



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Trinity 12  
27 August 2023

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 27, August 2023

**9:00 Holy Communion**  
Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

**10:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

**14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN**  
Leading: Charles Kabera  
Preaching: Grace West

#### [YouTube](#)

**18:00 Summer gathering**  
Leading: Annie Bolger

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

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**[No Wednesday services until  
September](#)**

**Isaiah 51:1-6** Look back to your foundations, says the prophet. Abraham heard God's call and responded in faith, acting in the expectation that God would fulfill his covenant. God's people must listen and have faith in God's promise that he will again bless his people. Then they are to look forward, to what God will do for the world through them. God's people must see themselves in the light of God's salvation of the world. They are called to build on the rock of faith, like Abraham.

**Psalms 124** This is the song of a people saved, against all the odds, from the seeming certainty of destruction. The picture of a roaring flood carrying all before it is used for the violent and seemingly unstoppable assault of the enemy. The people are like a helpless bird, trapped in a net, expecting only to have its neck wrung. Yet suddenly they are free! What has happened? The Lord has come to the aid of his people, the Lord who made heaven and earth and rules over all.

**Romans 12:1-8** Paul points us to a church in which everyone responds to God's salvation by giving themselves completely to him. Paul uses this picture of Christians as parts of one body here and elsewhere. Each has a role to play, each is indispensable to the whole, all depend on Christ. He uses this to show us ourselves in a new light, as members of a community in which each has their own value, their own particular service. This service is a working out of our faith, making us an active and effective body of Christ.

**Matthew 16:13-20** Peter's confession is the climax of the first half of the gospel. Who or what is the rock on which Jesus will build his church? Is it every disciple who confesses Jesus? Is it Jesus, recognized as the Christ? Or is it Peter? Certainly, Peter brings these points together. And he later uses the keys to unlock the kingdom to the gentiles.

### Pointers for prayer

- Are we allowing for the possibility that God is at work?
- How can I serve in the community of servants?
- Have we brought our problems to the God who is our help?
- Praise the God who stoops to save us in Jesus – and confess him!

[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 and introduce yourself if you are new or visiting Brussels.

**Summer at Holy Trinity** Some changes to anticipate as we enter the summer months:

- Wednesday services are on pause from 19 July to 30 August. We resume on 6 September.
- Sunday 6pm services are simpler, prayerful services in the summer, without streaming or live music.
- Children and youth groups are paused at the 10:30 service and replaced by a "Storykeepers" video in the CLJ. Children will rejoin the 10:30 service in time for Holy Communion.

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*Gift account for **pledges and donations:***

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**Community Kitchen***

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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](mailto:janine.vrolijk@gmail.com) or Carole Ludlow on [celudlow@gmail.com](mailto:celudlow@gmail.com).*

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

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**Congratulations** to Lydia Stoddart and Maxime Pernal on the birth of little **Oscar** about a week ago. We welcome him into our church family!

**The 10:30 coffee team asks that regulars bring their own coffee cup!** As a result of the ban on single use items we ask that regulars bring their own coffee cup. We can provide cups for guests but these need washing up. Who will do this now that the dishwasher is out of use? The coffee team has been willing to do the washing up in limited numbers, but the situation has gotten out of control. Regulars are expecting to be provided with a cup. The result is too many cups to be washed up by hand so please remember to bring your own cup and perhaps you would also volunteer to wash up the guests cups.

**Peace and Conflict Transformation course** The registration for the next course, starting in October is now open. Please go here to sign up: <https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/nyvgqxmkk> or email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) To find out more, please visit the website [www.centreforpeace.be](http://www.centreforpeace.be)

**Church Weekend Away 24-26 May 2024 at Monastère Saint-Remacle, Stavelot** We are looking for two more people to join our planning team for this exciting event for the whole HTB community. Please contact Philippa Hayward or [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be).

**Meeting dead and living stones** As a result of the Israeli – Palestinian reconciliation camp of 2022, we are now going on a return visit to **Israel and Palestine from Oct 28-Nov 4**. [See document](#) with more information. This trip is to learn about the conflict in the Middle East. Participation is not limited. Anyone who wants to see first-hand what this conflict is about is very welcome to join. Please contact Bart Feenstra for more info: [bart@utopica.com](mailto:bart@utopica.com)

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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***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.***

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## **Online Morning and Night Prayer**

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> Every day 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.

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>. Every day 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.

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