



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

3 before Advent
6 November 2022

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 6 November, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

10:30 AAW Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger/Philip Milton
Preaching: Arttu MäKipää

[Zoom](#); [YouTube](#)

14:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Eric Sibomana/Charles Kabera
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Annie Bolger

[Zoom](#); [YouTube](#)

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

Wednesday 9, November 2022

12:30 Holy Communion

Preacher & Leader
Annie Bolger

Job 19:23-27 The wonderful poems that make up the book of Job are a meditation on undeserved suffering. Job is convinced that when he stands before God, he will find justice. He longs for a redeemer who could bring him to that situation. Christians see this longing fulfilled in Jesus.

Psalm 17 The psalmist, oppressed by the wicked who surround him, yet sure that he has kept faith, seeks justice from the God of steadfast love. The psalm has a lovely picture of God's servant as the apple of his eye, guarded under his wing as a chick is protected by the mother bird. This lovely feminine image of God is in stark contrast to the manoeuvres of the wicked. Whatever their tricks, the psalmist is sure that he will find justice with God.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end Before the return of Jesus, his people will have to face many difficulties. But we should not overlook the fact that we are the first fruits of the kingdom. Paul's message to the church is to stand fast in the faith. Jesus has won our salvation for us and nothing can take that from us. Now is the time for good works on the basis of that salvation.

Luke 20:27-38 Jesus makes it plain that clever human argument cannot stand between us and the eternal love of God. We find it difficult to imagine the resurrection and what it will be like. But we can trust God that he has things in store for us that are beyond our imagining. We are called to be servants of the living God, the One of whose mighty works the Bible tells us. The question is: have we the courage to put our lives in his hands?

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for those who face injustice in the world to know God's vindication;
- Have we a secure foundation that will enable us to stand firm against trouble?
- We can call on God to guard us as the apple of his eye, to hide us in the shadow of his wings: the counterpart is that we put our trust in the God of the living.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 7th November** at 19:30 via Zoom. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office at admin@holytrinity.be. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or [the wardens](#).

Gift account for pledges and donations:

The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl
IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

Donations to the Community Kitchen

@HTB ASBL Gift Account
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The Prayer Chain

welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on janine.vrolijk@gmail.com or Carole Ludlow on celudlow@gmail.com.

A note from the Treasurer about energy costs. Our energy supplier has raised our monthly contribution from €736 to €2,011 starting in November. Gas accounts for 75% of the charge and should help us to understand the Council decision to reduce the heating in church from 19°C to 15.5°C. We trust that this move will soften the blow and keep the actual charge below the estimate of the energy supplier.

Please pray for John Wilkinson, who, with Guido, will be making one of his regular visits to the Catholic Apostolic Church in Châtelet this afternoon, to preach and lead their service.

Seniors' Autumn tea party

We will hold an in-person tea party at the home of Pam Clements at 31 Avenue Leopold III, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem on **Wednesday, 23 November** from **15:00 to 17:30**. You are welcome to come along! Please let admin@holytrinity.be or Pam Clements (pamclements@outlook.com / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend.

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](#).

Our annual **Men's Retreat** with the German-speaking Protestant Church in Belgium (DEGB) will be held at **Maredsous Abbey** in the Ardennes from the evening of **Friday 11 to the afternoon of Sunday 13 November**, and will be led by former HTB Associate Chaplain, Chris Martin, and KU Leuven theologian, Armin Kummer. For more information and registration details, please see the [flyer](#) on the notice board in the church lobby.

Advent Meditations We are starting to organise Holy Trinity meditations. These are meditations written by members of our congregations. Each meditation is based on a reading from the daily lectionary. We assign the days; you choose which of the four readings on which to write a few lines. If you would like to write a meditation, please let us know. Jane and David Brown jmdjbrown@gmail.com or 0471 06 07 11.

Ministries Fayre 13 November is proving to be a busier day than we anticipated. Consequently, we are having to postpone the Ministries Fayre again. The new date will be in **January, the 29th**.

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 to learn more.

The latest edition of the magazine **European Anglicans** is available [here](#).

**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.

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

Thank you!

It has been mentioned by some that it is difficult to have a conversation in the Walker Hall after the morning service because there is too much noise. We would like to assess to what extent this is a problem. If you have any comments on this issue, please send them to Daniel – Daniel.Maleki@holytrinity.be. Thank you! – Sue Bird, Facilities Working Group.

Want to help make St Nicolas special? Please join our 2022 'Have a Heart' campaign!

Holy Trinity is once again about to launch our 'Have a Heart' campaign where all proceeds will go to the children and young adolescents at [Les Cailloux](#). At present, we are waiting for the list of gifts that the children would like to receive and once received next week, we will send a message out asking you to buy a gift for a particular child. In the meantime, if you already know you would like to participate, please contact Geraldine Barry (Geraldine.barry@ec.europa.eu).

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: A member of our congregation Johnson Oyero who attends our 10:30 services is looking for a furnished studio for rent. His budget is 500-600eur/month. He needs to vacate his current apartment by the 25 November. If you could be of help please email johnsonoyero22@gmail.com or WhatsApp +39 3533727428 or call him directly on +32 498 135715.

The Wider Church

FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels offers the following:

Sunday 13th Nov. 15.00 -17.00 (Zoom event)

'Companionship with Jesus and its intrinsic relationship with caring for our World'

Saturday 19th Nov.10.30 - 13.00

'Come as you are, that's how I want you' (Paul Gurr) (Potluck lunch included in timetable)

Sunday 27th Nov. 15.00 - 17.30

'Advent Retreat' (in person). (Potluck supper included in timetable)

For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email fcj@fcjcentre.be, or tel.02 348 9561

Vineyard Brussels will be hosting two events – one is an **All-age event on 13 November** and the other is a **youth concert on 18 November** with a troupe of Native American musicians and dancers. There is a [detailed poster](#) up in the church lobby. For more info visit their websites "Broken Walls" (music, culture, and respect) - <http://brokenwalls.com/> and "Carry The Cure" (suicide prevention) - <https://www.carrythecure.org/>

Be part of Research If you are over 65 years of age and would like to contribute and be part of a patients & carers council, send an email to info@besafe.eu. More info available on www.be_safe.eu and the poster in the church lobby.

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