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9:00 am Second Sunday Catholic Apostolic Sung Eucharist

Sunday School and crèche except at Family Service and during school holidays.

In association with St. Mary's Church:

The Mission to Seafarers in the Port of Rotterdam

Chaplain: Revd. Stephen Hazlett

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Every Sunday: Holy Eucharist at 20:00 hours.

From Father Stephen

The Lion and the Lamb

The month we have just left is described as “in like a lion, out like a lamb”. This refers of course to the weather. Most of March felt anything but spring-like. Our Lord Jesus is portrayed as “the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” in St. John 1: 29, and in the words of the *Agnus Dei* which the priest recites every Sunday in our Eucharist as the bread and wine are consecrated. Why is this? A lamb is the vision of innocence, but it is also the symbol of sacrifice. The paschal lamb goes right back to our Old Testament and Jewish roots and again prefigures the sacrifice Christ made for us on Calvary’s cross.

Our Lord is also described as a lion. “The lion of the tribe of Judah shall break every chain” is not only a prophetic theme of the Old Testament, and again, of our Judeo-Christian heritage; it also appears in the Revelation to St. John the Divine. Chapter 5 of this powerful allegory and prophecy brings the lion and the lamb together: *The lion of the tribe of Judah has triumphed ---Then I saw a lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne.*

There is a lot of misunderstanding about the person of our Lord, especially in popular imagery. He was lamb AND lion. Peter Marshall, an American Presbyterian minister who was also chaplain to the US Senate, famously said this: *We have had enough of this emaciated Christ, the pale, anemic, namby-pamby Jesus, the “gentle Jesus meek and mild”. Let us see the Christ of the gospels, striding up and down the dusty miles of Palestine, sun-tanned, bronzed, fearless.* This seems more like a lion figure than a lamb caricature.

Stephen D. Hazlett

Agenda: Annual General meeting Sunday 17 April 12 noon in church.

Letter from the Diocese in Europe, Lent 2016, is included to this month’s issue as an inlay.

Father Stephen away dates

Father Stephen is on holiday from 31 March to 8 April. He is also representing our church at the ICS conference in UK, 25 to 29 April. If a priest is required in period please contact our own Rev. Jenni, or Rev. Barry Birch in Den Haag (tel. 0702134042).

Father Stephen's 60th Birthday Party, 7.30pm, Friday 8 April Mission to Seafarers Club, Schiedam. A number of you have promised to come. Please send this in an email or phonecall to David Rainey our centre manager. Anneke is also kindly organising some catering. See her re this. Once again NO gifts please, just a wee donation to MtS would be nice. SDH

Anglican Sphere Deadline for May 2016 edition: Wednesday 13 April

Mail to: info@stmarys.nl

Cello and Organ Concert Saturday 2 April

Music by Matteo Zocarini, Joh. Seb. Bach, Antonio Vivaldi, Alessandro Marcello.

Musicians

Rudolf van der Wel (cello)

Kati Lorand (cello)

David van der Vlies (organ)

Concert starts at 3pm, location: St Mary's Church, Pieter de Hoochweg 131.

Price: 8 euro's, and 5 euro's students and children. Includes tea and coffee.

Proceeds for St. Mary's Organ Fund.

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Saturday 23 April 11am

Auction of various items including small furniture, jewelry, books, and exercise bicycle!

Location: St. Mary's Church, Holt Hall. Tea and Coffee available.

Auction proceeds to St. Mary's Church and Mission to Seafarers.

Mission to Seafarers

Exercise Bikes, Surgical Stockings, and Easter Praise

It's always impressive when the skyline of Schiedam is dominated by a beautiful ship in for repairs in Huisman or Damen repair yards adjoining the Mission. It's even more impressive when the crews come into the club, we get to know them, and they maybe even attend our Sunday services in the Mission chapel. We get asked for just about everything from seafarers; they spend so much time at sea that shopping is a very limited experience, even for essentials. One unfortunate man from the large Norwegian ship *Skandi Acu* [see photo] beside us has severe varicose veins problems, and being the cook was not allowed off ship during the day. We gladly purchased the surgical hosiery he asked for --- Kruidvat best! It is actually a humbling experience that crewmen can turn to us (there is no-one else) in time of practical as well as spiritual need. He also attends our chapel Eucharist regularly.

