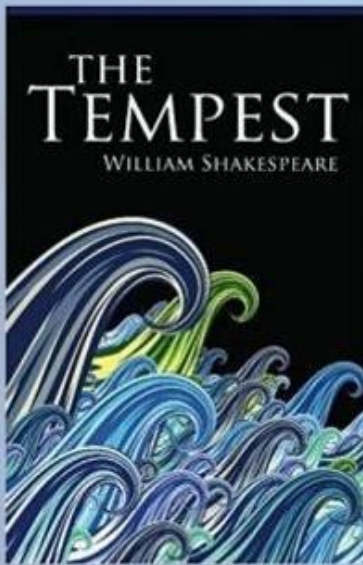
To learn more about the Healthy Vine projects and activities:

- YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCAMN2Rh3a4ao2luCpWRV6_A
- Website: healthy-vine.org
- Contact: Nick Thomas, Marrie den Breems or Jay Dennett

Theology Book Club this Autumn

Theology Book Club is open to all. Every six weeks or so, we meet to discuss a book that explores themes and issues in Christian Theology. The books vary a great deal, and we try to mix more popular titles with something that might stretch our minds and hearts a little.

We also hold two meetings on each book; one via Zoom and the other in person for those able to attend in that way. Here are the books and dates for October and November:



October's Book

Thursday, 15 October: 19.30 to 21.00pm Zoom Discussion
Friday, 16 October: Meeting at the Vicarage 14.30-16.00pm
(in the Hall if numbers are too many)

The Tempest is Shakespeare's great meditation on betrayal, the desire for revenge, forgiveness, and reconciliation. All good theological themes!

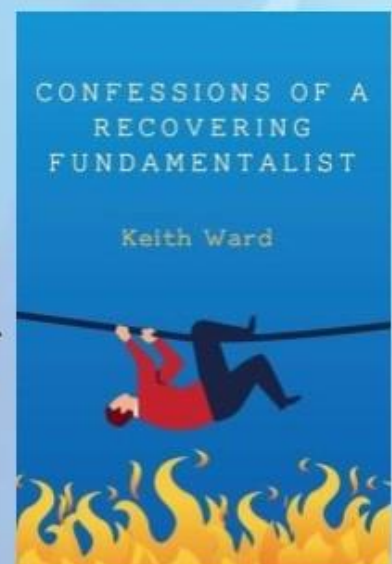
For any chaplaincy member who may have the time, we are also recommending Margaret Atwood's imaginative novelistic re-working of the play, entitled *Hag-seed*, as one way to explore some of the themes through a different lens

November's Book

Thursday, 15 October: 19.30 to 21.00pm Zoom Discussion
Friday, 16 October: Meeting at the Vicarage 14.30-16.00pm
(in the Hall if numbers are too many)

From a recent review in The Church Times: I suppose that love and prayer should be obvious components of any Christian life, and intelligence is a desirable one; but what about laughter? In an age of pandemic and gloom, what place has laughter in living the Christian life? Perhaps this book goes some way to explaining.

The book is basically a study of the Nicene Creed (the one that we all use on Sundays at the Eucharist). Ward goes through it clause by clause, teasing out all sorts of meanings and putting flesh on the bones of something that we can all too easily recite in church without thinking.



Zoom Information - Meeting ID: 849 3151 0737; Passcode: 473976

For more information, please contact Andrew Taylor
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Thursday 1st October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Friday 2nd October

09.15 Morning Prayer (Church)

10.30 Café Connect (Hall)

19.45 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday 3rd October

09.15 Morning Prayer

TBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**Sunday 4th October – Trinity 17**

08.30 Holy Communion

10.30 Morning Prayer (Hall); Holy Communion (Church)

Licensing of our Readers

12.00 Bring and Share Lunch

17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Monday 5th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Tuesday 6th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

19.30 Monthly Prayer Meeting (Church)

Wednesday 7th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

12.30 Midweek Communion and Lunch

14.30 Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Thursday 8th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Friday 9th October

09.15 Morning Prayer (Church)

10.30 Café Connect (Hall)

19.45 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday 10th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

20.00 Baroque Symmetries by the Estehaagse Ensemble

Sunday 11th October – Trinity 18

08.30 Holy Communion

10.30 Holy Communion (Hall); Morning Prayer (Church)

17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Monday 12th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Tuesday 13th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 14th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

12.30 Midweek Communion and Lunch

14.30 Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Thursday 15th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

19.30 Theology Book Club (ZOOM)

Friday 16th October

09.15 Morning Prayer (Church)

10.30 Café Connect (Hall)

14.30 Theology Book Club (Vicarage)

19.45 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday 17th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Sunday 18th October – Luke the Evangelist

