



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Easter 5
7 May 2023

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 7, May 2023

9:00 Holy Communion
Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 AAW & Holy Communion
Leading: Philip Milton
Preaching: Annie Bolger

[Zoom; YouTube](#)

14:00 Holy Communion & Confirmation
Leading & Preaching:
Bishop Robert

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Holy Communion
Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Jacob Quick

[Zoom; YouTube](#)

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

Wednesday, 10 May 2023

12:30 Holy Communion
Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

Acts 7:55-end Stephen's vision of the risen Lord is far from welcome to his assailants. Yet his affirmation of what he saw had enormous consequences that no-one present could foresee. For this martyrdom, which seems like a decisive repudiation of the gospel by a great block of the community of Judaism, leads to its spreading to the Gentiles. For Paul was present at these events and enormous changes were to follow for him.

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 The psalmist is assailed by the pains and woes of life and laments his plight. But in his lament, we see his readiness to take his problem to God, in whom he places all his trust. His prayer is that God's face may shine on him and save him, even as he is confronted by his persecutors. His conviction is that those who bring their cry before God will find it turning into a song of praise. In his hour of greatest need, Stephen was to show the reality of which this psalm spoke.

1 Peter 2:2-10 Peter exhorts the believers to feed on true spiritual nourishment, so as to grow towards maturity. The community of believers is built on the risen Lord. While the unbeliever stumbles over the risen Lord, to the new community of believers he is the foundation of a wholly new spiritual edifice, in which the new community inherits God's promises to Israel.

John 14:1-14 The resurrection is not just something that happened to Jesus. By his words and his works, Jesus has opened for us the way to God and in doing so, has opened up not just life after death, but life that starts here and now. The resurrection happened for us. From now on, we have access to God through Christ and the actions of the community of believers will continue his work, with his support.

Pointers for prayer

- Jesus tells his disciples not to let their hearts be troubled. Pray for all who are in distress to find God's mercy and peace;
- Pray for those who stumble before the risen Lord;
- Stephen forgives his persecutors, showing the love of Jesus. We must do the same.
- To know the shepherd's voice, we need to build the habit of listening.

[Our programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 8 May** 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.

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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!

Confirmation service Join us for a joyful service of Confirmation with Bishop Robert **today at 14:00**. At the Confirmation service, we gather to support the candidates as they publicly profess their faith and confirm their baptismal promises. Please pray for the confirmands, that they may continue God's for ever, and daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more until they come to his everlasting kingdom.

The Annual General Meeting of Holy Trinity will take place on **Wednesday 10 May** via zoom at **19:30**. Here is the zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89378991404>

Meditation walk A rather slow walk in silence in order to 'stop' and fully enjoy the awesomeness of Spring; to draw and absorb beauty and joy from everything we see, hear and smell; to thank and praise God in our hearts, and to get refreshed spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically!!
Woluwe Park, Thursday 11/5, 11:00. Contact Janine (janine.vrolijk@gmail.com) (or church office) for further details.

Visit from Christians Aware 15-19 June Christians Aware is an interdenominational, educational and international charity. See: <http://www.christiansaware.co.uk> .co.uk for more information. A small group of members is looking forward to visiting Holy Trinity Brussels from June 15 - 19. This will be an exciting visit and we know that there will be new friends to meet. We hope that this opportunity will be the beginning of a new link of friendship, and that members of Holy Trinity can join a Christians Aware event in the future. If you are interested to be involved to host a guest, or a couple, please contact admin@holytrinity.be or talk to Paul Vrolijk.

Catriona writes: "Dear Holy Trinity

With a whole bundle of mixed emotions, I have written to Bishop Robert to inform him that my family and I will be moving to London at the end of the summer, where I have been appointed to the post of vicar of Emmanuel Church in West Hampstead, London.

I'm not going anywhere yet, so this is not a goodbye message! But I wanted to let the congregation at Holy Trinity know that we will be moving in August. I have been so grateful for the warm welcome I have received from Holy Trinity, both from clergy colleagues and from the congregation. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you in my capacity as Associate Priest for social justice projects; it has added a huge amount to my priestly ministry here in Belgium and it has been a joy to serve your wonderful church in this way.

Please keep my family and me in your prayers as we prepare for this move and be assured that you are in mine.

With my prayers and blessings this Eastertide".

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.

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.

Thy Kingdom Come 18-28 May This year, Holy Trinity Brussels is marking Thy Kingdom Come, a global ecumenical prayer movement. We are encouraging all who worship at Holy Trinity to choose 5 people known to them who do not yet follow Jesus, and pray that the Holy Spirit would work through their lives to bring them to know Him. To help with this, there will be prayer cards in English and French handed out in services where their names can be written down and set prayers can be found. There will also be a series of posts on Holy Trinity's social media channels and website encouraging people to engage in prayer in a variety of all-age friendly, interactive ways, alongside commentaries on this year's Novena focussing on 1 John.

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

1. A new member of Holy Trinity is looking for a one-bedroom flat/accommodation in Brussels and can pay between 800-900eur per month (all inclusive). If you can help please email joshuakingsley08@gmail.com or call 0498 024026.
2. We are delighted that Valentina Franzerolli, a well-known violinist at HTB is returning to Brussels by August. She is in search of accommodation. Her specifications are: a bright 1-bedroom apartment of more than 45m² for two people. Maximum budget is 950€ without fees; especially looking at Etterbeek; St. Gilles, Ixelles, Woluwe-Saint-Pierre, Woluwe-Saint-Lambert, Brussels centre and Evere are fine too. Furnished is a plus; Washing machine and dishwasher are a plus too. Proximity to public transportation, especially metro/tram, or to the Schuman train station is the main requirement. Contact: vfranzaroli@gmail.com +39 3665949446 (WhatsApp/Telegram/SMS)
3. Similar accommodation as in (2) is also being sought after by another new member of HTB. Contact Saima on seemigill@icloud.com.

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 third one will be held on **Thursday, 11 May from 18:30-21:30** and is entitled **MAKING GOOD DECISIONS (Art of Spiritual Discernment)** led by Krystian Sowa SJ. 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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