

# HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

#### Epiphany 8 January 2023

#### Worship this week

#### Sunday 8, January 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Paul Vrolijk/ Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

#### Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy Communion Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa Preaching: Grace West

#### YouTube

18:00 Service of the Word Leading: Arttu Mäkipää Preaching: Mags Bird

Contact our Interim Youth Coordinator Philip Milton for more details about children's and youth activities.

#### Wednesday, 11 January 2023

#### 12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching: Stephen Murray

### Our readings this week

**Isaiah 60:1-6** This is literally a glorious vision. It describes the effect when God reveals himself to the world from among his people. It will be like great light shining in darkness, drawing people from all over the world, nations, rulers, even infants in arms. Those whose eyes are lifted enough to see what is happening will come bearing their gifts.

**Psalm 72** This is a psalm sung for a king, a prayer that his reign may bring in all the rich blessings that come from God. They are worth enumerating. He is called to uphold justice, to care for the poor and the oppressed and to bring in the order of creation that enables a general growth of good things in the land. The psalm prays for his reign to be recognised in homage throughout the world, to bring a time of great and enduring blessing to all. It is God who is to be praised for all this!

**Ephesians 3:1-12** God's truth is made known to the world through the gospel, of which we are all bearers. Paul saw clearly the boundless riches that God was making available to those who may have known nothing of him. He took seriously his own calling to help them lay hold of this wonderful gift. We do not just see the glory of God revealed. We are called on to share it.

**Matthew 2:1-12** Wise men seeking the new ruler, following the star, so nearly to disaster but finally to discovery of something quite different from what they must have expected. In their overwhelming joy they bow down in worship. Gratefully handing over the riches of the world, they depart, their lives engaged on a new path. Did ever a story so capture the minds of generations of hearers as this?

#### Pointers for prayer

- If we are to be able to glimpse the glory, we must be prepared to lift our eyes. Are we too focused on the dark corners of the world?
- Pray that the focus of our lives may point others to the rich gifts of God;
- Pause before the vision of glory. Then respond in worship.

## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 9th January** 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 <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u>. If you have any questions, please contact your <u>Council representatives or the wardens.</u>

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 IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423 BIC code: BBRUBEBB

#### 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. At the 14:00 service this Sunday, we will be baptising **Graiglin Osoh Ndingi** and **Bryan Tombi Ndingi**, children of **Alice Amah** and **Samuel Ndingi**. We welcome them and their parents and families into our church community.

**Reducing our Carbon footprint** Brussels Region is bringing in legislation to reduce waste from catering activities. For more info <u>please read</u> <u>their brochure</u> 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! Why not get a Community Kitchen mug...and support the work of Community Kitchen? Suggested donation 10-15 Euro. To know more, please speak to our churchwardens Jane and Philippa or Zélie of the Environment Committee.

The **Ministry Fayre** is finally happening on **29 January** down in the Walker Hall after the 10:30 service. Come and meet who does what in our community. The warm hearts as well as the faces behind the Service Wardens and the coffee urn. Thank those unseen artists behind the floral delights. Be bold, be brave, join a team. Share your talents. Develop a new expertise. Join a homegroup. Try a different service. We are a multifaceted community. Contact: jbrown19203@gmail.com.

If you are new or visiting us for the first time, and would like to stay in touch, please <u>sign up here</u> to receive our weekly newsletter.

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

**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 <u>annie.bolger@holytrinity.be</u> 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 <u>register here</u>.

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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 <u>https://www.chpublishing.co.</u> <u>uk/apps/time-to-pray</u> 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/82 809036058#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.churchofenglan d.org/prayer-andworship/join-us-service-dailyprayer. 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/89 837499334#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!

## **The Wider Church**

Available for rent: a two bedroom fully furnished apartment at Plasky, Schaarbeek, close to parks and the European quartier. <u>See full details here.</u> Contact <u>Nelegeuns@gmail.com.</u>

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