



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Remembrance  
12 November 2023

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday, 12 November 2023

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

**10:30 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

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

**14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN**

Leading: Charles Kabera  
Preaching: Jean Bosco Turahirwa

**18:00 Service of the Word**

Leading: Mags Bird  
Preaching: Natalie Jones

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

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

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In our approach to the Advent season, we are urged to be prepared for the day of the Lord's return. The core of that preparation is to be found in the way in which we live.

**Amos 5:18-24** Amos is concerned with the corruption and evil in high places that is destroying Israel. In the present situation, the day of the Lord will be a day of reckoning, not of rescue. He urges reform, with justice and righteousness as the marks of the kingdom. That is the key to a good relationship with God.

**Psalms 70** The king needs God's help as his enemies close in, thinking to have him in their grasp. But he trusts in the God who reverses earthly certainties. The day of the Lord may seem delayed, but it will come. Those who love God long for it. O Lord do not delay, they pray. Our prayer is "Come, Lord Jesus".

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** Many people today believe that death is the end. Sadly, that means that they must die without hope. Christians, on the other hand, both live and die in hope of the day when the Lord will come and take us all to be with him forever.

**Matthew 25:1-13** Jesus here looks forward to the day of the Lord. In his parable, the bridesmaids know that the bridegroom will arrive, but they do not know when. Likewise, we know that one day the Lord will come, although we do not know when. As the bridesmaids must be prepared for the bride, so we must be ready for the Lord. Jesus is calling on us to put our lives in order now, while there is time. Then we can live in hope and expectation of his coming.

#### Pointers for prayer

- The day of the Lord is not to be taken lightly. But through it comes hope. Pray for the hopeless of the earth
- Pray for the church to live in expectation of the Lord's return – with room in their hearts for him
- Am I living prepared for the coming of the Lord?

#### Wednesday, 15 November 2023

**12:30 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

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

# Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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!

John Wilkinson is officiating at the Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday service at Heverlee Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery and will be presiding at the Catholic Apostolic Church in Châtelet this afternoon. Please pray for him in these ministries.

Holy Trinity is once again about to launch our **'Have a Heart'** campaign where all proceeds will go to the children and young adolescents at [Les Cailloux](#) in time for St Nicolas on 6 December. At present, we are waiting for the list of gifts that the children would like to receive and once received, we will send a message out asking you to buy a gift for a particular child. In the meantime, if you already know you would like to participate, please contact Geraldine Barry ([Geraldine.barry@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Geraldine.barry@ec.europa.eu)).

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Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity  
Brussels asbl

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**Godly Play training!** In January 2024 there will be a new opportunity to follow the training for Godly Play at Holy Trinity. Godly Play is the spiritual formation we use in our children's ministry for the under-10s. A creative, open, tactile approach for children (and adults!) to explore the stories of the Bible and the Church and our place in those stories! Dates - **13th, 20th & 27th January 2024**  
More info: [philip.milton@holytrinity.be](mailto:philip.milton@holytrinity.be)

**Soapy Sunday Special 19 November!** A collection to support the women's prison. We need 45 shower gels & 45 shampoos to make Christmas gifts! Please drop your contributions in the box at the back of church.

## 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.

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.

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Donations to the  
**Community Kitchen**

@HTB ASBL Gift Account  
IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423  
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### The Prayer Chain

welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Carole Ludlow on [celudlow@gmail.com](mailto:celudlow@gmail.com).

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### 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>

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### 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 can 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](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)).

**(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. If you can help, please contact him on [levipovoas95@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be)

## 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>

**Serve the City** is holding a **2nd hand English Book sale** on **25 November** at Vineyard Brussels, Boulevard du Souverain, 220, Auderghem.

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**\*For requests and offers of accommodation or employment, Holy Trinity Brussels is not responsible for asking for appropriate checks and references, or for any contracts. These are the responsibility of all the parties involved.**

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**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](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be).**

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## 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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Mrs Grace West, The Revd Charles Kabera, Mr Eric Sibomana

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### **Central Committee of the Anglican Church in Belgium (based at HTB)**

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