



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent  
7 November 2021

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 7 November, 2021

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: Paul Vrolijk  
Preaching: Jonathan Halliwell

**10:30 All Age Worship (with)  
Holy Communion**

Leading: Paul Vrolijk  
Preaching: Jonathan Halliwell

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

**14:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: Charles Kabera  
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: Mags Bird  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

#### Wednesday 10 November, 2021

**12:30 Holy Communion**

Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

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Contact our Children's  
and Youth worker [Anna  
Zödi](#) for more details  
about children's and  
youth activities.

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**Jonah 3:1-5** Jonah finds himself charged with a major and unexpected task – to proclaim God's word to Ninevah. The audience is vast and probably hostile. These are the people whose armies had conquered Israel. Jonah obeys (he has learned a lesson!) and, to his surprise, his message is well received. One man's committed obedience to God can have extraordinary consequences.

**Psalms 62** This psalm tells us of the experience gained by one who has been through hard times and has learned to rely on God. Although his opponents seek his overthrow, with the help of treachery and deceit, the psalmist sees that men and their ill-gotten wealth are of little significance. There is only one reliable source of strength: God. The psalmist commends to others this truth that he has learned through experience: that true rest comes only through trusting the strong and loving God.

**Hebrews 9:24-28** What Jesus has done for us goes far beyond the useful things done by worthy people on our behalf down the years. He has gone right to the heart of things and has appeared on our behalf, before God, in the court of heaven. By his self-giving, he has done away with sin forever.

**Mark 1:14-20** Here we have Jesus' basic message. The kingdom of God, the ruling of God in our lives, is at hand. This is the moment for action. Repentance is about turning, turning away from the world towards God. Simon, Andrew, James and John understand Jesus' call in just this way. They turn from their worldly preoccupations with their fishing business, to follow Jesus. Where will this lead them ?

### Pointers for prayer

- Remember before God, with thanksgiving, all those who have courageously answered his call;
- Are our lives focused on the world, or on the kingdom of God? The readings are clear that focus on the world is misplaced. Is it time to turn?
- Pray for all those who receive God's call to have the courage to respond. Is he calling me and, if so, to what?
- Pray for all those who suffer under the tyranny of sin that the liberating action of Jesus may set them free.

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*Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be). If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or [the wardens](#).*

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**To hold services in church, we need more hosts!**

*As we now have increased numbers at services of worship, we must keep everyone COVID-safe! Three volunteers are needed for each service to welcome and direct people, dispense hand sanitizer, maintain social distancing, etc. Training is available and a handy manual is prepared with clear instructions. Please let the office know or email Sunil (for 10:30 service only) at [gsunilj@gmail.com](mailto:gsunilj@gmail.com) if you would like to help, which services you are available for, and which dates. Thank you!*

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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](mailto:janine.vrolijk@gmail.com) or Carole Ludlow on [celudlow@gmail.com](mailto:celudlow@gmail.com).*

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

**Please continue to reserve a place to attend any Sunday services** (not counting children aged 12 and under). This can be done through your My ChurchSuite account or the [church website calendar](#). You can also message/Whatsapp +32 460 950449 or email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) and we will make a reservation for you.

The following measures are in place to keep us COVID-safe in church:

- \* Keep 1,5m distance at all times.
- \* Use the alcohol gel when you enter church.
- \* Masks are obligatory for everyone.
- \* Soft singing is allowed beneath masks.

**'Hybrid worship'** (following and participating in the service in church and online) will continue for Sunday services at 10:30, 14:00 and 18:00.

## Seniors Autumn tea party

We will hold an in-person tea party at the home of Pam Clements (**Saturday, 27 November**) from **15:00 to 16:30**. You are welcome to come along! Please let [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) or Pam Clements ([pamclements@outlook.com](mailto:pamclements@outlook.com) / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend.

**For your diaries** We will be organising a **cleaning day of the church** some time this month. Watch this space! If you would like to participate, please email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be)

**Advent Meditations** It is time to compile our 'book' of meditations for Advent. This is a 'book' of meditations based on the daily lectionary. We assign you a day, you choose a reading and write a few lines on that Bible passage. It is thoughts for the day that our congregation think on during Advent, the time of preparation for the festival of Christmas. If you would like to write a meditation please contact us, David and Jane Brown ([jmdibrown@gmail.com](mailto:jmdibrown@gmail.com) or 0471 06 07 11).