Ships also give to us! The *Seven Waves* moored just opposite the *Skandi Acu* was very touched by the care we have offered her crew nightly in the club, and in turn has donated two expensive, almost- new exercise bicycles. They are too large to store in the club permanently, so we propose to sell them in the auction in St. Mary's on Saturday 23 April at 11am, and the proceeds go to the church and MtS.



Weer een Hollandse nieuwe. (Wiltonhaven Schiedam 14 maart 2016)
Foto van en een goed weekend toegewenst door Nico Sannes. Foto is rechten vrij.

These may seem like small matters (although we have yet to lift the bikes into our minibus --- there will be a lot of puffing and panting from chaplain, centre manager, and the ship's engineering dept.!) but they mean a lot to the people involved. The other day I gave out the Holy Communion and palm crosses to the crews of the three big ships of the Stena Line, *the Hollandica*, *the Britannica*, and *the Transit*, at Hoek van Holland. I may as well as given them gold ingots each they were SO appreciative (church attendance is not exactly a weekly possibility on a sea-going vessel). In return they gave me something as well. The joy and mutual trust of it all. For me, the most gloriously musical or prestigious service in Westminster Abbey London or the Sistine Chapel Rome with an army of bishops and flocks of choirs--- would mean not a fig in comparison. These humble, smiling, often filthy dirty seamen made my Holy Week and Easter. And I KNOW they are closer to God than I am.

Father Stephen, port chaplain



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**Then sign on as a M.T.S. volunteer and give us
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Contact the M.T.S. club (details on the inside front cover) or the Chaplain.**

History of the Church of England part 2

A reformed Church

At the Reformation the Western Church became divided between those who continued to accept Papal authority and the various Protestant churches that repudiated it. The Church of England was among the churches that broke with Rome. The catalyst for this decision was the refusal of the Pope to annul the marriage of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon, but underlying this was a Tudor nationalist belief that authority over the English Church properly belonged to the English monarchy. In the reign of Henry's son Edward VI the Church of England underwent further reformation, driven by the conviction that the theology being developed by the theologians of the Protestant Reformation was more faithful to the teaching of the Bible and the Early Church than the teaching of those who continued to support the Pope.

In the reign of Mary Tudor, the Church of England once again submitted to Papal authority. However, this policy was reversed when Elizabeth I came to the throne in 1558.

The religious settlement that eventually emerged in the reign of Elizabeth gave the Church of England the distinctive identity that it has retained to this day. It resulted in a Church that consciously retained a large amount of continuity with the Church of the Patristic and Medieval periods in terms of its use of the catholic creeds, its pattern of ministry, its buildings and aspects of its liturgy, but which also embodied Protestant insights in its theology and in the overall shape of its liturgical practice. The way that this is often expressed is by saying that the Church of England is both 'catholic and reformed.'

At the end of the 16th century Richard Hooker produced the classic defence of the Elizabethan settlement in his *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*, a work which sought to defend the Church of England against its Puritan critics who wanted further changes to make the Church of England more like the churches of Geneva or Scotland.

An established Church

In the 17th century continuing tensions within the Church of England over theological and liturgical issues were among the factors that led to the English Civil War. The Church was associated with the losing Royalist side and during the period of the Commonwealth from 1649-1660 its bishops were abolished and its prayer book, the *Book of Common Prayer*, was banned. With the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 this situation was reversed and in 1662 those clergy who could not accept this decision were forced to leave their posts. These dissenting clergy and their congregations were then persecuted until 1689 when the Toleration Act gave legal existence to those Protestant groups outside the Church of England who accepted the doctrine of the Trinity.

The settlement of 1689 has remained the basis of the constitutional position of the Church of England ever since, a constitutional position in which the Church of England has remained the established Church with a range of particular legal privileges and responsibilities, but with ever increasing religious and civil rights being granted to other Christians, those of other faiths and those professing no faith at all.

