



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Gratitude Sunday
29 October 2023

Our readings this week

Leviticus 19:1, 2, 15-18 God demands of his people that they be holy. This turns out to be something very practical, all about the way we treat other people. God makes it clear that cheating, mistreating, and hating people is unacceptable. We must treat others with the high value that belongs to God's children. To be holy includes loving our neighbours as ourselves.

Psalm 1 The godly life is much about where someone puts themselves, the company they choose – where they walk, stand or sit. Those who opt for God will flourish, never short of sustenance, fruitful and productive. The ungodly are nothing. They will blow away and be gone. It is those who stand, sit and walk in the way of God who will know what it is to be blessed.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Paul had a very rough time in Philippi and faced serious opposition in Thessalonica. But he treats his preaching almost like a boxer would treat getting some knocks: you have to be willing to take them. Despite this, his conduct towards the Thessalonians was marked by gentle care, as of a nurse towards the child in her care. His object was to behave in a way pleasing to God.

Matthew 22:34-end The Pharisees seem to want to trap Jesus into identifying himself as unorthodox. We can be grateful for their question, for it leads Jesus to summarise the law by calling on two well-know Old Testament verses. By putting them together, he shows how the love of God depends on the way we love others – and vice versa. Jesus then shows the Pharisees that they have not grasped that the Messiah they await should be greater than David. They have ruled out the divine.

Pointers for prayer

- God says to each of us Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. What could 'being holy' mean for me?
- Absorbing God's word is the – often unseen - work of a lifetime. How seriously am I taking it?
- The high calling of all ministers of the gospel is to serve God's people. It is not an easy calling and deserves the support of our prayers.

Worship this week

Sunday, 29 October 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

10:30 Holy Communion & Licensing

Leading & Preaching:
The Venerable Sam Van Leer

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Ben Jance
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

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

Wednesday, 1 November 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

Thursday, 2 November 2023

19:30 Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

[Click here for our programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

!!Our clocks go back an hour this weekend!!

Coffee and tea are served downstairs after the 10:30 service, the bar is also open. Do come and join us downstairs. If you are new or visiting Brussels, we would love to meet you!

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl
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Licensing and Re-Licensing This Sunday morning, we shall have Sam Van Leer, the archdeacon with us at 10:30 to preach and preside. It is also the day when Annie is licensed as Assistant Chaplain following the completion of her curacy. John will also be relicensed as Associate Chaplain at the same service after faithfully serving Holy Trinity for the last 10 years. This will be a happy opportunity to celebrate their ministries both past and future! We look forward to you joining us to celebrate not just the ordained ministry of Holy Trinity but the generosity and inspiration of God in every aspect of our church's ministry.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed On **Tuesday 2 November at 19:30** there will be a service to remember those who have died. The names of loved ones will be read aloud in the service and printed in the order of service. Please let [Annie Bolger](#) know of people whom you would like to be remembered, even if you cannot attend.

Living Lightly WhatsApp group — Some members of Holy Trinity have expressed an interest in sharing tips on sustainable living in Brussels. If you would like to exchange ideas on where to find planet-friendly products, or local eco-events or other such info, please contact [Maags](#) who will be happy to send you a link to the WhatsApp group 'Living Lightly in Bxls and Beyond'. This group was previously a Lent 'living lightly' group, and already has a core of enthusiastic green Christians pleased to share advice, news, and encouragement!

A note from the Treasurer As we move towards the final quarter of the year, I would like to give you an update on the state of our finances. Our cost budget this year is €1,035 per day. With Paul's departure and other cost savings, our costs are expected to be about €992 per day. Your giving, for which we are very grateful, amounts to €818 per day. We have found other sources of income which add another €160 per day to make a total income of €978 per day. This leaves a shortfall of €14 per day which may not sound much but over the course of the year its over €5,100. The challenge for us is to bridge this gap. Can we do it?

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.

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.

Online Morning and Night Prayer

Did you know that members of Holy Trinity meet together for prayer online throughout the week? You can drop in on any day and join the prayers. The password is 'htb'.

Morning prayer:

Monday to Friday, 9:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success>

Compline/Night prayer:

Monday to Friday, 21:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success>

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.

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

Thank you!

The majority of services and concerts taking place at Holy Trinity are being live streamed to Youtube via Zoom. We do our best not to record private individuals. Individuals taking part in the service and/or concert as choir members, musicians, serving team, etc., will be recorded. On some occasions photos are also taken by a member of the Holy Trinity ministry team for use on social media and the church website.

If you wish to opt out, send an email to admin@holytrinity.be.

Accommodation wanted (1) From time to time, Holy Trinity is made aware of people in precarious situations who need a place to live. Rachael is a regular of the 10:30 service who is in such a position. Rachael is able to offer a small compensation for housing (€300-400 monthly) from her chomage. If you know of any place where she might be able to live, please contact Annie Bolger (annie.bolger@holytrinity.be). *As always, 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.

(2) Levi is 21 years old and will be starting an internship with a design studio in Brussels. He is looking for a room to rent, either shared with other young professionals or a family home. He is a happy, helpful and sociable person. His contacts are levipovoas95@gmail.com +447546788474.

Christians Aware In June we welcomed members of 'Christians Aware' to Holy Trinity. We have received a copy of their magazine which includes a number of articles about Biodiversity and Ecology alongside two articles about their visit which you may like to read. They have also asked us to publicise their annual conference in January - **Strangers and Pilgrims: People, Displacement and Migration in God's World**. If you would like to receive a copy of the magazine or the conference brochure, please email admin@holytrinity.be

Want to support climate action? Enjoy crafts?

On Saturday 18th November we will have a craftivism afternoon making banners and decorating hats, in preparation for the Climate March on December 3rd. **How can you get involved?**

- Come and join in banner-making and hat decorating:
- Donate materials for the craft session (old hats, pillowcases, wool, felt, fabric (especially flowery), artificial flowers, craft materials, fabric paint)
- Make flowers in advance of the workshop (any medium – crochet, fabric, wire, beads.....). We will use them to decorate hats.

Our trademark banners and hats attract attention at demonstrations and marches, giving us the opportunity to share why Christians are active campaigners for climate justice.

If you enjoy craft but feel uncomfortable joining a demonstration this is an opportunity to support climate action.

Donations of craft supplies and flowers can be given to Zélie Peppiette, Mags Bird, Annie Bolger, or left in Church House.

When and where: Saturday 18th November 14-17h, Charles LeJeune Centre, Holy Trinity

The wider church

Godspace is offering a day-retreat in English – time away for inner reflection on Saturday 25 November at Les Fraternites du Bon Pasteur, Rue au Bois 365 B, 1150 Brussels. Everyone aged 18+ welcome. Maximum 12 participants. Cost: 15eur per head. Sign up here: <https://stpaulstervuren.churchsuite.com/events/zdlwo93j>

Creation Corner

A new section of the newsletter highlighting ways that we can be better stewards of the earth!

Pope Francis' recent apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum* (Praise God) continues his message from *Laudato Si'* (Praise be): "Eight years have passed since I published *Laudato Si'*, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point."

"The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?" (LD #65)

Read [the full letter Laudate Deum here](#).

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