



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Harvest & All Age Worship

1 October 2023

Our readings this week

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Israel never forgot their amazing journey from slavery, through the hardship of the wilderness, to the freedom and rich provision of the promised land. But their constant temptation was to forget who made it possible. It is the Lord who provides all the good things of life, whether for Israel or for us.

Psalm 65 The psalmist focuses on three aspects of the God-fearing life. The first is trust in God and an eager longing to be in his presence. The second is the recognition that the God of creation has the power to guide and direct the affairs of men. If he is on our side, who can be against us? The third is a hymn of praise for the rich blessings of the harvest, through which God meets our every need.

2 Corinthians 9:6-end Paul urges the church to take the risk of being generous towards those in need. Doing so reflects our trust in the God who has given us, in such abundance, the things we need most. When we act with generosity in this way, we achieve three things: we glorify God; we plant seeds that will return a rich harvest to us; and we gain the intercessions of others who thank God for us.

Luke 12:16-30 The point of the parable is not that the rich man is not that he is a good farmer, but that he is pre-occupied with his riches, He sees the increase of his wealth as the goal of his life and in doing so loses sight of the one thing that matters: his dependence on God. Rather, says Jesus, trust God and use all the good things that he gives you to build your relationship with him.

Pointers for prayer

- We live in a world where people place enormous store on their material prosperity. Pray for right values in our society.
- What are the most important things in my life? Does my behaviour confirm this?
- Thank God for the things in which he has been generous to me.
- How can I show a generosity to others that reflects God's generosity towards me?

Worship this week

Sunday, 1 October 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 All Age Holy Communion

Leading: Philip Milton
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

14:00 Service of the Word FR/EN

Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

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

Wednesday, 4 October 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

[Our programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 2 October** at 19:30 via Zoom. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office at admin@holytrinity.be. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**
The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl
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Donations to the **Community Kitchen**
@HTB ASBL Gift Account
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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.

Living Lightly WhatsApp group — Creationtide is a great time to think about how we might live in closer harmony with the natural world, and tread more lightly on the planet. Some members of HTB 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 [Mags](#) 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!

Harvest Festival — today is Harvest!

Food donations will be gratefully received at every service on Harvest Sunday. Fresh vegetables (no fruit, please) will be donated to the Community Kitchen. The Community Kitchen especially requests fresh pumpkins and autumn veg, red peppers, courgettes, aubergine, onions, potatoes, carrots, etc. Non-perishable foods, dry/tinned items, etc, will be shared with the Protestant Social Centre.

The Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Sarah Mullally will be with us in **Brussels from 13th until 15th October**. Before her ordination she was Chief Nursing Officer of England and was originally invited to visit us soon after her appointment as Bishop because of the Edith Cavell link. Her visit now comes at a good time because **she is patron of Holy Trinity**, which means that she has an important role in the appointment of a new senior chaplain. This visit will give her the opportunity to get to know us!

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?

This year's ecumenical **Men's Retreat** is being held at Maredsous Abbey from **13-15 October**. For more info and how to register please read the [leaflet](#).

Holy Trinity's former senior chaplain, Paul Vrolijk, has published a personal memoir entitled **Farewell to my father** about the death of his father and the immediate aftermath. It is a hopeful book about faith, the ups and downs of life, God's love and faithfulness, and the love of a family and of a village community. Available from Amazon and other retailers, [details here](#).

**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 the Service unless you have sought prior permission to do so.

Thank you!

The Peace and Conflict Transformation course Starts on **28 October from 9-12 noon**. There are 3 places left for the English-speaking group and many places left for the French speaking group. Please go here to sign up: <https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/nyvgqxmkk> or email admin@holytrinity.be **Registration closes on 20 October**. A detailed schedule of the course will be available from Friday on www.centreforpeace.be

A diocesan **Racial Justice Conference** is planned for 8 - 11 November. The diocesan website offers information [here](#). It would be amazing if Holy Trinity were represented at this conference! If you would like to attend and have any questions, please contact Leslie Nathaniel at Leslie.nathaniel@europe.anglican.org

An interactive bilingual (FR/EN) conference **On being a refugee in Belgium** will be organised on the premises of Holy Trinity Brussels by a team of lawyers and social workers of "L'Olivier", an asbl working with refugees in Brussels, **on Saturday, 21 October, from 11:00 to 13:00**. For more info, please check the [poster](#) in the lobby or visit www.lolivier1996.be

Holy Trinity has been featured in two **BBC Radio 4 broadcasts** this past week! Many thanks to Lyn, Alex, Eric, Haven, and Zélie for recording these services!

(1) The first is a short [Daily Service](#) of prayer focused on the intersection between Holy Trinity's Community Kitchen and Eco-Church;
The second (2) is a longer [Sunday Worship](#) service highlighting the whole Diocese in Europe, in which we hear a bit more about the Kitchen and Eco-Church.

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.

Creation Corner

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

Cars are a convenient mode of transportation and for some people, the only viable mode. However, a typical car emits about 4.6 metric tons of CO₂ per year. On Car Free Sunday in Brussels and many people took public transit to church. Some cycled and walked. We give thanks that these options exist, for those who are able!

There are benefits of taking public transportation, cycling, and walking which could better your life and the environment: 1) Better air quality in the city, 2) Health benefits of increased activity, 3) Fewer cars on the road / less traffic, 4) No stress over parking, 5) Saving money on fuel.

What did you experience on Car Free Sunday that might be worth carrying into the year?

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