



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Harvest
2 October 2022

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 2 October, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion
Leading & Preaching:
Paul Vrolijk

10:30 AAW Holy Communion
Leading: Paul Vrolijk
Preaching: Philip Milton

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

14:00 Service of the Word
Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa
Preaching: John Wilkinson

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Holy Communion
Leading: Benjamin Jance
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

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

Wednesday 5, October 2022

12:30 Holy Communion
Annie Bolger

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 All the good things that we have come to us from God. The practice of Israel was therefore to take the first fruits of the land (the land is God's gift to his people) and to sacrifice them to him, recalling as they did so the mighty works by which God had brought Israel from insignificance, through slavery in Egypt, to the land of freedom and well-being.

Psalms 100 This psalm evokes God's people in majestic procession to festal worship. It calls on the whole world to join in that procession, for God is the maker of all. We owe him praise, not out of duty, but out of joy. For our God is not indifferent to his creation but loves it with an everlasting love.

Philippians 4:4-9 Paul's theme, as he brings this letter to a close, is "standing firm": standing firm in a mood of rejoicing, of gentleness and in the peace of God. The key to peace is that the Lord is near. We can bring our needs before him in prayer. By focusing our minds on the truly good things of life, and our activity on the good practices of the Christian life, we will open our lives to him and to his peace.

John 6:25-35 This discussion follows on the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus' pressing call to the crowd is to believe in him as sent by God, not just as a wonder worker. Jesus tries to raise the sights of the crowd above their stomachs, to the way that God will feed those who believe in him. Believers, he says, will find their needs met for eternity. Many scholars would see this passage pointing to the Eucharist.

Pointers for prayer

- There is no more appropriate time to pray for those in need than when we give thanks for the generous gifts God has given to us;
- If we are to be able to stand firm in the good gifts of God to his people, we must pray about our own lives;
- Our Eucharist should be a thanksgiving to God, an expression of our belief in Jesus.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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.

It is good to welcome **Guido Bowen** this weekend. Guido is an intern with the **Ministry Experience Scheme** and will be with us until Christmas and then from just after Easter until the summer. Teus (who is interning in London) will be returning in the intervening months. The post Brexit issues around visas have made this approach necessary. Please do welcome Guido, invite him for meals and for coffee. And pray for him and for Teus as they continue in their ordination discernment processes.

Harvest at Holy Trinity – today! Here are two ways to express gratitude and generosity this Harvest!

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

• **Consider giving your time!** The Community Kitchen needs help to transform these fresh foods into nourishing meals. To volunteer, email community.kitchen@holytrinity.be.

Starting from October, HTB and Christian Climate Action will be offering a '**Deep Waters**' course. This is an 8-week programme which provides a faith-based framework for exploring issues of anxiety, fear and grief linked to the climate and environmental crisis. Deep Waters supports reflection and conversation with others trying to make sense of climate grief and eco-anxiety through eyes of faith. The journey takes us through themes including lament, truth, wisdom, mortality and justice, in pursuit of renewed hope. **The course will run on Tuesday evenings from 4th October**, with a mix of 'live' meetings (at HTB) and online sessions. Enquiries and sign-ups - contact Annie (annie.bolger@holytrinity.be) or Mags (mags.bird@gmail.com).

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](#).

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on Monday, 3rd 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
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/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.

***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.**

Following up from the 'Living with Loss' that was a joint interactive talk facilitated by Sonja Stark of St. Paul's Tervuren and Rose Omondi of HTB, we would like to offer a **6-week bereavement support group** for those who have recently lost loved ones and are going through a period of grief. We would limit this to a small group of a maximum of 10 and expect them to commit to all the six sessions. We plan to have:

- the first meeting 'in person' on **Saturday 8 October from 10 - 12 at Holy Trinity Church House**,
- then have **online sessions once a week for five other weeks on Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26; Nov 9, Nov 16 all from 20:00 to 21:15.**
- We could then offer a **final in-person meeting on Saturday 19th November at the Holy Trinity church house from 10-12** for a chance to wish each other well and see each other in person once again.

For those who would like to be part of this support group, please [sign up here](#) or send an email to Rose Omondi at counsellor@holytrinity.be. We would appreciate a short one or two sentences on why you would like to join the support group so we can have an idea of who is joining and what we need to focus on. The numbers will be limited, so please do sign up as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need further explanation of what to expect from the support group, please do email Rose at the above email address.

Peace & Conflict transformation courses We are happy to announce that the course to be run in English is almost full – only 2-3 places left. There are still some places left for the course in French. If you are interested, **there is still time until the 15 October 2022.** Go here to register: <https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/l0m0dxz6> For more info contact jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be or admin@holytrinity.be

Blessed are the peacemakers...*Jean-Bosco Turahirwa*

Job wanted Sineen, a new member of our HTB community is a qualified Occupational Therapist working with children with severe and various developmental disabilities. She has over 9 years of experience in the field and is looking for employment here in Belgium. If you should know of any opportunities for her to exercise her passion please contact her on +32456147886 or via email abualith@ualberta.ca. You can read a short intro about her [over here](#).

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.

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. More info available on www.be-safe.eu and the poster in the church lobby.

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