

Easter 2 16 April 2023

Worship this week

Sunday 16, April 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching: John Wilkinson

10:30 Holy Communion

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Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Grace West/ Charles Kabera Preaching: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

YouTube

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Susie Wilkinson Preaching: Heather Roy

Zoom; YouTube

Contact our Children & Youth Coordinator Philip Milton for more details about children's and youth activities.

Wednesday, 19 April 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

Our readings this week

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 The message of the church is that Jesus is the man attested to by God and through whom God worked. God allowed him to be crucified, but despite the worst that humanity could do to him, God raised him to life, vindicating him before the world and enthroning him as David's successor. To this the disciples are witnesses. Psalm 16 The psalmist sees that those who put their faith in God's care and guidance are assured of a truly delightful inheritance. Both Peter and Paul saw that Jesus, whose resurrection fulfills verse 10 more completely than the psalmist could have imagined, gave a still greater depth of meaning to this lovely psalm.

1 Peter 1:3-9 The significance of the resurrection surpasses even what it has done for Christ, for it transforms our situation, too. It gives us new birth, from which flows a stream of good things. In faith we lay hold on God's power to protect us. We become heirs of an inheritance to come which, unlike human wealth, will endure. Our faith enables us to live in great joy, even if we have to endure suffering. Our new situation is one of hope, as we lay hold of the full measure of the salvation Christ has won for us.

John 20:19-31 At their meeting on the first day of the week, the disciples found Jesus in their midst. It was there that they experienced his gift of the Holy Spirit. Those who believe without directly witnessing the risen Jesus are promised even greater blessing than first disciples. When we meet as his church, we repeat their experience Any time we are not present, we risk missing the peace and joy of an encounter with Jesus.

Pointers for prayer

- The Easter message is powerful. Pray that the church will experience God's help as we speak of what God has done for us;
- Will I recognize Jesus, when I meet him in the midst of his community?
- By trusting him to guide us, we are promised a delightful inheritance;
- Pray for those who, running after other gods, find their sorrows increasing.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

It is a joy this week to welcome five candidates to share in Holy Communion for the first time! Please pray for **Audrey**, **Jethro**, **Rae Sandra**, **Sophie** and **Yasmin**, as they take this step in their life of faith.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making our Easter celebrations so special; to musicians and flower arrangers, sacristans, technical teams and welcomers, readers and intercessors, organisers of refreshments. Many thanks indeed.

Congratulations to Lydia Ratnaraj & Jaddua Solomon on the birth of their baby girl **Orlene Deborah** on 6 April. We welcome her into our church community.

The Annual General Meeting of Holy Trinity will take place on Wednesday 10 May via zoom, with a Finance Meeting the previous week on 3 May. To participate and vote in the Annual Meeting you need to be on the 'Electoral Roll'. Most people in our congregation are on the Electoral Roll already. To confirm whether you are on the Electoral Roll, please contact Lieve Cordeel, our electoral roll officer on finance@holytrinity.be. If you want to be on the Electoral Roll and you are 16 years old or older and have been worshipping with us for more than 6 months, you can fill in our online Form. Please note forms must be submitted at the latest two weeks before the AGM date, by 26 April. A copy of the updated Electoral Roll will be posted in the church lobby. Please take a minute to check if your name is there and your details are correct. For any issue with registration or filling in the online Form please contact Lieve.

After 19 people graduated last year, the second group of 20 people will have completed the **Peace and Conflict Transformation course** at the end of April 2023. Hence, we are delighted to invite you to the **graduation and presentation of certificates by Bishop Robert Innes on Sunday 30th April 2023 at Holy Trinity Brussels. The ceremony will begin at 14:00 followed by a reception down in the Walker Hall. If you'd like to attend, please sign up here: https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/events/cpbrbzog or email admin@holytrinity.be by 25 April 2023. Your presence and support will be a great joy to us.**

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that the registration for the next course, starting in October is now open. Please go here to sign up: https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/nyvgaxmk or email admin@holytrinity.be To find out more, please visit our website www.centreforpeace.be Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

It is Soapy Sunday! Please share the following items which we will pass along to the Salvation Army and the women's prison: women's sanitary items, nappies, new underwear for women, men and children (open packages are just fine), and **unopened** shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's razors and shave cream. We have a box for you to deposit them at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

There will be a **Service of Prayer for HM Charles III**, in preparation for his upcoming coronation. The service will take place on Thursday, 4 May 2023 at 19:00.

Gift account for pledges and donations:

The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl
IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

Donations to the

Community Kitchen

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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 or Carole Ludlow on celudlow@gmail.com.

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

Thank you!

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/i/82 809036058#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.churchofenglan d.org/prayer-andworship/join-us-service-dailyprayer. 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/89 837499334#success and the password htb.

For requests and offers of accommodation or employment, Holy Trinity Brussels is not responsible for asking for appropriate checks and references, nor for any contracts. These are the responsibility of all the parties involved.

Musicians from Ukraine and Latvia unite for a unique tribute to peace in Ukraine in a concert called 'Angiol di Pace' on 3 May at 19:30 at Holy Trinity Brussels. Free admission, voluntary donations welcome.

CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND WALKERS The Community Kitchen

is organizing a team for the **20km de Bruxelles on Sunday, 28 May**. Anyone excited to tour the city by either running or walking is invited to join the team to support a project close to our church community, the Community Kitchen. By participating as part of the #20KforCK Team, your registration contribution will help provide funding for 100 warm, nutritious, and tasty meals to serve our neighbours in Brussels. Information:

Registration fee: 60 euros

Link for registration: https://forms.gle/xdjfeUSHGn9y6JY89

Link to join the #20KforCK WhatsApp group for team coordination, training tips and team encouragement:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dc5WdyAtp6RGFFdz7Jydfk

More information about the race: https://www.20kmdebruxelles.be/nl/

We are hoping to organize a post-race meal for the team to refuel after crossing the finish line. Stay tuned for more details!

Questions? Contact Haven Hightower at hightower.haven@gmail.com or +33488571039 (WhatsApp) for more information.

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.

Accommodation wanted A young Masters level student Tomas Marhefka is looking for accommodation in Brussels from 14th June to 26th July (6 weeks). During his stay, he will be employed by the office of a member of the European Parliament. If you can help or if you know of any place, please contact him via email tmarhefka811@gmail.com or phone +421940240340.

The Wider Church

The chapel for Europe (Rue Van Maerlantstraat 22-24 B-1040 Brussels) is running a series of 5 workshops on Spirituality for busy people. The second one will be held on Thursday, 20 April from 18:30-21:30 and is entitled "finding clarity and strength for your journey (Resilience)" led by our Senior Chaplain, Paul Vrolijk. For more details on the Speakers, other practical information and to know how to sign up, please go here or contact welcome@chapelforeurope.eu.

LifeStream Europe is organising **LSE23 'Together'** a summer event for International Christians in Europe (English speaking) from **1-5 August** at HopperDeKluis, Belgium. Camp, bunk or stay off-site. Programmes for all ages – Worship, Teaching, Prayer, Fun. For more info and booking, see poster in church lobby or go here http://www.life-stream.eu.

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