

# HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

Trinity 10 21 August 2022

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 21 August, 2022 9:00 Holy Communion

- 9:00 Holy Communion Leading & Preaching: John Wilkinson
- 10:30 Holy Communion Leading: Annie Bolger Preaching: John Wilkinson

### Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy Communion Leading: Charles Kabera Preaching: John Wilkinson

### YouTube

18:00 Informal gathering Leading & preaching: Annie Bolger

We will resume Youth & Children's work as well as Wednesday midweek Holy Communion services in September!

# Our readings this week

**Isaiah 58:9b-end** God is only too willing to help us, providing only that we should be willing to receive, for he respects our freedom. We show that willingness in our relationships: by our concern for others and for God himself. Our care for the Sabbath demonstrates both our attitude to God and our respect of the right of others to their rest. The willing will receive guidance, our needs will be met, our future will be assured.

**Psalm 103:1-8** This is a great hymn of praise to God for his love and providence towards his people. His gifts are passed in summary review – forgiveness and healing, redemption, love and mercy, justice and grace, self-revelation. These show his steadfast love towards us, separating us from our faults, showing the compassion of a loving father. The psalm sets his steadfast, enduring love against the brief moment of our lives. Praise him!

**Hebrews 12:18-end** The whole letter warns believers against turning back from their new Christian faith. In Jesus, we have received the word of God in a way that is still more powerful than that experienced by Israel at Sinai. God's word ushers in his kingdom as his gift to us - a gift that we dare not refuse or neglect, but should receive in awe and with worship.

Luke 13:10-17 When the kingdom of God enters our lives, it is as if we were able to stand up straight and tall, rather than being bent, unable to move with comfort. It is a liberating experience, a cause for rejoicing at the release of the captive and the coming of God's favour, which puts the rules and ceremonies of religious cult in their proper place. Yet so many cannot see beyond religion to the saving work of God and do not let his redeeming rule into their lives.

### Pointers for prayer

- Does my treatment of others show me to be open to receive the gifts of God as he would give them?
- Pray that we Christians may see beyond our religious concerns to behold the loving power of God at work;
- Praise the God who cares for us in all eternity.

### The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage blessing of Cecily Arthur and Ilias Papadopoulos

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.

# 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 <u>may</u> wear a mask if they wish. There is designated seating for those who wish to wear masks and sit socially distanced.

 Holy Communion: We <u>may</u> 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.

## Holy Trinity is up to date with methods of electronic

**giving!** Holy Trinity is up to date with methods of electronic giving! Givt has been available in the collection bags for some time and now we have added payconiq. You will see the payconiq QR code on the collection bag for you to make your offering digitally. **There is a second option: search the list of shops in the payconiq app for "Holy Trinity Offering".** The Treasurer tells us that the cost per transaction using cash is 30 cents whereas with payconiq it is only 7 cents, so it makes sense to use payconiq wherever possible.

**Peace & Conflict transformation courses:** The next series of courses (FR and EN) runs from October to April 2023 (45 hours for the first level: deep understanding of conflict - it's positive transformation and 30 hours for the second level: Tools of peacemakers and mediators). The English-speaking group will meet on Mondays (except the first Monday of the month) via Zoom from 19:00-22:00. The French speaking group will meet on Wednesdays via Zoom from 19:00-22:00. There will also be inperson courses on the second Saturday of the month at the church or a weekend away. If you would like to attend these courses, please register at this link. There are only 12 places per group. For more information contact Jean-Bosco Turahirwa jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be or the Church Office at admin@holytrinity.be.

**Can you join a Team, especially for August** ... 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 <u>register here.</u>

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

### Online Morning Prayer Join us at the start of the day.

On weekday mornings at 9:00 some of us from the various congregations together found join to pray. We use the app 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.

### Online Compline Join us at the end of the day.

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-servicedaily-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/i/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.

# **The Wider Church**

Accommodation wanted A Ukrainian woman came to Holy Trinity seeking housing support. Single woman in her late 30s looking for accommodation in Brussels so that she can register with the state and get the support she is entitled to from the Belgian state. Her long-term plan is to find her own accommodation in Brussels. If you are able to help with a short-term solution for this person, please contact Annie Bolger on +32 485 875088.

**Godspace** weekend retreat '**Walking by the river**' will be held from **25-28 August, 2022** at La Pairelle, Centre Spirituelle, Namur. It will be a silent retreat with a maximum of 16 people. Price: 175 eur per head. Bookings now open at this link: <u>https://stpaulstervuren.churchsuite.com/events/nmxuq3zp</u> (keep an eye on website <u>www.godspace.eu</u> for details). If you've got questions, please email <u>drawaside@godspace.eu</u> or speak to Ann Milton.

Women's Retreat 1-2 October 2022 You are invited to join with other women from a variety of churches across Belgium for a retreat weekend. We will be reflecting with God and with each other on the theme 'Those who sow in tears... will reap with songs of Joy'. Our speaker, Revd Dr Rhona Knight, is a healthcare professional and an ordained priest, with years of experience in working through trauma and promoting wholeness and wellbeing. More information and registration on our website here: <u>https://bwt-retreat.be/</u>

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