

Pastor's welcome

Thank you for visiting our website. If you live in the Hague area of the Netherlands, let me assure you that you are most welcome to join the Trinity International family on Sundays at 10.30 am for Sunday Worship. We have a nursery for little children and a great Children's Church for older children.

In his grace, the Lord led me and my wife Gillian to accept the call to serve Trinity in mid-2015. Since 1986 we served the Lord in South Africa and Germany before obeying the call to join Trinity. There are many challenges facing a truly international church like Trinity. Our people come from many different nations, cultures and church backgrounds, but both Gillian and I know that this is the ministry God has called us to and he has given us a deep love for international people.

In Trinity we seek to find unity in our diversity, but above all we seek to find our unity and identity in Jesus Christ and in his Word, the Bible. We are unashamedly Christ-centred and Bible-focussed in all we do. Our supreme purpose is to glorify God and to worship and enjoy him forever.

On a personal note, the text that has guided my Christian walk has been: 2 Timothy 2:2 *And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.* Discipleship is my passion: To see people come to faith in Jesus Christ; grow in their relationship him and his people and to grow and develop in service for Christ and his people. Another passion of mine is joy. My personal motto, forged through trials and difficulty is: *Radiating the joy of knowing Jesus.*

My orders from God in regard to preaching and pastoral ministry are found in 2 Timothy 4:1-5:

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. (ESV)

It is my calling, joy and humble privilege to proclaim God's Word. The aim is to remain faithful to God's holy word and to apply his word to our lives today, seeking to proclaim God's word in an expository way, always ensuring that the point of the passage of Scripture is the point of the message from the pulpit. As a servant of God's Word, I do not decide on a topic and then go looking in the Bible for a text that will support my topic. On the contrary, soaking myself in the Word until I hear God speaking from the passage we are dealing with, I prepare carefully and in reliance on the Holy Spirit and then expound and apply the central truth of the passage. This is essential if we are to maintain sound teaching.

If you want to listen to sermons online, you can find them under the 'media' section of the website, or on youtube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCGSgW4GDCNRQc9ScOsuIOfQ

If you want to know more about how you can be a part of Trinity International Church, please contact us. Email: office@trinitychurch.nl Church office telephone: **070-517 8024**

We look forward to meeting you soon.



Dave and Gillian Stemmett
Radiating the joy of knowing Jesus