



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Advent 2
5 December 2021

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 5 December, 2021

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Paul Vrolijk

Preaching: Jonathan Halliwell

**10:30 All age worship with
Holy Communion**

Leading: Paul Vrolijk/

Anna Zodi

Preaching: Ruth Faber

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

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Grace West

Preaching: John Wilkinson

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Holy Communion (Taizé)

Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

Wednesday 8 December, 2021

12:30 Holy Communion

Annie Bolger

*Sunday School groups
now meet in church.
Contact our Children's
and Youth worker [Anna
Zödi](#) for more details
about children's and
youth activities.*

Malachi 3:1-4 This is a warning to the religious people, perhaps in particular to religious leaders (hence the Levites), who "go through the motions". When God's messenger comes (which he will do suddenly and unexpectedly), he will sort things out in a way that some may find painful, so that real worship will be offered to God.

Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79) This beautiful song is uttered by Zechariah after the miraculous birth of John the Baptist. It has always had a special place in Christian worship, as we make Zechariah's prophetic insights our own. It praises God for fulfilling the ancient promise of redemption in a way that will reach out in mercy to all God's people, a work that is even then beginning. It also points to the role of God's partner(s) in bringing this good news before his people.

Luke 3:1-6 John's is a prophetic voice, for he has received the "word of the Lord". Luke is concerned to show that his prophecy began at a certain point in time and that it was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy of one who would prepare the way for God's redemption of his people. Look at how widely the gospel is to be spread – it is for everyone and John is to prepare the high road for his people to be gathered in.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for the witness of the church to be genuine and active, so that it may be pleasing to God;
- What obstacles need to be removed if all those living in darkness and the shadow of death are to be gathered in to God?
- We are all called to be God's partners in the work of the gospel. In what ways might I help?
- Give thanks to God for the privilege of worshipping him without fear.

**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 if you would like to help, which services you are available for, and which dates. Thank you!

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

Thank you!

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.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

The Covid situation in Brussels remains serious. Following the announcement by the Belgian government yesterday evening, we can report that for now nothing will change for us at Holy Trinity Brussels. **However, we would like to ask you to remain diligent in booking for services** through ChurchSuite or through the church calendar on our website: holytrinity.be/churchsuite-calendar. If you need any help, please email admin@holytrinity.be or call us. With a busy December month ahead of us, we would be very sorry if we had to turn people away at the door because we were full. Many thanks for your cooperation!

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 over 6 years of age.
- * 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.

A big thank you to those of you who turned up last Saturday to clean the church!

This year our **Bishop's Advent Appeal** is for European Climate Disaster Relief, focused on assisting agencies that are working in parts of Europe, as they bring support to those who are affected by man-made climate change. Full details on how to donate to the fund can be found [here](#).

Advent meditations booklet The meditations, one for each day of Advent and for the festival day of Christmas too are posted 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. *David & Jane Brown*

Holy Trinity is proud to serve as a collection point for the annual **Samaritans Shoebox Campaign**: "Because everyone deserves a Christmas present". We invite you to take part by bringing a filled box to the welcome table in the church foyer **between 4th-12th December** during the following hours:

Monday 9:00-12:00 and 14:00-19:00

Tuesday 9:00-12:00 and 19:00-21:00

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Saturday 10:30-16:30

Sunday 9:00-19:00

The shoe boxes should contain around 10 food & drink items (non-alcoholic, non-perishable, easy to open and ready to eat) and a season's greetings card. Please wrap the box before leaving it at our designated collection point. Many thanks for your offering!

Our programme of services for December can be found [here](#).

*Gift account for pledges
and donations:*

*The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl*

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

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.
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)

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 or 0471 06 07 11) or the church office (admin@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.

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.

One of our parishioners, Deanne Lehman Barnard, is looking for a room to rent in a private home from February. She would prefer to find something near Holy Trinity or Place Luxembourg, but elsewhere is also welcome. She intends to stay in Brussels an average of 10-12 consecutive days/month, and needs only very limited access to a refrigerator/kitchen. If you have an available room, you can contact her at: deanne.lehman@gmail.com or on her mobile telephone: +32 473 84 99 32.

The Wider Church

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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