

Remembrance Sunday 14 November 2021

Our readings this week

Daniel 12:1-3 Although they will face great trouble, God will ensure the ultimate deliverance of his people. Vindication is guaranteed to those who remain faithful through a time of terrible persecution. Those who die are not lost forever but, in a picture repeated in the New Testament, will shine like stars in heaven. Michael is God's agent in defending Israel against its enemies.

Psalm 16 Once we have Jesus as our Lord, everything else is secondary. Why would anyone who has experienced this privilege run after the false gods of this world? The psalmist, like many others, could say that things had fallen out well. We need to remember that for some, life can be very hard. While we rejoice in God's blessings, we must not forget the problems of others. Yet they, too, are promised the inheritance of God.

Hebrews 10: 11-25 The redemption offered to us by God in Jesus is not just another temporary solution: it is permanent, once for all. Therefore, trusting firmly in this gift, we should live lives that reflect Jesus' example and teaching. We will find the inspiration to do this by regular participation in the worship and fellowship of the Christian community.

Mark 13: 1-8 Jesus gave his followers no reason to believe that they would be in for an easy time. But he reminds us that we should not be taken in by the seeming permanence of great structures or by people claiming to come in his name. We are to stick with him and with the way of self-giving to which we are led by his example.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for all those who face trouble and persecution for their faith, that they may stand firm in the certainty that God will vindicate them.
- Have the boundary lines of my life fallen in good places? Thank the Lord for his goodness.
- The Christian life is one in which community is very important. How can I bring support to Christian people who seem to experience great trouble?
- Take hope from God's promise that, if we stay true to him, we will experience his reward.

Worship this week

Sunday 14 November, 2021

- 9:00 Holy Communion Leading: Annie Bolger Preaching: Annie Bolger
- 10:30 Holy Communion Leading: Ozzy Baron Preaching: Annie Bolger

Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy Communion Leading: Grace West Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

YouTube

18:00 Service of the Word Leading: Susie Wilkinson Preaching: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

Zoom; YouTube

Wednesday 17 November, 2021

12:30 Holy Communion

Annie Bolger

Sunday School groups now meet in church. Contact our Children's and Youth worker <u>Anna</u> <u>Zödi</u> for more details about children's and youth activities.

To hold services in church, we need more hosts!

As we now have increased numbers at services of worship, we must keep everyone COVID-safe! Three volunteers are needed for each service to welcome and direct people, dispense hand sanitizer, maintain social distancing, etc. Training is available and a handy manual is prepared with clear instructions. Please let the office know or email Sunil (for 10:30 service only) at gsunilj@gmail.com if you would like to help, which services you are available for, and which dates. Thank you!

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

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.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Please continue to reserve a place to attend any Sunday services (not counting children aged 12 and under). This can be done through your My ChurchSuite account or the <u>church website calendar</u>. You can also message/Whatsapp +32 460 950449 or email <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> and we will make a reservation for you.

The following measures are in place to keep us COVID-safe in church:

- * Keep 1,5m distance at all times.
- * Use the alcohol gel when you enter church.
- * Masks are obligatory for everyone.
- * Soft singing is allowed beneath masks.

'Hybrid worship' (following and participating in the service in church and online) will continue for Sunday services at 10:30, 14:00 and 18:00.

Seniors Autumn tea party

We will hold an in-person tea party at the home of Pam Clements (Saturday, 27 November) from 15:00 to 16:30. You are welcome to come along! Please let admin@holytrinity.be or Pam Clements (pamclements@outlook.com / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend.

Our church cleaning day will take place on 27 November. If you would like to participate, please email admin@holytrinity.be

Advent Meditations It is time to compile our 'book' of meditations for Advent. This is a 'book' of meditations based on the daily lectionary. We assign you a day, you choose a reading and write a few lines on that Bible passage. It is thoughts for the day that our congregation think on during Advent, the time of preparation for the festival of Christmas. If you would like to write a mediation please contact us, David and Jane Brown (imdjbrown@gmail.com or 0471 06 07 11).

Living in Love and Faith How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church? When there are strongly held differences among us, we are tempted to form like-minded groups or factions. We can all play a part in seeking unity in our Church as well as in the wider community. This course in five video-based sessions, encourages us to find creative ways to grow and learn together in the love of Christ. If you would like to be involved in such a group course please contact Jane Brown (jbrown19203@gmail.com or 0471 06 07 11) or the church office (admin@holytrinity.be).