As well as being the established Church in England, the Church of England has also become the mother church of the Anglican Communion, a group of separate churches that are in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury and for whom he is the focus of unity.

A comprehensive Church

The history of the Church of England from the 18th century onwards has been enriched by the co-existence within it of three broad traditions, the Evangelical, the Catholic and the Liberal.

- The Evangelical tradition has emphasized the significance of the Protestant aspects of the Church of England's identity, stressing the importance of the authority of Scripture, preaching, justification by faith and personal conversion.
- The Catholic tradition, strengthened and reshaped from the 1830s by the Oxford movement, has emphasized the significance of the continuity between the Church of England and the Church of the Early and Medieval periods. It has stressed the importance of the visible Church and its sacraments and the belief that the ministry of bishops, priests and deacons is a sign and instrument of the Church of England's Catholic and apostolic identity.

- The Liberal tradition has emphasized the importance of the use of reason in theological exploration. It has stressed the need to develop Christian belief and practice in order to respond creatively to wider advances in human knowledge and understanding and the importance of social and political action in forwarding God's kingdom.

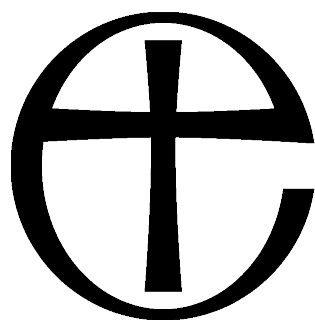
It should be noted that these three traditions have not existed in strict isolation. Both in the case of individuals and in the case of the Church as a whole, influences from all three traditions have overlapped in a whole variety of different ways. It also needs to be noted that since the 1960's a fourth influence, the Charismatic movement, has become increasingly important. This has emphasized the importance of the Church being open to renewal through the work of the Holy Spirit. Its roots lie in Evangelicalism but it has influenced people from a variety of different traditions.

A Church committed to mission and unity

From the 18th century onwards the Church of England has also been faced with a number of challenges that it continues to face today.

- There has been the challenge of responding to social changes in England such as population growth, urbanisation and the development of an increasingly multi-cultural and multi-faith society.
- There has been the challenge of engaging in mission in a society that has become increasingly materialist in outlook and in which belief in God or interest in 'spiritual' matters is not seen as being linked to involvement with the life of the Church.
- There has been the challenge of providing sufficient and sufficiently trained clergy and lay ministers to enable the Church of England to carry out its responsibility to provide ministry and pastoral care for every parish in the country.
- There has been the challenge of trying to overcome the divisions of the past by developing closer relationships between the Church of England and other churches and trying to move with them towards the goal of full visible unity.

As this brief account has shown, the changes that have taken place in the Church of England over the centuries have been many and various. What has remained constant, however, has been the Church's commitment to the faith 'uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds,' its maintenance of the traditional three fold order of ministry, and its determination to bring the grace of God to the whole nation through word and sacrament in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Notes from the environment officer

In my kitchen I have a large bag hanging on the door for all the plastic containers that we accumulate during the week. In fact it is for anything plastic that I come across, it fills up remarkably quickly causing at least a twice weekly trip to the container designated for plastic waste. People are now made aware of how the world is being damaged by the excess use of plastic everywhere. Shops are now charging for plastic bags which will hopefully make us all think and bring our own bags with us. We used to do this in the past so we should go back to this good practice. Future generations will not thank us if we do not tackle this problem. The resources of our planet are finite not infinite, if everyone starts to put their plastic in the containers then this is a step in the right direction.

Tips for saving water:

1. Only fill your kettle with the amount that you require (I have been inclined in the past to fill it to the top when making a cup of coffee for myself).
2. Rather than let the tap run to have a cold drink fill a jug and put it in the fridge.

Jennifer A. Thomas – Nisbet, Environment Officer



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Fourth Wednesday each month Tuition: € 12.00 per lesson

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Matthew 28: 5, 6

“And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

King James Version (KJV)

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