

Easter 7 21 May 2023

Worship this week

Sunday 21, May 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching: John Wilkinson

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson/Guido Bowen 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: Mags Bird Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

Zoom; YouTube

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

Wednesday, 24 May 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger Preaching: Guido Bowen

Our readings this week

Acts 1 6-14 The disciples look for immediate restoration of Israel. But Jesus commissions them to a longer task, and promises that they will be given the power to achieve it. Jesus' work is done. Now the church's work begins. Notice the closing verse. The church was built not just on eleven men, but on "the women" and on Jesus' family, Mary and his brothers. The New Testament was written in a malecentred world. Although this passage only names one woman, we should not miss the important role the women played.

1 Peter 4 12-14; 5 6-11 The young church is not finding its task easy. It is probably meeting stiff, even violent opposition. Peter reminds them how Jesus accepted the suffering that his work brought, and how God vindicated him. Like Jesus, we are called to put ourselves in God's hands and to trust his care. We will be given the strength needed for the job.

John 17 1-11 On the night before his death, Jesus sees his faithful work coming to its climax. John's gospel recalls from the start that the disciples had seen Jesus' glory. That glory is seen most fully at the cross. Here Jesus prays that his Father will reveal that glory, even as his faithful work will have revealed God to the disciples and brought them to eternal life; and that his Father will protect us as we do his work.

Pointers for prayer

- Jesus calls us to bear witness to him. Pray for courage to do so;
- Pray for all who by ministering Christ's love, build his kingdom;
- To which of the acts of proclamation mentioned by the psalm are we called?
- The task is ours to do, but the power to achieve it comes from God if we will trust him.

Our programme for the month

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Gift account for **pledges**and donations:

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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!

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 are prayer cards available in English and French where their names can be written down and set prayers can be found. There are also 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.

Today is Soapy Sunday! Please share the following items this Sunday 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!

You are invited to join a *Lectio Divina group*, meeting bi-weekly on Tuesdays in Church House starting on Tuesday 23 May at 10:30am. All are welcome! In the weeks in between, a *meditation walk* will be offered in Woluwe Park, also at 10:30 on Tuesdays. These are separate events and if you come to one you are not obligated to come to the other! Do join us for either or both and consider inviting a friend.

Peace and Conflicts Transformation course 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 the website www.centreforpeace.be

If you are new or visiting us for the first time, and would like to stay in touch, please $\underline{\text{sign up}}$ to receive our weekly newsletter.

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.

Accommodation wanted

- 1. 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)
- 2. Similar accommodation as in (1) is also being sought after by another new member of HTB. Contact Saima on seemigill@icloud.com.

The Wider Church

'Pentecost and the mission of the Church today' (with particular reference to the theology of Metropolitan John Zizioulas). A presentation in English by His Grace Bishop Maxim Vasilevich, organised by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Belgium. Thursday 25 May, at 19:30, Square Ambiorix 2, 1000. Admission is Free.

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 fourth one will be held on Thursday, 1 June from 18:30-21:30 and is entitled FINDING TIME FOR THE IMPORTANT THINGS (Self-Management in Time) led by Paul Vrolijk of HTB. 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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