



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Christ the King
26 November 2023

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 26 November 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

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

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

Wednesday, 29 November 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

On this last Sunday of the Christian year, our readings remind us that Jesus the Son of God is our king in the line of David, the head of the church, the loving shepherd who feels our every hurt and joy, the source of all good things we receive, and our merciful judge.

Ezekiel 34 11-16, 20-24 It is the Lord himself who promises to shepherd the flock that is his people, gathering them in and caring for them, with special attention to the weak and the lost and with insistence on justice. He will do so through the line of David.

Psalms 95 This great song of praise, often known from its opening word in Latin as the *Venite*, picks up a similar message to Ezekiel. First, that it is to the creator God himself that we must look for all good things. Second, that the Lord cares for us as a good shepherd cares for his flock. Third, that if we want to enjoy all the good things God offers to us, then we must be attentive and responsive to him.

Ephesians 1 15-23 Faith, love and hope, the marks of the church, come from Jesus himself. He has been exalted by God to the highest level possible. His care for the church is that of one who is so fully involved that he is as close to it as the head is to the body.

Matthew 25 31-46 Jesus our shepherd is also our kingly judge. Within his flock, nothing is hidden from him. Our loving shepherd has expectations of us and will test us against them. So closely is he tied up with his flock that what we do to any one of them we do to him.

Pointers for prayer

- God shows a special care for the weak, the lost and the injured. Pray for them. They are our care too;
- Those who have become sleek, strong and fat by pushing the weak out of the way are under God's judgement. Pray that we and they may hear God's voice and respond;
- As the flock under his care, let us bow down in worship to our shepherd king, our God.

[Click here for our programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

The heating in church is operational again.

Coffee and tea are served downstairs after the 10:30 service, the bar is also open. Do come and join us downstairs. If you are new or visiting Brussels, we would love to meet you!

'Have a Heart 2023' campaign – we need your support!

Many thanks to all who have already sponsored a child's gift in this year's 'Have a Heart' St Nicolas campaign for [Les Cailloux](#). However, we still have 8 children left to sponsor! You can find their names and the list of presents [here](#), together with instructions for delivery - you have an opportunity over each of the next two Sundays to drop off your gift at Holy Trinity. If you would like to support the cause in another way, you are very welcome to make a bank transfer to the following account: BE67 1030 7048 2187 with 'Have a Heart 2023' as a reference. The campaign has also been added to Holy Trinity's donations app to make it even easier to give. If you have any difficulty with delivery of your gift, please contact Geraldine Barry (Geraldine.barry@ec.europa.eu).

Meditative walk - next **Tuesday, 28/11 at 11:00**. An opportunity to escape the busyness of life for a moment; to enjoy God's glory and peace, to be rested and restored. For all the details and your questions: Janine.vrolijk@gmail.com

Our **Christmas Carol Services** schedule is as follows:

10 December 18:00 Christmas Light - At this contemporary carol service, we will look at what Christmas means to us today. This year we explore the songs associated with Christ's birth in the Gospel.

16 December 15:00 & 17 December 19:00 Nine Lessons & Carols - Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see! Join us for a traditional service of carols and readings that bring the story of Christ's birth to life. We encourage those who can attend the Saturday afternoon service (**16 Dec**) in the Cathédrale des Saints Michel et Gudule to do so, since seating there is plentiful. At the Sunday evening service in Holy Trinity (**17 Dec**), seating may be in short supply.

Light in Darkness 21 December 19:30 - The holiday season is not easy for many who are grieving, wounded, lonely or isolated. In the holiday season, it is important to set aside space to acknowledge how difficult this time of year can be for some. This service is an opportunity to bring our sadness to God as the One who compassionately understands our pain.

Godly Play training! In January 2024 there will be a new opportunity to follow the training for Godly Play at Holy Trinity. Godly Play is the spiritual formation we use in our children's ministry for the under-10s. A creative, open, tactile approach for children (and adults!) to explore the stories of the Bible and the Church and our place in those stories! Dates - **13th, 20th & 27th January 2024**
More info: philip.milton@holytrinity.be

If you are new or visiting us for the first time, and would like to stay in touch, please [sign up](#) to receive our weekly newsletter.

The Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Carole Ludlow at celudlow@gmail.com or Sister Julian at birteday@gmail.com.

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 4 December** 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 admin@holytrinity.be. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

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

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Online Morning and Night Prayer

Did you know that members of Holy Trinity meet together for prayer online throughout the week? You can drop in on any day and join the prayers. The password is 'htb'.

Morning prayer:

Monday to Friday, 9:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success>

Compline/Night prayer:

Monday to Friday, 21:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success>

***For requests and offers of accommodation or employment, Holy Trinity Brussels is not responsible for asking for appropriate checks and references, or for any contracts. These are the responsibility of all the parties involved.**

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

Thank you!

The majority of services and concerts taking place at Holy Trinity are being live streamed to Youtube via Zoom. We do our best not to record private individuals. Individuals taking part in the service and/or concert as choir members, musicians, serving team, etc., will be recorded. On some occasions photos are also taken by a member of the Holy Trinity ministry team for use on social media and the church website.

If you wish to opt out, send an email to admin@holytrinity.be.

A message from the Vrolijks:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Dear Friends, We hope you are well. Earlier this week we received your 'livre d'or'. Thank you so much for your love-filled messages and photos. Very precious memories, which we will treasure forever. We also would like to thank you for your very generous monetary gift, which we received a while back. However, our utmost gratitude flows from the life we shared and for the hope we have. You remain in our prayers. Love and blessings, Joyfully in Him!

Paul and Janine Vrolijk

Accommodation wanted*

(1) From time to time, Holy Trinity is made aware of people in precarious situations who need a place to live. Currently we have two regular attendees of the 10:30 service who are in such a position. Both individually are able to offer a small compensation for housing (roughly €400 monthly). If you know of any place where these members of the community might be able to live, please contact Annie Bolger (annie.bolger@holytrinity.be).

(2) Levi is 21 years old and will be starting an internship with a design studio in Brussels. He is looking for a room to rent, either shared with other young professionals or a family home. He is a happy, helpful and sociable person. If you can help, please contact him on levipovoas95@gmail.com +447546788474.

(3) Roberto is a young man also in need of housing while he is conducting an internship in Brussels. He is looking for a room to rent (roughly €350 monthly) from December. He speaks Portuguese, English, and French. He works 7 days a week and would not be home very often. Please contact Annie Bolger (annie.bolger@holytrinity.be).

Climate March on 3rd December - the big climate march of the year, organised by the Belgian Climate Coalition, (Oxfam, CNC, Grandparents for the Climate, etc etc.... a stirring, family friendly, legal march). As usual, there will be a group of us going from Holy Trinity / Christian Climate Action, to add our voices to the call for climate justice, and to show that care for the planet is important for Christians. Meet up to leave from Holy Trinity @ 12.30 on 3rd December to join the march (which will go from Gare du Nord to Schumann). Bring friends and neighbours! Not only does this march fall during the COP, but we also want to make sure that our politicians know how many people care about the climate to make sure it's on the agenda during Belgium's 2024 elections.

Christians Aware In June we welcomed members of 'Christians Aware' to Holy Trinity. We have received a copy of their magazine which includes a number of articles about Biodiversity and Ecology alongside two articles about their visit which you may like to read. They have also asked us to publicise their annual conference in January - **Strangers and Pilgrims: People, Displacement and Migration in God's World**. If you would like to receive a copy of the magazine or the conference brochure, please email admin@holytrinity.be

Creation Corner

A new section of the newsletter highlighting ways that we can be better stewards of the earth!

The heating in church is operational again! But what a good reminder to us all to address climate change and reduce heating bills by testing how draughty or leaky our spaces are. Now is also a very good time to prepare for winter by sticking tinfoil or radiator panels between the wall and radiator, as these will help reflect heat back into your home during the colder months. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, gaps around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, etc.) and fill these gaps using the correct materials. There are lots of handy tutorials on how to do this online.

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Assistant Chaplain: The Revd Annie Bolger annie.bolger@holytrinity.be

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Mrs Grace West, The Revd Charles Kabera, Mr Eric Sibomana

MES Intern:

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Mr Eric Sibomana

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