

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

7th February 2016

Transfiguration Sunday

Preparation

*Prayer outside Deaconry room, 10.00 – 10.20 am
Gather for a few moments of silent prayer before the service.*

Prelude

Adagio from Concerto II, Bach/Vivaldi

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Fill this space with songs of love,
fill this moment with eager hearts,
**fill this gathering with strength of spirit,
as we meet with you here.**

For you are who we long to know;
and this is how we yearn to live.

**God we come as we are now
expectant, waiting, longing,
looking for eternity among us,
God with us.**

Hymn 132

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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 English Reformed Church, Amsterdam

A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**

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

The Word of God

Children's Talk and baptism of Elisa Laurelei Elphick, daughter of Danielle and Ashley Elphick, including **Hymn 577**, *Christ be beside you*

First Lesson: Luke 9:28-36 (New Testament, p.67)

Hymn 189

Be still for the presence the Lord

Second Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35 (Old Testament, p.84)

Music in worship

Air, J.S. Bach

Hymn 601

Look upon us, blessed Lord

Sermon

Pause for Reflection

Response to God's Word

Hymn 784

Come light, light of God

Prayers of Intercession

Offering and dedication

Andante from Sonata I, J.S. Bach

Hymn 666

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **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.**

Note that gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate as the elder with the gluten-free dish passes if you wish to receive this.

Hymn 543

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

The Blessing (Sung Amen)



Amen Amen Am-----en

Postlude

first movement from *Concerto II*, Bach/Vivaldi

The congregation is asked to remain in place until the Consistory have 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 Baafi Owusu Sekyere, member of Consistory.
The violin soloist is Giles Francis.
Consistory members on duty are Laura Elliott & Giles Francis.*

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.
- We welcome family and friends of **Danielle & Ashley Elphick**, who bring their daughter Elise for baptism today.
- 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 Isabel Stout & Carishma Thomas); please ask at the door for more information. Sunday School for ages 4-11 (led by Ana Laura Saieg and Pamela Wooley), and Junior Church (led by Floris Harm and Amy Poon) meet at ABC Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11.
- 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.

START OF LENT: Events this week:

Tuesday Feb 9th, from 17.30:

Pancake potluck party at the Treehouse, Voetboogstraat 11. Pancake races on the Spui!

Bring a pancake, sweet or savoury!

Ash Wednesday Feb 10th, 17.30:

Ecumenical service (in Dutch) with imposition of ashes, at Lutherse Kerk, across from us on the Spui.

Daily devotions for Lent:

at <http://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/>
and on the church website.

- **Enquirers' Class beginning Feb 16th**, for anyone interested in church membership, baptism or just as a refresher course in the Christian faith. Please speak to Pastor Lance for information or if you are interested.
 - A 6-week study on **PRAYER**, using dvd and other material by Philip Yancey, is running fortnightly at the manse on Wednesday evenings. For information see Pastor Lance.
 - This month's **Coffee Morning** takes place at 10:30 this Tuesday at the home of George Meerveld in Amsterdam North. For information speak to Pastor Lance. See you there!
 - **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
 - **This liturgy sheet is available in large print.** More information at the door.
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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:	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Baptisms	<input type="checkbox"/> Concerts
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School or Crèche	<input type="checkbox"/> Weddings	<input type="checkbox"/> Funerals	<input type="checkbox"/> 20s30s Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Magazine <i>The Record</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.....