



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Epiphany 2
15 January 2023

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 15, January 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Catriona Laing
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson/
Eric Sibomana
Preaching: John Wilkinson

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

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

Wednesday, 18 January 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

Isaiah 49:1-7 We see our role in God's scheme from a very short-term perspective. But the servant realizes how long God has been preparing their partnership. He is called to be part of something that far surpasses his own sense of significance. Alone, he could achieve nothing. But in partnership with God his achievements will far exceed anything he can imagine. More, they will last forever.

Psalm 40 The psalmist begins with the joyful statement of someone who suddenly finds himself set free. Now he needs a new song to proclaim the saving acts of God and to promise a life that responds. But this is followed by a lament over his troubles. Is the psalm the wrong way round? Or does the psalmist understand that one day we are rejoicing, the next we are in trouble again and that the only solution to this human situation lies in patient trust in the Lord.

1 Cor 1:1-9 Paul and every member of the church are special, called by God. They benefit from the rich provision God makes for his servants through Jesus, the servant of all. That is why Paul can open his letter to the church at Corinth by addressing them as sanctified and called to be holy and can insist that they lack no spiritual gift that is necessary to keep them that way. They can trust God to be faithful in this.

John 1:29-42 It is always important to see the potential of others. John looks on Jesus and sees him as the Lamb of God, a picture that points to the Passover sacrifice and to Jesus' role in resolving the problem of sin. He also sees that God's Spirit rests upon him. This sets off a chain: Andrew also sees something special in Jesus and passes the message on to Simon. Jesus in turn sees the potential in Simon and gives him a new name that expresses that potential.

Pointers for prayer

- The time to bring our troubles to God is always now;
- Ask God for help to see the potential in others;
- Pray for all God's servants, formed and called for his purpose.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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.

The **Ministry Fayre** is to take place on **29 January** down in the Walker Hall after the 10:30 service. Come and meet who does what in our community. The warm hearts as well as the faces behind the Service Wardens and the coffee urn. Thank those unseen artists behind the floral delights. Be bold, be brave, join a team. Share your talents. Develop a new expertise. Join a homegroup. Try a different service. We are a multifaceted community. Contact: jbrown19203@gmail.com.

Some people like to choose their church in the way they might purchase other things in life.... they 'shop' for the one they find most attractive and then 'consume'. My vision of church is less passive I don't consider myself a 'consumer', but a 'participant' We come as individuals, but engage in collective worship and share the joyful responsibility for building community together. This is what prompts me to get involved in a hands-on way in various areas of church life, from leading services to turning the compost heap. And I consider it a great blessing to be able to participate in this way... These roles bring me a sense of belonging to the HTB community, and often provide precious insight into how God is mysteriously at work in our midst - Mags Bird.

Today is Soapy Sunday! We will be collecting across all our Services today, women's sanitary items, nappies, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's razors and shave cream, and new underwear for women, men and children. Thank you!

Reducing our Carbon footprint Brussels Region is bringing in legislation to reduce waste from catering activities. For more info [please read their brochure](#) which is also pinned in the church lobby. This means that we will need to serve drinks in reusable cups from now on. You can help by bringing your own 'keep-cup' to church each week – this will mean less washing up for the coffee team! Why not get a Community Kitchen mug...and support the work of Community Kitchen? Suggested donation 10-15 Euro. To know more, please speak to our churchwardens Jane and Philippa or Zélie of the Environment Committee.

If you are new or visiting us for the first time, and would like to stay in touch, please [sign up here](#) to receive our weekly newsletter.

A short video on how the HTB Donation Station works can be found here: https://youtu.be/_OrwzqZ-WJA

Help with church website Do you have experience with website support? Holy Trinity is looking for a volunteer to help with the church website. Please email annie.bolger@holytrinity.be to learn more.

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](#).

**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.

The Wider Church

Available for rent: a two bedroom fully furnished apartment at Plasky, Schaarbeek, close to parks and the European quartier. [See full details here.](#)
Contact Nelegeuns@gmail.com.

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

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