



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 11
28 August 2022

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 28 August, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Charles Kabera
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Mags Bird
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

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

Proverbs 25:6-7 This is a salutary warning against pride. However, it is not a call to false modesty. Rather, it urges the wise to develop prudent self-understanding, and to recognize the right of those in authority to judge.

Psalms 112 True dignity is to be affirmed by God. How can we obtain that affirmation? First, by fear of the Lord, that is by showing him true respect. Second, by behaving towards others as God behaves towards us. Truly godly people reflect the character of God himself – they are gracious, merciful and righteous. To them come all sorts of good things: true riches, security, and respect. They are known as generous and just. As the ambitions of the wicked are seen to come to nothing, so the qualities of the godly are seen to endure – because they come from God himself.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 As Hebrews draws towards a close, it exhorts Christians to live in ways that gives mutual love its deepest sense: identifying with those in trouble, keeping marriage pure, accepting God's provision rather than seeking material wealth, respecting, supporting and learning from Christian leaders. This care for doing what is good recognizes the enduring benefits we have from Christ. It is a way of praising God through showing how his presence is at work in our lives.

Luke 14:1, 7-14 Jesus uses proverbial wisdom to challenge the religious in their posturing before God. The wedding banquet is a common picture for God's welcoming of his people at the end of time. Where will our place be at that great moment? Prudence leaves that decision to God. We should be more concerned to bring those in need to the banquet than to decide our own place. God knows well what we do. He will not forget any merit we may have shown.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for the wisdom to understand myself as I truly am. Against what standard should I set myself?
- How can we help those in need to get to God's banquet?
- Pray that we may daily behave more and more like our Lord.
- Praise God who alone provides good things that last.

[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.

At this morning's 10:30 service we will be baptising **Millie** and **Ivy**, twin daughters of **Jimmy Lerias Branca** and **Kate Schoonvaere**. We welcome them, their family and friends into our church community!

Creationtide from **4 September - 4 October** Holy Trinity will be observing Creationtide along with churches around the world. An outline of 10:30 services and activities to look forward to:

- **4 September** - All Age Worship
- **11 September** - children and youth will resume their classes
- **18 September** - Car-Free Sunday in Brussels will coincide with our bicycle workshop, taking place between the 10:30 & 2pm services. Bring your own lunch if you like! This is also Soapy Sunday!
- **25 September** - Ministry Fayre, also taking place between the 10:30 & 2pm services.
- **2 October** - All Age Worship and Harvest Festival.

A few weeks ago, I wrote about how we worship God not only in a worship service but also in our service of helping the church family run smoothly. Here is a list of some of the acts of service within our family - **Welcome, Creche, Children's worship and programme, Flower arrangements, Garden and courtyard, making and serving coffee, reading, being an intercessor, singing, working in the Community Kitchen, helping with sound, Youtube, Zoom**. We are in this together, we do and teach and gain experience. One of the readings this week is from the epistle to the Hebrews. It starts "Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters." Let us serve together and grow together.
Jane Brown, churchwarden

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.

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
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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!

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: 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 in-person 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?... 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](#).

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

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.

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-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.

The Wider Church

Christian Climate Action invite you to join our monthly **Prayer in the Park on Thursday 1st September**. Meet at 18h Parc Cinquantenaire (Schumann end) for 30 minutes of outdoors climate prayer and reflection. All welcome, look for the Christian Climate Action banner.

***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.**

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: <https://bwt-retreat.be/>

Help wanted A couple is looking for someone to help them with picking up and dropping their 3-year-old son in school for the period 5 Sept to 17 Nov. Detailed info can be had from Catharina Rinzema via catharina.rinzema@gmail.com or +31 6 330 41 448.

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