08.30 Holy Communion

10.30 Morning Prayer (Hall); Holy Communion (Church)

17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Monday 19th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Tuesday 20th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 21st October

09.15 Morning Prayer

12.30 Midweek Communion and Lunch

14.30 Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Thursday 22nd October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Friday 23rd October

09.15 Morning Prayer (Church)

10.30 Café Connect (Hall)

19.45 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday 24th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th October – Last Sunday Trinity

08.30 Holy Communion

10.30 Holy Communion (Hall); Morning Prayer (Church)

17.00 Choral Evensong

17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Monday 26th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Tuesday 27th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 28th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

12.30 Midweek Communion and Lunch

14.30 Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Thursday 29th October

09.15 Morning Prayer

Friday 30th October

09.15 Morning Prayer (Church)

10.30 Café Connect (Hall)

19.45 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday 31st October

09.15 Morning Prayer

17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Music this Autumn at St John and St Philip

By Andrew Taylor

Alongside the programme for Choral Evensong over the coming year (opposite) we have news of three concerts this Autumn season.

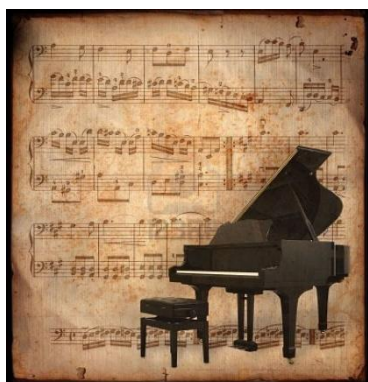


UNICEF Benefit: Saturday, 19 September at 20.00. You will have seen the poster advertising this earlier in this edition of The LINK. What you may not know is that the ensemble for this evening includes two of our own church members; Christina Edelen on organ and Tim Dowling on alto and tenor trombones. *In Stil Moderno* has been described as a “new star in the firmament”, and one of Holland’s most exciting baroque ensembles. Alongside organ and trombone, other instrumentation includes baroque violin and bass trombone. Previous performances have included The Prague Spring Festival, Utrecht Early Music Festival, the Historical Brass Conference in Paris, and the East Cork Early Music Festival in Ireland. The programme for this evening will include music by the 17th Century Italian Baroque composers, Dario Castello and Girolamo Frescobaldi

Baroque Symmetries: Saturday, 10 October at 16.00. Again we are grateful to musicians from our own congregation for this particular concert. James Hewitt and Xiangji Zeng form the Estehaagse Ensemble, taking their name from a play on Esterhazy, the family who employed Haydn as a court musician, and Haagse, the city, of course, where the ensemble is based. They specialise in chamber music on historical instruments, with repertoire from the 17th to the early 19th centuries, and their many engagements have included playing for the opening of the Dutch Parliament.

This concert will include unaccompanied works for violin and poetry written during the 18th century, including that of Alexander Pope and Thomas Grey, as well as the performance of a new text piece by James, *Tower of Babel*.


Words and Music on the Eve of Remembrance Sunday: Saturday, 7 November at 20.00. Members of Church may remember the similar event that we held last year on this day and which aimed, through a combination of music and prose/poetry, to provide another form of remembrance of the events that have shaped the history of our World since. This past year has seen the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War, and it seems appropriate that we mark for ourselves this significant year. We shall be delighted to welcome back as soloists Nancy Mayer and Françoise Kably, as well as musicians and readers from our own congregation.



The Service of
**Anglican
Choral
Evensong**

17:00

2020	2021
Sep 27	Jan 24
Oct 25	Feb 28
Nov 22	Mar 28
Dec 12 & 13	Apr 25
Lessons and Carols (starts at 18:30)	May 23
	June 27

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Re-Introducing Holy Communion

By Andrew Taylor

As members of our chaplaincy will know, we have over the last three months begun the process of re-introducing Holy Communion Services, principally by means of an experimental version on Wednesday evenings. This has had the virtue of allowing us to see exactly how to do it well, in line with the regulations demanded of us by the Church of England. We now feel comfortable in what we are doing, and we hope that you will too.

As from the beginning of September, therefore, we intend to re-introduce Services of Holy Communion at the following times:

- **Sunday 8.30:** Our traditional early morning Service, usually with a congregation of between 6 to 12 people
- **Sunday 10.30:** The plan here is for Communion to be offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in Church, and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Hall. This is a slight change from the Service pattern that existed before COVID-19, but it also anticipates a time when there might only be one priest at St John and St Philip. And, as willing as they might be, they can only be in one place at one time!
- **Wednesday 12.30:** We revert to our traditional time for midweek Communion, after which we aim to enjoy lunch together. From this September we shall, however, ask all who attend to bring their own lunch with them.

