



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Christ the King
20 November 2022

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 20 November, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Paul Vrolijk

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Jairo Ares/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: Guido Bowen
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

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

Wednesday 23, November 2022

12:30 Holy Communion

Preacher: Jacob Quick
Leader: Annie Bolger

On the Sunday when we celebrate Christ the King, we have four pictures of our king from the Bible. At first sight, they might seem very different.

Jeremiah 23:1-6 The leaders of Israel are described as "shepherds". Far from caring for their flock, the shepherds of Jeremiah's day have scattered them. God promises to gather his flock so that not one will be lost, to give them shepherds who care and a king whose rule will be righteous. For Israel, that means from the line of David.

Psalms 46 This psalm expresses great confidence in God, who protects his people against the chaos of disaster and conflict. It is to God that his people can turn for ever-present help, for he is truly with his people and the streams of his Spirit flow out to them. From clamour we move to stillness, the joyful confidence that finds a true place among Christians.

Colossians 1:11-20 God has brought us into his kingdom by the work of his son. Verses 15-20 are a great hymn to Christ, who he is and what he has done. It is by him and for him that all things have been created. He holds all things together and is the head of the church. Look at his relationship with God (the Father) and at the explanation of what happened on the cross.

Luke 23:33-43 Jesus suffers a criminal's death, to sneering and mockery from religious and civil leaders, the soldiery and even a condemned criminal, while the people look on. Yet an ironical notice correctly identifies him, while one dying criminal seems to grasp who he is. This is our king.

Pointers for prayer

- Leaders bear a great responsibility. We need to pray for them, not just complain about them;
- The Lord of creation, the head of the church, the firstborn from the dead, the image of God that we can see and hear, reconciler of all things, peacemaker;
- He is with us in all our needs; do we ask for his help?
- Before our suffering Lord, raised on a cross for us, we need to be still and think on this amazing love.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

A note from the Treasurer about energy costs. Our energy supplier has raised our monthly contribution from €736 to €2,011 starting in November. Gas accounts for 75% of the charge and should help us to understand the Council decision to reduce the heating in church from 19°C to 15.5°C. We trust that this move will soften the blow and keep the actual charge below the estimate of the energy supplier.

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.

Today is also Safeguarding Sunday We are a church that takes the needs of the most vulnerable among us to heart; for this reason we are alert to, and offer training about, safeguarding. This is an easy procedure but with a big impact because it can change our perception and eventually help people in need – *Birte Day, our Safeguarding Officer.*

Seniors' Autumn tea party

We will hold an in-person tea party at the home of Pam Clements at 31 Avenue Leopold III, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem on **Wednesday, 23 November** from **15:00 to 17:30**. You are welcome to come along! Please let admin@holytrinity.be or Pam Clements (pamclements@outlook.com / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend.

Advent Meditations are coming out soon! Watch this space.

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

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.

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.

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](#).

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!

It has been mentioned by some that it is difficult to have a conversation in the Walker Hall after the morning service because there is too much noise. We would like to assess to what extent this is a problem. If you have any comments on this issue, please send them to Daniel – Daniel.Maleki@holytrinity.be. Thank you! – Sue Bird, Facilities Working Group.

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.

Want to help make St Nicolas special? If you would like to make St Nicolas special for a child or teenager in need, then please sign up to our 'Have a Heart' campaign which we are doing once again with [Les Cailloux](#). The list of children and presents wished for is found [here](#), together with a helpful list of links where the presents can be bought. All you need to do is to choose the child you wish to support, put your name against this, buy the gift and deliver it wrapped with the child's name on it to Holy Trinity by **Thursday, 1 December 2022 at the latest**. Alternatively, if this is not possible for you but you would still like to contribute, you can make a bank transfer of 25€ to the following **account: BE67 1030 7048 2187 with 'Have a Heart 2022' as a reference**. Any questions, please contact Geraldine Barry (Geraldine.barry@ec.europa.eu).

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 27th Nov. 15.00 - 17.30

'Advent Retreat' (in person). (Potluck supper included in timetable)

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

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.

The Brussels Evensong Choir invites you to the Chapel for Europe on **Advent Sunday 27th of November 2022 at 17:00** -

Introit - the Advent Responsory arr. Palestrina

Preces and Responses - Thomas Tomkins

Canticles - Stanford in G

Psalms 26 - J. Turle

Anthem - 1st movement of Cantata 140, Wachet Auf - Bach.

You are kindly invited to a small reception afterwards.

Be part of Research If you are over 65 years of age and would like to contribute and be part of a patients & carers council, send an email to info@besafe.eu. More info available on www.be-safe.eu and the poster in the church lobby.

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