



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

The naming of Jesus  
1 January 2023

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 1, January 2023

##### **10:30 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

[Zoom: YouTube](#)

##### **14:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: John Wilkinson  
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

[YouTube](#)

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Contact our Interim Youth Coordinator [Philip Milton](#) for more details about children's and youth activities.

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**Numbers 6:22-27** In three succinct phrases, this ancient formula expresses the context in which God's people live. We are under the personal care of God. He gives us his gracious gifts and looks on us with affection and care. God will oversee our lives and fulfil them. That word 'peace' speaks of enjoying the full abundance of life. Indeed, the blessing extends to carrying God's name like a surname. We are part of his family.

**Psalm 8** There is a particular majesty in the way in which God brings together the vastness and wonder of his created universe with his intimate involvement in the human project. That combination shows itself through God's careful involvement with every aspect of creation. He is concerned with the glory of the heavens as with the babblings of a baby. He does not just care for humanity. He elevates us, next to himself. It is above all God's entering our state, which we celebrate at Christmas, that raises us.

**Galatians 4:4-7** Paul speaks of how the coming of Jesus Christ, God's son, born of a woman, a Jewish boy, has transformed our relationship with God. He uses the picture of adoption to show how we have been moved from the situation of a slave to that of a privileged child, expectant of all the riches of inheritance, able to speak to God with intimacy, as to a parent.

**Luke 2:15-21** Only when the shepherds follow up the heavenly vision and go to see for themselves can they find confirmation of the sign of which they had been told. Sharing what they have seen and heard, they praise and glorify God. As Mary treasures these things, Jesus is circumcised and named in accordance with the law. There is much for us to ponder in these words.

#### **Pointers for Prayer**

- Pray for those who have not yet found the reality of the personal love which God offers them;
- Meditate on how we benefit from living under the blessing of God;
- Ponder and treasure the whole richness of God's care for each of us against the scale and wonder of his creation. Then let's praise him.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

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**The Prayer Chain**

welcomes requests for  
prayer for any situation  
with complete  
confidentiality. Please  
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We can look back on a very eventful Advent and Christmas season. We give thanks for a great variety of activities and services, and we rejoice in the large number of people we could welcome at church. We would like to thank everyone who has made this possible. Whether you helped with welcoming, cleaning, coffee, Community Kitchen cooking, singing, music making, organising, shopping, streaming, reading, administration, praying, inviting your neighbours, fixing things, flower arranging, preaching....it was all part of a warm and welcoming worshipping and community experience. THANK YOU! - Paul

We said goodbye to **Guido Bowen** at Christmas as he returns to the UK for part 2 (out of three) of his MES year in the parishes of Willingdon & Hampden Park in East Sussex. He will be back with us after Easter, but in the meantime, we pray that God will continue to bless and guide him in the next stage of his ministry and discernment of vocation. We now look forward to **Teus Vermeer** being back with us from mid-January until Easter. Please be ready to welcome him!

**Chris and Susie Martin's daughter Joanna** sadly died on 21 December, almost exactly 4 months since she was diagnosed with cancer in mid-August. Chris was a locum chaplain here for many months between 2013 and 2017 and continues to lead the Men's Retreats. Please pray for Chris and Susie, for Joanna's husband Craig, their daughters Amelia and Eloise, and Jeremy her brother. Joanna's funeral will take place on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for them.

A few weeks ago, our beloved sister and dear friend Rie Arthern (Maria van Rijssel) passed away at the age of 99. We thank the Lord for her deep faith, love and friendship. Rie was an amazing, generous human being, who treasured her independence. She and her husband Peter, who passed away several years ago, arrived at Holy Trinity Brussels in the seventies. Rie's passing is the end of an era. A **thanksgiving service will take place on Saturday, 21st January 2023 at 14:30** at the All Saints Church, Woodchurch TN26 3QJ. [More details can be found here.](#)

**Reducing our Carbon footprint** Brussels Region is bringing in legislation to reduce waste from catering activities. For more info [please read their brochure](#) which is also pinned in the church lobby. This means that we will need to serve drinks in reusable cups from now on. You can help by bringing your own 'keep-cup' to church each week – this will mean less washing up for the coffee team! To know more, please speak to our churchwardens Jane and Philippa or Zélie of the Environment Committee.

**Ministries Fayre** The new date will be in **January, the 29th**.

If you are new or visiting us for the first time, and would like to stay in touch, please [sign up here](#) to receive our weekly newsletter.

A short video on how the HTB Donation Station works can be found here: <https://youtu.be/OrwzqZ-WJA>

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**Online Morning and  
Night Prayer**

On weekday mornings at 9:00 some of us from the various congregations join together to pray. We use the app found at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

Everyday the congregation is different, you may know the people you may not but we join together as children of God. The service lasts about 15 minutes. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success> and the password htb.

On weekday evenings at 21:00 some of us from the various congregations join together to pray. We use the app found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>. Everyday the congregation is different, you may know the people, you may not but we join together as children of God. The service lasts about 20 minutes. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success> and the password htb.

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**Please avoid taking photos or videos during the Service unless you have sought prior permission to do so.**  
**Thank you!**

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**Help with church website** Do you have experience with website support? Holy Trinity is looking for a volunteer to help with the church website. Please email [annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be) to learn more.

**Can you join a Team? ...** We need **Service hosts, Coffee team and Crèche helpers** for the 10:30 service. If you would like to volunteer for these, and other church activities, feel welcome to [register here](#).

## The Wider Church

Available for rent: a two bedroom fully furnished apartment at Plasky, Schaarbeek, close to parks and the European quartier. [See full details here](#). Contact [Nelegeuns@gmail.com](mailto:Nelegeuns@gmail.com).

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