



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 12
4 September 2022

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 4 September, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Paul Vrolijk

10:30 AAW Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

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

14:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Eric Sibomana
Preaching: Charles Kabera

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

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

Jeremiah 18:1-11 As Jeremiah watches, he understands how the potter works with the clay to overcome failure. Such is Israel in the hand of God. But the following verses make clear that God wants a response from his people. It is not enough for them to be passive. God's actions will adapt, depending on how his people respond to him. With this picture, Jeremiah urges Israel to work with God and warns of the consequences if they do not.

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-18 God knows us through and through and we are never hidden from him. He knows us so well because we are God's creation. He even sees where we are going long before we do. To the poet, this realisation is overpowering and awe-inspiring, for he understands that wherever he may be, God is there before him.

Philemon 1-21 Onesimus, a slave, has fled to Paul. To do justice both to Onesimus and to his master, Philemon, Paul sends Onesimus back. But he asks Philemon to receive him as a brother and to accept any loss on Paul's account. Then he hands the responsibility over to Philemon. Just to help him make the right decisions, Paul mentions that he may shortly visit him.

Luke 14:25-33 Jesus reminds the crowd who, impressed by his wonders, flock behind him, that discipleship demands commitment. Half-measures will not do. We do well to consider the cost of the commitment of faith and to ask ourselves if we have the determination to carry it through to the end, for we must not expect to be treated more generously than was our Lord himself. Jesus demands the first place in the lives of his followers.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for the determination to seek God in his word, for senses alert to his presence, a heart that is open to hear him and inspiration in responding to him;
- Care for individuals is part of the Christian life. Keeping relationships right certainly involves effort and sometimes needs persuasion; it also involves trust;
- Pray that God will sustain and support our weak commitment and that, when we fail, he may seek us in love and bring us to repentance.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on Monday, 4th September at 19:30 via Zoom. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office at admin@holytrinity.be. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or [the wardens](#).

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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!

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.

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.

Our **Wednesday mid-week 12:30 Holy Communion** services resume from 7 September.

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.

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>

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.

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.

***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.**

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.

The Church Council needs a secretary. The position mainly entails taking the minutes of the meetings, not verbatim, just the essentials and then emailing them to the council members. There are 10 meetings a year, usually on the first Monday of the month. Currently the meetings are on Zoom, so no travelling time. If you think you would like a trial run, the first meeting of the academic year is on Monday, 5 September. Contact Jane Brown jbrown19203@gmail.com / 0471 06 07 11 or admin@holytrinity.be.

As we learned about hospitality in the sermon last Sunday and begin a period of creationtide, I wanted to draw your attention to a new book on these themes called 'A Place at the Table'. It was written by Miranda Harris, the co-founder of A Rocha, who visited Holy Trinity many times with her husband Peter, but who tragically died in a car accident in 2019. The book has been co-written with her daughter Jo Swinney who also works for A Rocha. To register for the virtual book launch taking place on the 15th September, or to pre-order a copy, please visit: <https://placeatthetable.info/en/> - Janice Weatherley-Singh

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](#).

Job wanted Sineen, a new member of our HTB community is a qualified Occupational Therapist working with children with severe and various developmental disabilities. She has over 9 years of experience in the field and is looking for employment here in Belgium. If you should know of any opportunities for her to exercise her passion please contact her on +32456147886 or via email abualith@ualberta.ca. You can read a short intro about her [over here](#).

The Wider Church

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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