



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Advent 2  
4 December 2022

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 4, December 2022

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
John Wilkinson

**10:30 AAW with Holy Communion**

Leading: Ruth Faber/John Wilkinson  
Preaching: Jacob Quick

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

**14:00 Service of the Word**

Leading: Grace West  
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: John Wilkinson  
Preaching: Guido Bowen

[Zoom](#); [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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#### Wednesday 7, December 2022

**12:30 Holy Communion**

Preaching & Leading:  
Annie Bolger

**19:30 Light in Darkness**

On this second Sunday in Advent, our readings point us to the kingdom that Christ brings and urge us to prepare for it.

**Isaiah 11:1-10** This is a promise of a vigorous successor to David, son of Jesse. His rule will be distinguished by spiritual blessing, which will show in his wisdom, his righteous and equitable government and the profound peace to which it leads. And this peace will extend to all nations. The picture of a world immersed in the knowledge of the Lord is indeed an attractive one.

**Psalms 72** The king for whom the psalmist longs will be just and his righteous rule will care for the weak and needy, be done with violence and oppression and bring in enduring prosperity. Sustained by the people's prayers, his universal reign will refresh the earth like showers. It is a time of God's peace. Christians look to Christ, not Solomon, to fulfill this longing.

**Romans 15:4-13** Paul sees Jesus as the fulfillment of the hopes of the people of God down the ages. In particular he sees this in the way the gentiles have been ready to embrace Jesus. For him, this is the fulfillment of ancient longing. What is now important is that the different strands in the church unite around Jesus. Is there any less need of such a message of hope today?

**Matthew 3:1-12** John the Baptist came preaching repentance. John's call is demanding, his preaching full of urgency. It is high time for us to get moving, for anyone who does not play their part may be consigned to the fire, like so much rubbish. The key to the time of peace that Jesus will bring is repentance, turning back to God.

#### Pointers for prayer

- Righteousness begins with care for the weak and rejection of oppression
- God intends his peace to be for all people, not just a few
- It is Jesus' acceptance of all people that enables us to unite around him
- Our attempts to shut others out of the kingdom call for repentance
- May the earth be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

# Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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This morning, Annie is away officiating at the service at St George's, Ieper, while Jean-Bosco is officiating at the Anglican church, Liège.

Details of **Holy Trinity's programme for the Advent & Christmas period** can be found on our website over [here](#).

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Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity  
Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

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**Advent Meditations** The meditations, one for each day of Advent and for the festival day of Christmas too are available daily online on the Holy Trinity [Facebook page](#) and on the [blog](#) or in pdf form on the [church website](#) for you to print at home. For those who'd like a copy, please request one from [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be).

**Advent Home Group** If your preparations for Christmas are a bit thin spiritually, why not visit a home group for the Advent season? We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 19:30 in Schaerbeek beginning on November 29. First topic: why do we have Advent and what are we supposed to do with it? Contact Annie for further details: [annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)

**Advent Prayers Across Europe for Ukraine** Wednesday 7, 14 and 21 December 2022 18:30 CET (17:30 GMT) We look forward to welcoming you via YouTube (visit [youtube.com](https://youtube.com) and search 'Diocese in Europe')

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Donations to the  
**Community Kitchen**  
@HTB ASBL Gift Account  
IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423  
BIC code: BBRUBEBB

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This year, **Bishop Robert's Advent Appeal** is for the construction of a toilet block for the **Bishop Hannington School, Mumias, Kenya**. Read his letter [here](#) and get details on how to make a contribution. Contributions can also be made to The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187 with reference 'Bishop's advent appeal 2022', and we could pass on the donations to the Diocesan office.

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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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**Light In Darkness** is a service that acknowledges that the holiday season is not easy for many of us. It may remind us of someone we have lost, reopen wounds of the past, or intensify feelings of loneliness and isolation. It provides an opportunity to bring our sadness to God as the One who deeply and compassionately understands our pain. Regardless of the difficulties that threaten to overshadow your joy this season, you are welcome to come and join us in this safe, quiet service. The service is on **Wednesday 7 December at 19:30**.

**'Christmas Light: They Sang'** is a contemporary Carol Service led by the 6pm congregation to which all are welcome. The service is on **Sunday 11 December at 18:00**. It will be based around the four songs in Luke's account of the Nativity and infancy of Jesus, based on the course 'They Sang' by Amy Scott Robinson, and will include Christmas songs and carols, old and new.

**Autumn Garden Session** This Sunday, after the morning service (+/- 12:15), you can join the garden team to weed, plant, clean, admire, pot up ... in other words to prepare the garden for winter and next spring. Contact [manodoye@gmail.com](mailto:manodoye@gmail.com) if you need more info.

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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## Update on our 2022 'Have a Heart' campaign

Many thanks to all who have contributed so far to this year's 'Have a Heart' campaign for [Les Cailloux](#). This Sunday, 4 December, is your last chance to drop off your gift in the green sack that will be at the back of the church after each service so that we can ensure the presents are delivered in time for St Nicolas on 6 December. If you haven't managed to contribute yet but would like to support the cause, there is still time to make a bank transfer to the following account: **BE67 1030 7048 2187** with '**Have a Heart 2022**' as a reference. The campaign has also been added to Holy Trinity's Donation Station, an easy way to make contactless donations. If you have any difficulty with delivery of your gift to the church, please contact Geraldine Barry ([Geraldine.barry@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Geraldine.barry@ec.europa.eu)) to arrange an alternative solution.

**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@hollytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@hollytrinity.be) to learn more.

**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 church lobby. This means that we will need to serve drinks in reusable cups from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. 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**.

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

**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

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

Wednesdays (weekly): 10.30-11.45 and 19.30-20.45 (ZOOM)

Scripture Prayer: Lectio Divina

Sunday 4 December: 15.00-17.00 (ZOOM) Advent Retreat

**Many at Holy Trinity will miss Margaret and Joan's ministry and that of the house. Please pray for them as they bring this ministry to a close.**

For further information, visit [www.fcjcentre.be](http://www.fcjcentre.be) or, email [fcj@fcjcentre.be](mailto:fcj@fcjcentre.be), or tel.02 348 9561.

**BSO's (Bruocsella Symphony Orchestra)** annual children's concerts will take place on **10 & 11 December** this year. Several members of our congregation play in the orchestra, and other orchestra members play in HTB Carol Services. This year's concerts (narrated in EN FR or NL) have a sea theme - fabulous music, pirates, sea monsters and fun. Tickets available here: <https://bso-orchestra.be/>

A Christmas Gospel concert **“Sisters and Brothers”** will be held on the **16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December** in the W:Hall on Avenue Charles Thielemans in Woluwe Saint Pierre. For more details on ticket reservations see [poster](#) in church lobby.

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