We wish to stress that there is no obligation on anyone to receive Communion if you feel uncomfortable doing so. And we also need to assure you as to how we intend to proceed with the celebration and distribution:

- The bread will be kept completely covered in a ciborium until the moment of distribution.
- Communion will be in one kind only. That means that we shall only be administering the host (bread). The priest alone will consume consecrated wine on behalf of the wider congregation.
- We shall be using actual bread rather than wafers for the foreseeable future, simply because it is easier to handle with the small tongs that we have taken to using for the administration. The bread will always be gluten free.
- When you come forward to receive, the administering priest will be wearing a mask. The invitation to receive will already have been addressed to the whole congregation *before* you come to the altar. No other words will be said at this point, and you will be handed the bread in silence with the tongs referred to above.
- We ask you to remain standing at the altar rail in order to receive.

We very much hope that these practical safeguards will give you the assurance you may need in order to feel safe in participating in Holy Communion for the foreseeable future.

Holy Communion Opportunities

Midweek Holy Communion
Every Wednesday at 12.30pm,
in the Chancel of the Church

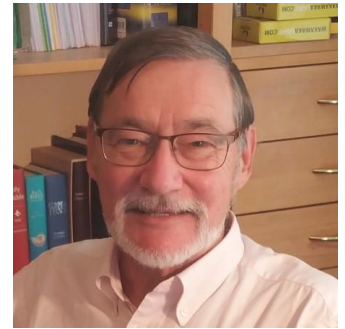
Sunday Holy Communion
Every Sunday at 08.30am,
in the Chancel of the Church

All are welcome! Join us for one or both.

60 Seconds with...Jan Huber

Where are you from originally, and how did you arrive here at St John and St Philip?

I was born in Groningen, grew up on a rubber plantation in Indonesia, and studied mostly in The Netherlands and the USA. We came back from an overseas posting in 1997 and soon thereafter I found that the Anglican Church in The Hague was actually very close to our house in the Archipel neighbourhood, so I just walked in and joined St John & St Philip.



Do you have a particular role or responsibility here for the chaplaincy?

Well, I've done all sorts of things; my first responsibility was actually as a member of the coffee team, but I've also been on the welcome team and for many years I ran the bookstall on Sundays. In recent years I have been the Electoral Roll Officer and have set up and maintained the church membership database.

In 2005 I was stationed in Buenos Aires, and I was a member of the Anglican Cathedral there. (Despite its impressive name, this is a very small congregation). We were sitting in a PCC meeting when the Rector, without any warning whatsoever, casually said to me: "I have to be in Bahia Blanca on the third Sunday next month, Jan, so can you give the sermon?". As we had never had a discussion of such a possibility, that was extraordinary enough, but - even more astonishing - without hesitation I answered: "OK!". What has struck me ever since is the inner feeling of certainty that prompted this reaction. I knew that my calling had arrived. Thanks be to God, that conviction has sustained me ever since.

What do you do when you're not in Church?

I had a long academic career, mainly because I couldn't decide what to study. I made a grand tour beginning at Physics (Leiden) and proceeding by way of Political Science (Amsterdam and Holland, MI) to finally end at Chinese History (Leiden and Princeton). Then I spent four years in Taiwan, where I learned to read, speak and write Chinese and met my wife Assia. Then I joined the Netherlands Foreign Service and I worked in Beijing, Seoul, Tokyo and in the end (surprise!) Buenos Aires, with assignments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in between.

What do you like best about the Church?

When I joined in 1998 I didn't know anybody, but I found it extremely easy to get to know a lot of people, they were so open and welcoming, and, of course, being roped into the coffee team gave me lots of opportunities to get to know everybody. From the beginning I enjoyed the rich liturgy and music in the "traditional" service in the church, and the more I have been studying to become a Reader the deeper my appreciation has become.

And what do you feel we could do differently?

I feel that the difference between the "traditional" services in the church and the "contemporary" services in the hall have become too pronounced in the last ten years. In my experience, we used to have more blending between different styles of worship and nobody seemed bothered by this, but now there is somewhat of a tendency for people to identify strongly with either the choir and traditional church music or with the praise bands and contemporary songs. That's a pity, because each style of worship has something valuable to contribute.

And what book/piece of music could you not live without?

