

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

3rd January 2016

Epiphany

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

Prelude *How brightly shines the morning star, D. Buxtehude*

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Wise God
You are older than the ages
And you dance in the starlight
And you love us

Wise God
you share your bread with strangers
and you welcome little children
And you understand us

Wise God
You wrestle with the powerful
And you comfort all who need you
And you disturb us

Wise God,
Shining in the darkness
Found by those who seek for you
We are here to learn from you

Hymn 323

The First Nowell

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: Matthew 2:1-12 (New Testament, p.1)

Hymn 325

Bethlehem, a noble city

Second Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Old Testament, p.700)

Music in worship

The Kings, P. Cornelius

Hymn 327

Brightest and best



The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam

A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**

and the **Protestant Church of the Netherlands (PKN)**

Sermon *a glimpse of the end*

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide;
then let them lead me to the place where you reside.

Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide.

Then let them lead me to the place where you re - side.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and dedication

The infant Christ, P.

Cornelius

Hymn 328

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom

Confession of Faith: Hymn 628

I believe in God the Father Almighty

The sharing of the peace, the Invitation and the Story of the Last Supper

Prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you

Lift up your hearts!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in in singing:

Hymn 651: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might...*

Prayer of Consecration:

... your body on earth, loving and caring in the world...

**Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin, the sin of the world.**

Hymn 326

As with gladness men of old

The Blessing (*Sung Amen*)

Amen Amen Am-----en

Postlude

In Thee is gladness, J.S. Bach

The congregation is asked to remain in place until the Consistory 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 soloist is Judi Haynes-Smart, soprano.

The reader today is Peggy Krol.

Officebearers on duty are Nick Thomas and Thorsten König.

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.
 - Today is our monthly service of **The Lord's Supper**. In our church we serve the wine in two ways: if you would like to receive the wine in individual cups you are invited to sit on the left side of the sanctuary, underneath the flags. The rest of the church will be served with the common cup.
 - Today there is also the opportunity to donate to the hospital we support in Malawi, the **Mulanje Mission Hospital**. There is a retiring collection for this, after the service.
 - 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; please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led by Sarah Wang and Je Hart), and the Junior Church (led by Giles Francis), meet at ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11.
 - Remember that every Sunday there is a **time of prayer** before the service in the Deaconry Room, from 10:00am until about 10:20am. All are welcome to come and pray, 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.
 - **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.
 - 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

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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:

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Address

Postcode: Town.....

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