



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Safeguarding Sunday/2nd before Advent
19 November 2023

Our readings this week

The 2nd Sunday before Advent continues the theme of preparing for the second coming of Christ.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 The blessings of the land, promised to Israel in Deuteronomy 6, are freely given by God to his people. Those who congratulate themselves on their own success, forgetting the gift, are warned that they are in for a rude awakening. In humble silence, we remember that our silver and gold count for nothing before God.

Psalms 90 This majestic psalm meditates on human transience before the eternity of God. Our days of self-importance pass in a moment. Only when God himself affirms them can our brief instant of life have any eternal value. The enduring, compassionate relationship that he offers connects our transience to his eternal glory, giving us hope, true joy - and a perspective on ourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 For those who do not make adequate preparation, the arrival of the Lord will be an unpleasant shock. They will be like those who are asleep or lost in a drunken stupor, when a thief comes in the night. Those who remain alert and self-controlled, living in faith and showing love, have nothing to fear. They are prepared. On that day, their hope in Jesus will be found to be secure.

Matthew 25: 14-30 The Christian life is not just about some future day of reckoning but about how we live now. We have been given talents, and time to take the risk of putting them to use. We may not know when Christ will return, but we are assured that, when he does, he will require us to give an account of what we have done with our time, talents and opportunities. We should not treat this obligation to render an account as something trivial.

Worship this week

Sunday, 19 November 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion

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Annie Bolger

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Philip Milton
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

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

Wednesday, 22 November 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for those who put their trust in their worldly wealth. Ask God's compassion on those who see the things they had trusted crumbling and disappearing;
- God's church should be marked by a life that is alert and self-controlled, lived in faith and love, crowned with hope;
- Where is my dwelling, the centre of my life? If tested, will it show up well?

[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!

Soapy Sunday Special - today! A special 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.

'Have a Heart 2023' campaign - list of presents available!

Thanks to all who have already expressed interest in supporting this year's 'Have a Heart' St Nicolas campaign for [Les Cailloux](#). The list of presents to buy is available [here](#), together with instructions for delivery - you have an opportunity over each of the next three Sundays to drop off your gift at Holy Trinity. If you would like to support the cause in another way, you are very welcome to make a bank transfer to the following account: **BE67 1030 7048 2187** with 'Have a Heart 2023' as a reference. The campaign has also been added to Holy Trinity's donations app to make it even easier to give. If you have any difficulty with delivery of your gift, please contact [Geraldine Barry](#).

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 Carole Ludlow on celudlow@gmail.com.

Scan QR to join HTBs official Whatsapp group



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@holyltrinity.be

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.

Accommodation wanted*

(1) From time to time, Holy Trinity is made aware of people in precarious situations who need a place to live. Currently we have two regular attendees of the 10:30 service who are in such a position. Both individually are able to offer a small compensation for housing (roughly €400 monthly). If you know of any place where these members of the community might be able to live, please contact Annie Bolger (annie.bolger@holyltrinity.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 +447546788474.

**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>

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

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.

***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.**

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.

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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