Book: I could not do without the books written by C.S. Lewis. My thinking on theology mostly comes from him. But I also could not do without the classic novels: I must have read War and Peace at least five times by now. In terms of music, I could not do without Mahler's symphonies and the Requiem by Fauré, to which I am listening right now.



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Morning Prayer

Monday through Saturday at 9:15
In the Chancel of the Church

This short, 25-minute service follows the form used in the Church of England for Daily Prayer. We, as the Church in this place, can use this as an opportunity for us to pray for God's world, the life of our parish, and our own concerns and opportunities.

Come once, come often! All are welcome.



Should you have any concerns or items for prayer, but cannot be present yourself, please let one of the clergy know.

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Monthly Prayer Meeting

First Tuesday of every month
(Sept 1st; Oct 6th, and Nov 3rd)
at 19.30 - 21.00 in the Church

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

We meet to worship God,
to pray for the work
of God's Church in this place,
our mission in the world
and those in need of prayer.

Please join us.

Wellspring Service Gone Online!

As physical meeting for worship remains a challenge due to the current pandemic crisis, Wellspring which is an informal service continues online via Zoom until further notice.

Based on what our Lord Jesus says in Matthew 18:20: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them", **it doesn't matter where we meet, but it does matter that we meet for Jesus.**

Zoom is a virtual platform where we have been meeting since the Covid-19 outbreak to worship God praying for one another, for the needs of others, and for our church. We also share God's Word, "a lamp to our feet and a light to our daily path (see Psalm 119:105)."

Words are not enough to describe the benefits of worshipping as a community via zoom in this time of crisis: we see each other's face; we do break-out rooms where people have the opportunity to chat with and pray for one another in small groups, etc.

It is quite simple if you want to join

1. You need to download zoom on your device (Smartphone, Tablet or Laptop)
2. Sign-up to create a zoom account for free
3. Contact Guy (guy@stjohn-stphilip.org) for the Wellspring Meeting ID to connect with us
4. The Service is every Sunday 5pm CET

Wellspring
St. John & St. Philip

At a Glance - Chaplaincy Diary: November

Sunday 1st November – All Saint's Day

08.30 Holy Communion
10.30 Morning Prayer (Hall); Holy Communion (Church)
17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Monday 2nd November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Tuesday 3rd November

09.15 Morning Prayer
19.30 Monthly Prayer Meeting (Church)

Wednesday 4th November

09.15 Morning Prayer
12.30 Midweek Communion and Lunch
14.30 Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Thursday 5th November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Friday 6th November

09.15 Morning Prayer (Church)
10.30 Café Connect (Hall)
19.45 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday 7th November

09.15 Morning Prayer
20.00 Words and Music on the Eve of Remembrance

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

08.30 Holy Communion
10.30 Holy Communion (Hall); Morning Prayer (Church)
17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Monday 9th November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Tuesday 10th November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 11th November

09.15 Morning Prayer
12.30 Midweek Communion and Lunch
14.30 Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Thursday 12th November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Friday 13th November

09.15 Morning Prayer (Church)
10.30 Café Connect (Hall)
19.45 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday 14th November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

08.30 Holy Communion
10.30 Morning Prayer (Hall); Holy Communion (Church)
17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Monday 16th November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Tuesday 17th November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 18th November

09.15 Morning Prayer
12.30 Midweek Communion and Lunch
14.30 Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Thursday 19th November

09.15 Morning Prayer
19.30 Theology Book Club (ZOOM)

Friday 20th November

09.15 Morning Prayer (Church)
10.30 Café Connect (Hall)
14.30 Theology Book Club (ZOOM)
19.45 Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday 21st November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King

08.30 Holy Communion
10.30 Holy Communion (Hall); Morning Prayer (Church)
17.00 Choral Evensong (Church)
17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Monday 23rd November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Tuesday 24th November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Wednesday 25th November

09.15 Morning Prayer
12.30 Midweek Communion and Lunch
14.30 Afternoon Home Group and Bible Study (ZOOM)

Thursday 26th November

09.15 Morning Prayer

Friday 27th November

09.15 Morning Prayer (Church)
10.30 Café Connect (Hall)
16.00 Christmas Market Set-Up Begins (Everywhere!)

Saturday 28th November

08.30 Christmas Market Set-Up Continues
10.00 Christmas Market
17.00 Christmas Market Clean-Up

Sunday 29th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

08.30 Holy Communion
10.30 Morning Prayer (Hall and Church)
17.00 Wellspring (ZOOM)

Monday 30th November

09.15 Morning Prayer



English Church Christmas Market



Heart, Hand & Voice

Saturday 28th November 2015, 10am - 4pm

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