**Living in Love and Faith** How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church? When there are strongly held differences among us, we are tempted to form like-minded groups or factions. We can all play a part in seeking unity in our Church as well as in the wider community. This course in five video-based sessions, encourages us to find creative ways to grow and learn together in the love of Christ. If you would like to be involved in such a group course please contact Jane Brown ([jbrown19203@gmail.com](mailto:jbrown19203@gmail.com) or 0471 06 07 11) or the church office ([admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be)).

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**Flowers** If you would like to sponsor the flowers that decorate the church each week, whether in memory of a loved one, celebration of a special event or thanksgiving for answered prayer, do sign up on the calendar in the lobby or contact Carol de Lusignan directly via email ([carol.delusignan@skynet.be](mailto:carol.delusignan@skynet.be))  
The Flower Team would greatly appreciate this support of their ministry.

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**Morning and Night Prayer**  
Would you like to join others at HTB for prayer? Heather Roy is overseeing this ministry and if you have any questions, please email her at [heather.roy@gmail.com](mailto:heather.roy@gmail.com). Join us at the following links, from Monday to Friday:

- Morning Prayer – 9:00  
([Zoom link](#); Meeting ID 828 0903 6058)
- Night Prayer/Compline – 21:00 ([Zoom link](#); Meeting ID 898 3749 9334)

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## Peace and Conflict Transformation Ministry update

The training programme for this ministry has now started since Saturday 16 October and will run until February 2022. There are 20 participants in total (FR and EN). The English speaking group meets on Mondays on Zoom from 20:00-22:00 and the French speaking group on Wednesdays on Zoom at the same time. Please pray for this new ministry at HTB and place those in training in God's hands. 'Blessed are the peacemakers'. Another round of training will start in March 2022. If you would like to enrol please email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) and we will put you on a waiting list.

## Spotlight: Home Groups

At Holy Trinity, a variety of groups meet on a regular basis to share the life of faith together. Home groups offer a space where you can make friends, learn more about the Christian tradition and scriptures, pray together and grow in faith. If you are interested in joining a group or starting/hosting one, please contact Annie Bolger ([annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be))

**Paul will be taking a sabbatical leave of 3 months** starting from 17 January. He hopes to use this time away for deep rest, prayer, retreat, study and some writing, especially on the topic of resilience.

**Important notice about church key cards.** The keycards that we use to gain access to church buildings are expensive and time consuming for the church to acquire as they have to be programmed by Chubb, the supplier of the door security system. Our stocks are running low and yet there are many keycards held by members of the church community which are not used. The Administrator is therefore asking that if you have a keycard in your possession but no longer need it, please return it to the office. The keycard could be dropped in the letter box or sent through the post to Holy Trinity, Rue Capitaine Crespel 29, 1050 Bruxelles. Thank you for helping us to restore our stock of keycards.

**The office is overstocked with paper.** If you would like to buy a pack for your home printer the price is €2.50 per pack of 500 sheets A4 white. Contact the Administrator [cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be](mailto:cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be)

## Accommodation wanted

for one quiet retiree. A studio flat or room with washing facilities and shared kitchen would suffice. Ready to pay fair rent.  
Call Rita on 0470 11 77 63.

## The Wider Church

On 7 November 2021, one of the charities supported by Holy Trinity, **Christian Solidarity Worldwide**, is organising an online prayer event along with Open Doors, Release International and Evangelical Alliance, to mark this year's International Day of Prayer (IDOP) for the Persecuted Church. For more information and resources please visit <https://www.csw.org.uk/idop>

**A Men's Retreat** will take place at Maredsous Abbey **from Friday 12-Sunday 14 November**; led by Chris Martin (Edinburgh) and Armin Kummer (Leuven). For registration details and other info please [download this document](#).

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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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*Gift account for pledges and donations:*

*The Friends of Holy Trinity  
Brussels asbl*

*IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187  
(new bank account!)*

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**Godspace** is organising a quiet afternoon - 'An invitation to wait' on **27 November from 13:30 to 16:30** at St Anthony's Church Kraainem. For full details of the programme and how to sign up, [go here](#).

**Brussels International Singers** are holding their Christmas Carols Concert on 17 December at 19:30. For all details, [download their poster](#).

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**Central Committee of the Anglican Church in Belgium (based at HTB)**

**Chaplain-President:** The Revd Canon Prof Jack McDonald

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