

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

10th January 2016

The baptism of Jesus



Preparation: *Prayer time outside Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am*

Prelude *Prélude et cantilena, S. Rousseau*

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Mountains and rivers

Islands and ocean

Give God glory

Children and lovers

Rulers and nations

Give God glory

All who live,

All who breathe

Give God glory

Living God

Glorious God

Baptise us with wonder

Wise God

Righteous God

Baptise us with justice

Holy God

Covenant God

Baptise us with love

Hymn 201

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness



The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam
A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**
and the **Protestant Church of the Netherlands (PKN)**

Prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer

(but please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Word of God

Children's Talk

First Lesson: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (New Testament, p.57)

Hymn 771

If you believe and I believe

Second Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7 (Old Testament, p.682)

Music in worship

To us our Saviour now has come, J.P. Kirnberger

Hymn 191

Do not be afraid

Sermon *Baptised into prayer*

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Hymn 335

Out of the flowing river

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Whate'er our God ordains, F.W. Marpurg

Dedication, including **Hymn 810**, *Sing to the Lord*

For the gifts of your creation

thanks be to God.

For heaven opened and grace given

thanks be to God.

God of water, wind and Holy Spirit,

thanks be to God.

Hymn 112

God, whose almighty word

The Blessing (*Sung Amen*)



Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in g-minor, J.S. Bach

*The congregation is asked to remain in place until the minister has left the Church.
Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.*

Our service today is conducted by our minister, Revd Dr Lance Stone.

The reader today is Judi Haynes-Smart.

Officebearers on duty are Laura Elliott and Mattia Falcone.

Notices

- **Visitors** are invited to sign the Visitors' Book after the service. If you are here for more than a holiday, we hope you will return again.
 - There are **coffee, tea and cakes** in the church after the service today. We hope you can stay and join us!
 - **Children's Ministry** There is a crèche for children under four years old (led today by Rosemarie Tiggelovend); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led by Ana Laura Saieg and Pamela Wooley), and the Junior Church (led by Shawna Snow), meet at ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11.
 - Remember that every Sunday there is a **time of prayer** outside the Deaconry Room, near the pulpit, from 10:00am until about 10:20am. Come and pray even if only for a few moments, especially for the service and for the life of our church.
 - **ELECTION OF A NEW ELDER:** Following the departure of Christa Oudshoorn Hobo, the Consistory requires a new elder. A new process will be followed for this appointment, with members of the congregation being given an opportunity to nominate members for the post, after which the Consistory will make a decision. A box for nominations will be available on the following Sundays: 17, 24 and 31 January.
 - **Worship & Christian Education Committee:** please note that this meets on Monday evening at 7:30pm at the manse, J.W. Brouwersstraat 9.
 - **Midweek Fellowship** this week: a **Taizé service**, on Wednesday 13 January at 7:30pm in the church. All are welcome to come along to this quiet service of meditation and song.
 - There will be a service at our church for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** on Saturday, 23 January. More details will be available next week.
 - **Burns Supper!** On Friday, 22 January at 7:30pm we will celebrate the birth of the great Scottish poet Robert Burns at the Lutheran Church, directly opposite the Begijnhof on the Spui. The entrance is on the Handboogstraat. All are welcome and you are invited (if you wish!) to bring a song or a poem (by anyone!) or a musical item or a story to share. Cost: €10. Speak to Pastor Lance for information.
 - Coming soon!: a **midweek fellowship** 6-week study on PRAYER, using dvd and other material by Philip Yancey. Beginning on 20 January, it will run fortnightly at the manse. For more information speak to Pastor Lance.
 - **Enquirers' class:** Lance intends to run one soon, for anyone interested in church membership, baptism or just a refresher course on the Christian faith. Please speak to Pastor Lance for information. All are welcome!
 - Cooking at **De Kloof!** De Kloof is a shelter for homeless people in the centre of Amsterdam. Our church is committed to cooking lunch at the shelter every second Monday of the month. If you are interested in helping, or would like to know more about this project, please contact Gillian Walker at dekloof@ercadam.nl
 - We have a weekly collection of **non-perishable food** and household goods for distribution to those who are in need locally. These can be left in a box in the vestibule of the church before the service. It's a good way to help your neighbour!
 - This liturgy sheet is available in **large print**. If you would like a large print version, please speak to one of the consistory members on duty
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Our Congregation

Our congregation was founded on 4 February 1607 to serve the English speaking population of Amsterdam. We welcome worshippers from many countries, backgrounds and walks of life. Founded within the Reformed Tradition we are part of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Protestant Church of the Netherlands.

The first church in the Begijnhof was built as a private chapel in about 1390; it was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in the 1490s. The church was closed by the Town Council in the Reformation and lay unused for 30 years till in 1607 it was given to English-speaking worshippers in Amsterdam.

Our congregation relies on the support of worshippers, members and friends to maintain our ministries and buildings. We aim to be financially self-supporting both in our own work and in order to give to others in mission. There are different ways to support our congregation; through the gifts of time, talent, and finance. We invite everyone to be involved, and to prayerfully consider how you can support and share the ministry of the congregation.

Bank Accounts

English Reformed Church NL44 ABNA 0547 6235 50

Maintenance Fund: Friends of the English Reformed Church: NL99 ABNA 0624 1800 69

Request for Information

Fill in the form below and hand it in as you leave or send it to the Scriba.

- I would like information about: Church Membership Baptisms Concerts
 Sunday School or Crèche Weddings Funerals 20s30s Group
 Church Magazine *The Record* Mulanje Mission Hospital (www.mmh.mw)
I would like the Minister to contact me: Please note my change of address:

Name:

Address

Postcode: Town.....

Telephone..... Email Address.....