The HTB mission committee will be meeting at the end of November to consider allocations for the end-of-year 2021 giving. If anyone from the congregation has suggestions for initiatives we could consider funding, please get in touch by 27 November by emailing mission@holytrinity.be. The priority areas of HTB mission are care for creation, care for people, spreading the gospel and support to the persecuted church. Flowers If you would like to sponsor the flowers that decorate the church each week, whether in memory of a loved one, celebration of a special event or thanksgiving for answered prayer, do sign up on the calendar in the lobby or contact Carol de Lusignan directly via email (carol.delusignan@skynet.be) The Flower Team would greatly appreciate this support of their ministry.

Gift account for pledges and donations: The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187 <u>(new bank account!)</u>

Morning and Night Prayer

Would you like to join others at HTB for prayer? Heather Roy is overseeing this ministry and if you have any questions, please email her at <u>heather.roy@gmail.com.</u> Join us at the following links, from Monday to Friday:

•Morning Prayer – 9:00 (<u>Zoom link</u>; Meeting ID 828 0903 6058)

•Night Prayer/Compline – 21:00 (<u>Zoom link</u>; Meeting ID 898 3749 9334)

Want to help make St Nicolas special? Please join our 'Have a Heart' campaign!

Holy Trinity is once again about to launch our 'Have a Heart' campaign where all proceeds will go to Les Cailloux. At present, we are waiting for the list of gifts that the children would like to receive and once received next week, we will send a message out asking you to buy a gift for a particular child. In the meantime, if you already know you'd like to participate, please contact either Geraldine Barry (Geraldine.barry@ec.europa.eu) Jane Brown or (jbrown19203@gmail.com).

Peace and Conflict Transformation Ministry update

The training programme for this ministry has now started since Saturday 16 October and will run until February 2022. There are 20 participants in total (FR and EN). The English speaking group meets on Mondays on Zoom from 20:00-22:00 and the French speaking group on Wednesdays on Zoom at the same time. Please pray for this new ministry at HTB and place those in training in God's hands. 'Blessed are the peacemakers'. Another round of training will start in March 2022. If you would like to enrol please email admin@holytrinity.be and we will put you on a waiting list.

Paul will be taking a sabbatical leave of 3 months starting from 17 January. He hopes to use this time away for deep rest, prayer, retreat, study and some writing, especially on the topic of resilience.

Important notice about church key cards. The keycards that we use to gain access to church buildings are expensive and time consuming for the church to acquire as they have to be programmed by Chubb, the supplier of the door security system. Our stocks are running low and yet there are many keycards held by members of the church community which are not used. The Administrator is therefore asking that if you have a keycard in your possession but no longer need it, please return it to the office. The keycard could be dropped in the letter box or sent through the post to Holy Trinity, Rue Capitaine Crespel 29, 1050 Bruxelles. Thank you for helping us to restore our stock of keycards.

The office is overstocked with paper. If you would like to buy a pack for your home printer the price is €2.50 per pack of 500 sheets A4 white. Contact the Administrator <u>cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be</u>

Accommodation wanted

for one quiet retiree. A studio flat or room with washing facilities and shared kitchen would suffice. Ready to pay fair rent. Call Rita on 0470 11 77 63.

One of our parishioners, Deanne Lehman Barnard, is looking for a room to rent in a private home from February. She would prefer to find something near Holy Trinity or Place Luxembourg, but elsewhere is also welcome. She intends to stay in Brussels an average of 10-12 consecutive days/month, and needs only very limited access to a refrigerator/kitchen, If you have an available room, you can contact her at: <u>deanne.lehman@gmail.com</u> or on her mobile telephone: +32 473 84 99 32.

The Wider Church

<u>Godspace</u> is organising a quiet afternoon - 'An invitation to wait' on 27 November from 13:30 to 16:30 at St Anthony's Church Kraainem. For full details of the programme and how to sign up, <u>go here</u>.

Brussels International Singers are holding their Christmas Carols Concert on 17 December at 19:30. For all details, <u>download their poster</u>.

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