



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Advent I
27 November 2022

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 27 November, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Eric Sibomana/Annie Bolger
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Grace West
Preaching: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Guido Bowen
Preaching: Jacob Quick

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

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

Sunday 27, November 2022

17:00 Evensong at the Chapel for Europe

Leading: John Wilkinson

Wednesday 30, November 2022

12:30 Holy Communion

Preaching & Leading:
Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

In Advent, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, we also prepare for the day when we will meet him face to face. Advent is a time for self-examination and for reflection on where our world is heading.

Isaiah 2:1-5 The Christian hope is that history is leading to a time when God will be acknowledged by all, a time of justice, peace and wisdom, when people will come to God for the settlement of all their problems. The timing of these events is not given. But this glorious vision should affect our behaviour.

Psalms 122 The theme is the joyful march of God's pilgrim people to their meeting with him in the place of judgement, truth, fair dealing and justice. This is not a solitary pilgrimage: God's people go together to meet him. The peace of Jerusalem is a joy to be shared by all who love God. That is why they are special.

Romans 13:11-14 Paul reminds us that every passing day brings nearer the Lord's return. It will be like waking from sleep as night gives way to day. Paul urges us to start now to behave as if we were awakening to the dawn of the new day, not still asleep. How we behave will help bring the day.

Matthew 24:36-44 Jesus warns us that no-one knows when his coming will be and that many will be taken by surprise. So he warns us to be awake and alert, always acting as if it was about to happen, so that we will be ready to meet him with confidence.

Pointers for prayer

- Justice, peace and wisdom are not just for the future; we can further them now, by our prayer and by our behaviour;
- Is my life a joyful march to the meeting with God? The meeting will come. When I realize what the loving God has done for me, my joy will overflow in praise;
- The end-time of joy is for people from all nations. Helping others in their pilgrim journey to that meeting with God is the greatest service we can give them;
- Am I ready and awake if the Lord comes?

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

This morning, Paul is away officiating at the service at St George's, Ieper.

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

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

Advent Meditations The meditations, one for each day of Advent and for the festival day of Christmas too will be available daily online (from Sunday onwards) 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.

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

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

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.

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 19:00**.

'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.

Want to help make St Nicolas special? Our warm thanks to everyone who has contributed so far to this year's 'Have a Heart' campaign for [Les Cailloux](#). The first batch of gifts were already collected last Sunday, and a large green sack will again be at the back of church for gifts to be dropped off this Sunday 27 November. Happily, all the children and teenagers at Les Cailloux have been sponsored but if you haven't managed to contribute yet, **there is still time to make a bank transfer of 25€ 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 Donations Station, an easy way to make contactless donations. If you have difficulty with delivery of your gift to Holy Trinity, then please contact Geraldine Barry (Geraldine.barry@ec.europa.eu).

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.

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!

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.

Autumn Garden Session On December 4th, 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 if you need more info.

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 1st 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

Christian Climate Action invite you to join our last monthly **Prayer in the Park on Thursday 1st December**. Meet at 18:00 Parc Cinquanteenaire (Schumann end) for outdoors prayer and reflection, to bring together before God our concerns for the climate in the wake of COP27. All welcome!!

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
For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email 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 **16th and 17th 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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