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project

Church garden, Joannes de Doper parish

location

Hoofddorp

designer

Frits van Loon

partners

Groengroep b.v. Yolanda Boekhoudt

client

Pastor K. van Lent Parish Board

size

1.2 ha

year of design

1999 - 2000



pond

Design of the church garden gives rest and energy

Pastor Van Lent of the Joannes de Doper Church in Hoofddorp had a dream: his dream was a place for now and later, where people could come to rest and acquire new energy - and not just in the church, but also in the garden. The pastor was most concerned about the garden. Since the garden was poorly used there was a risk that the church would respond to any future financial problem by selling land.

Ornamental lake links the various areas

His dream has now largely been fulfilled. The design has made an entirety of the fragmented land by reducing the number of subareas and enhancing their individual identities. A distinction can be made between the churchyard, the hidden garden, the cut-flower garden, and grassland. An ornamental lake in the centre of the garden links the various areas. The character of these areas can be linked to a story, a region, or a passage from the Bible. The planting is adjusted accordingly. A rectangular system of paths has been laid out to provide for an appropriate experience of these areas and the entire garden. The paths enable visitors to walk a number of rounds around the garden.





An eye for detail

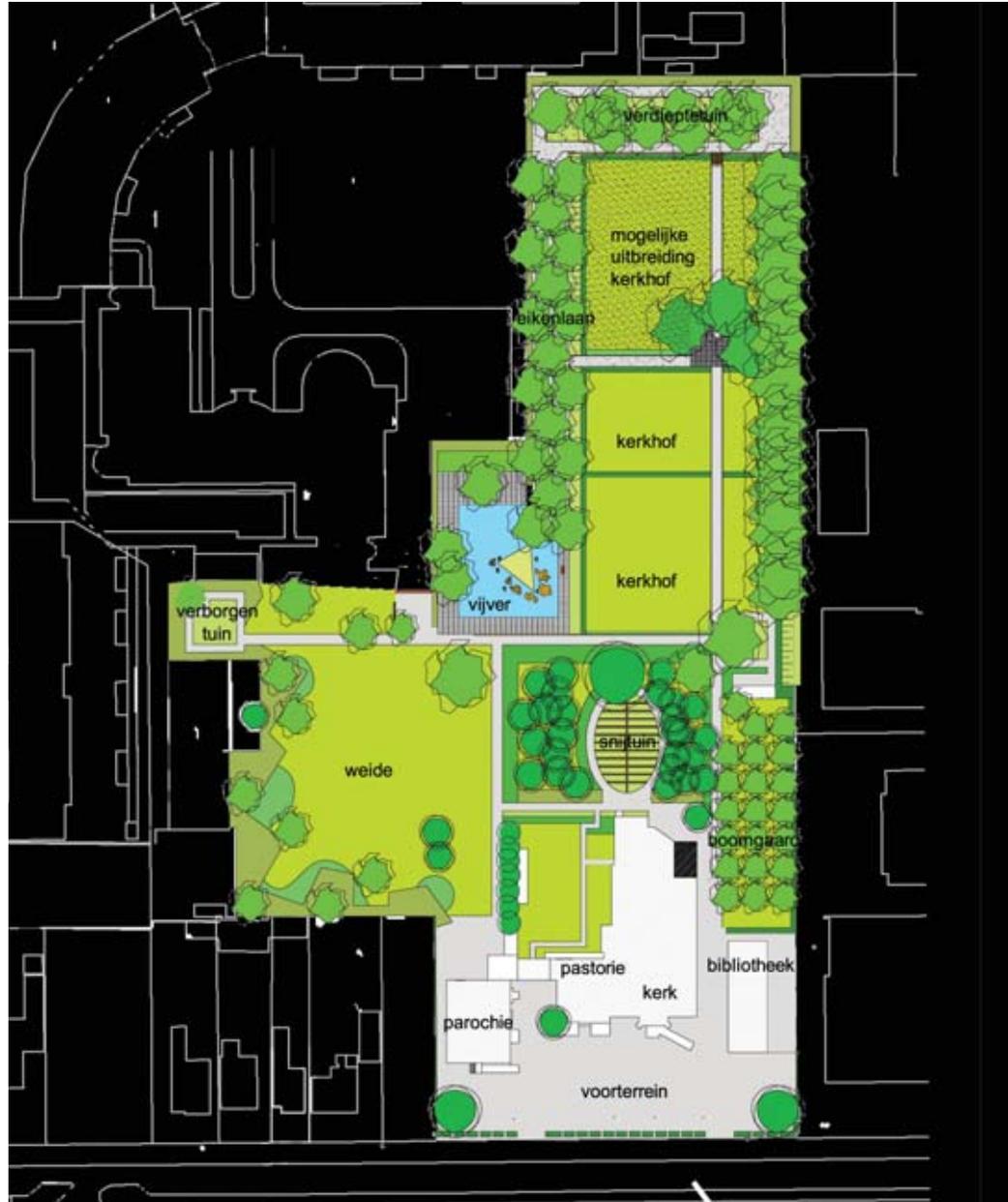
The garden has been designed with an eye for detail. The walls required for the project were built using a new method on which bricks are glued together. The benefits this offers are clearest at the ornamental lake, where a one-brick wall has been built from vertical glued bricks. Special concrete slabs of a non-standard dimension (75 x 150 cm) were designed for the paving around the ornamental lake. These bear the imprint of a fish. The gravel is strengthened with paving mesh. The transition between the gravel and tiles is given shape by fastening wooden decking under the tiles.



oak lane



flower garden



plan and surroundings