

HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

Easter Sunday 9 April 2023

Worship this week

Sunday 9, April 2023

- 9:00 Holy Communion Leading & Preaching: Paul Vrolijk
- 10:30 Family Holy Communion Leading: Annie Bolger Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa Preaching: John Wilkinson

<u>YouTube</u>

18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson Preaching: Annie Bolger

Zoom; YouTube

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

Wednesday, 12 April 2023

12:30 Holy Communion Leading & Preaching: John Wilkinson

Our readings this week

Acts 10:34-43 Peter provides a summary of the Christian gospel for the young Church. He and other disciples have been eyewitnesses to Jesus' ministry, his death and his resurrection. The gospel that they now preach, at the command of the risen Jesus, is based on this witness and is sustained by the testimony of the prophets. It is a gospel of peace: that God has made Jesus our judge; and that any who put their trust in him, the man who was willing to die for us, will receive forgiveness for their sins.

Psalm 118 For Christians, this psalm of triumph has become very closely associated with Easter. It was probably the hymn Jesus and the disciples sang at the Last Supper. Its verses are quoted by Jesus and the New Testament writers and by the crowds of Palm Sunday. And it aptly describes the triumph of Easter morning. For who has opened for us the gates of righteousness, the door to heaven and eternal life, but God's triumphant king, Jesus?

I Corinthians 15:1-11 Paul reminds the Corinthian church that the gospel he has preached is not his alone. The gospel that brings salvation is one on which the whole church stands. It is that the death and resurrection of Jesus took place in accordance with scripture and is attested by a host of eye-witnesses, of whom Paul is only one.

John 20 1-18 Mary Magdalene approaches the tomb shrouded in darkness. But the extraordinary events that move Mary Magdalene and the disciples from grief, through confusion, to the dawning realization that something has happened. It is still hardly grasped, not yet understood. Notice that Mary's witness does not depend on her understanding. But as she relates what she has experienced, we can sense the light breaking through.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for inspiration for God's church in fulfilling Christ's command to preach the gospel;
- With God's judge on our side, the burden of guilt and sin is lifted. What follows?
- Enduring love has been released into the world by Easter. How can we share it?
- On this day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice!

The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God in celebration of the Resurrection and in memory of departed loved ones.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We look forward to celebrating with you in a variety of ways today, in person and online. May God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

The Flower Team would like to thank everyone who so generously contributed towards the lilies which are decorating the church to celebrate Easter. A list of those remembered can be found at the back of the church, I have tried to ensure all names are spelt correctly but apologise if any have been mis-read. *Carol de Lusignan*

This year's **Bishop's Lent appeal** is to support the Anglican community of St Augustine's in Rabat, Morocco. Read all about it in <u>Bishop David's letter</u>. Contributions can be made via Holy Trinity from our donation station or to **The Friends of Holy Trinity IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187 with reference 'bishop's lent appeal'**. All funds will then be transferred to the Diocesan account in the UK.

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 <u>finance@holytrinity.be</u>. 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 <u>fill in our online Form</u>. **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: <u>https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/nyvgaxmk</u> or email <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> To find out more, please visit our website <u>www.centreforpeace.be</u> Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

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.

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/j/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: <u>https://forms.gle/xdjfeUSHGn9y6JY89</u>

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: <u>https://www.20kmdebruxelles.be/nl/</u>

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 <u>hightower.haven@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>sign up</u> 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 <u>tmarhefka811@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>here</u> or contact <u>welcome@chapelforeurope.eu</u>.

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 <u>http://www.life-stream.eu</u>.

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