



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Edith Cavell  
16 October 2022

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 16 October, 2022

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
John Wilkinson

**10:30 Holy Communion**

Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

**14:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: Charles Kabera  
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Service of the Word**

Leading: Jacob Quick  
Preaching: Jairo Ares

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

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

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#### Wednesday 19, October 2022

**12:30 Holy Communion**

Annie Bolger

**Jeremiah 31:27-34** Gardeners are cutting back after the summer, rooting out plants that have failed, digging over the ground with a view to new planting. Jeremiah uses the picture of a vineyard whose sour grapes must be dug out and replanted. But now he looks forward to a crop that will flourish. God's covenant promise to us is to raise a people who know him, respond to him and live joyfully in that relationship.

**Psalms 119:97-104** This long psalm is a beautiful meditation on God's law and on the joy and fulfillment known by those who live by it. The law is much more than a series of rules. Rather it is a way of life, a close and trusting relationship with God, an openness to his revelation of himself that brings true wisdom, a path that brings true sweetness of life, for it brings the joy of closeness to God.

**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5** Paul's charge to Timothy is impressive and demanding. Where will he find the guidance to fulfill such expectations? Paul points him to scripture. He is speaking of the Hebrew scriptures, but we can understand this as encompassing the whole of scripture, the great resource which God has put at our disposal.

**Luke 18:1-8** However good the Pharisee may be, he seems to be praying to himself, not to God. And he is full of contempt for others. However bad the tax collector, he opens his heart to God with a straight plea for mercy. The effectiveness of prayer does not depend on how righteous we feel, but on God's gracious willingness to listen. We are to pray always, Luke tells us, and not to lose heart.

#### Pointers for prayer

- Before God, there is no space for vanity. We are like all the others who call on him: sinners depending on his grace alone;
- We need to pray to God, not to talk to ourselves. As we do so we can directly tell him of our pains, our needs and our failures; and we can ask his help, for ourselves and others.
- We should also praise him for the blessings his care brings to us.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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### Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity  
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IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

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### Donations to the **Community Kitchen**

@HTB ASBL Gift Account  
IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423  
BIC code: BBRUBEBB

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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](mailto:janine.vrolijk@gmail.com) or Carole Ludlow on [celudlow@gmail.com](mailto:celudlow@gmail.com).

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

**Thank you!**

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It remains important that all of us feel able to come to church in person if we wish and feel safe and secure in doing so. Services continue to be online as before. There is no need to register to attend services. Anyone may wear a mask if they wish. There is designated seating for those who wish to wear masks and sit socially distanced.

- **Holy Communion:** We may share the Peace physically, but please be sensitive to those who may prefer not to. Simply ask your neighbour what they are comfortable with! We are now able to receive wine if we are comfortable doing so. More details will be given at services.

Please feel free to ask questions about any of these arrangements. We pray that God will bless and protect us as we move into this new stage of our community's life.

We have learnt of the sad death last week of Rosemary Caudwell, that some people may remember. She was an active member of Holy Trinity during the 1990's, when she was in Brussels as a National Expert working with the European Commission and seconded from the UK civil service. She was part of the evening service music group and prayer ministry was very important to her. She died after becoming ill over the summer. For more information, please contact Sue Bird. [suebird121059@gmail.com](mailto:suebird121059@gmail.com)

### News from Jonathan Halliwell

Jonathan, Emma and their children were members of Holy Trinity for a number of years, during which Jonathan trained for ordained ministry as a deacon. They have now moved to The Hague, where he has just started his ministry at the chaplaincy of St John and St Philip. You can read a note from him, [here](#).

**Important message from Council.** It has been decided that in view of the rising energy costs and our commitment to the environment we will heat the church buildings to 15.5°C this winter. Previously we have heated the church to 19°C but this seems inappropriate in the current situation. It will therefore be important to dress appropriately when the cold weather arrives.

**13 November.** This is the rescheduled date for the **Ministries Fayre**. Come and discover the various aspects of our church life.

Save the date - **23 October Walk for your future** - Join us to march for the climate in Brussels! A group will leave for the march from Holy Trinity after the morning service. Bring your friends and family - we need as many people as possible out on the streets to walk for climate justice!

### Seniors' Autumn tea party

We will hold an in-person tea party at the home of Pam Clements (**Wednesday, 23 November**) from **15:00 to 17:30**. You are welcome to come along! Please let [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) or Pam Clements ([pamclements@outlook.com](mailto:pamclements@outlook.com) / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend.

**Can you join a Team? ...** We need **Service hosts, Coffee team and Crèche helpers** for the 10:30 service. If you would like to volunteer for these, and other church activities, feel welcome to [register here](#).

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**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.

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Our annual **Men's Retreat** with the German-speaking Protestant Church in Belgium (DEGB) will be held at **Maredsous Abbey** in the Ardennes from the evening of **Friday 11 to the afternoon of Sunday 13 November**, and will be led by former HTB Associate Chaplain, Chris Martin, and KU Leuven theologian, Armin Kummer. For more information and registration details, please see the [flyer](#).

## The Wider Church

**The Evensong Choir of Brussels** invites you to the Chapel for Europe, 22-24 Rue van Maerlant on the **16th of October at 17:00**. The Chapel will kindly offer the congregation a glass of wine after the service.

**Evening of reflection and exchange:** "Christianity, Islam: sources of spiritual awakening in Brussels?" Wednesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel for Europe, rue Van Maerlantstraat 22 1040 Brussels. This event will be held in French. More information can be found here: <https://www.chapellepourleurope.eu/wp-event/soiree-de-reflexion-et-dechange-christianisme-islam-sources-deveil-spirituel-a-bruxelles/>

**Be part of Research** If you are over 65 years of age and would like to contribute and be part of a patients & carers council, send an email to [info@besafe.eu](mailto:info@besafe.eu). More info available on [www.be\\_safe.eu](http://www.be_safe.eu) and the poster in the church lobby.

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