



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 14
18 September 2022

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 18 September, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Catriona Laing

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Catriona Laing

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

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Grace West
Preaching: John Wilkinson

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading:
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

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

Wednesday 21, September 2022

12:30 Holy Communion

Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 This is a lament for Jerusalem, the city under judgment. Who is the speaker? At times it seems to be the city herself, at others the prophet speaking on her behalf. It seems that not just the king, but God himself has forsaken the city. The harvest has been lost, there is no healing balm for the city's wound. Some of the words might even be uttered by God, in grief at what the city has brought upon itself.

Psalms 79:1-9 This is a lament for Jerusalem, laid waste by its enemies, its sacred places defiled. Not just the city, but its people have been given over to destruction. Not only are the survivors mocked by their neighbours: worse, they have the sense that God's anger has been turned upon them. It is from there that they cry for help. "How long, O Lord?"

1 Timothy 2:1-7 It is easy for Christians to become so preoccupied with their own needs that they forget that they are part of a world for which Jesus has given himself. Christians should be in prayer for everyone. Whether or not we like those in high political office, we should pray for them. Praying for others will have consequences for us all.

Luke 16:1-13 This point of this story of Jesus is not easy to grasp. Perhaps we do best to look at its context. Jesus is being eagerly listened to by social outcasts, but the religious seem only able to find fault. Then the story seems to say: look, you know how to be worldly-wise when it comes to your business manoeuvres; how come you are not smart when it comes to the things of God? Then he reminds them: you cannot serve God and wealth. Which is more important to them?

Pointers for prayer

- Think over the importance that we attach to our material well-being and the importance that we attach to God. Should we change the balance?
- Take time to pray for those people in authority that you find least appealing.
- Give thanks that, high above the deceptions, trickeries and injustices of this world is an all-seeing God, who is righteous.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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.

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:

- **this Sunday** is Car-free Sunday – join us for a bicycle workshop, learn to cycle or bring along a bike in need of minor upgrades and we have amazing volunteers who can lend a helping hand.
- **25 September** - Ministry Fayre, also taking place between the 10:30 & 2pm services.
- **2 October** - All Age Worship and Harvest Festival.

The Diocesan Caring for Creation working group (which includes 3 HTB members) has worked with the Diocesan Communications team to produce a short video for Creationtide. You can find it [here](#).

Harvest at Holy Trinity - 2 October Here are two ways to express gratitude and generosity this Harvest!

• **Harvest Sunday is 2 October.** Food donations will be gratefully received at every service on Harvest. Fresh vegetables (no fruit, please) will be donated to the Community Kitchen. The Community Kitchen especially requests fresh red peppers, courgettes, aubergine, onions, potatoes, carrots, etc. Non-perishable foods, dry/tinned items, etc, will be shared with the Protestant Social Centre.

• **Consider giving your time!** The Community Kitchen needs help to transform these fresh foods into nourishing meals. To volunteer, email community.kitchen@holyltrinity.be.

The Treasurer wishes to thank the congregation for the progress that is being made to move from donations by coins to electronic methods such as Payconiq and Givt. A recent analysis has shown that receipts using these new methods are almost equal to the amounts that we receive in coins. This is welcome progress!

This Sunday is Soapy Sunday! We will collect health and hygiene items for 1) the Salvation Army and for 2) the women's prison Berkendael where Grace West is chaplain. The main needs are for women's sanitary items, nappies, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's razors and shave cream, and new underwear for women, men and children.

**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.**

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.

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@holyltrinity.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.

Starting from October, HTB and Christian Climate Action will be offering a **'Deep Waters'** course. This is an 8-week programme which provides a faith-based framework for exploring issues of anxiety, fear and grief linked to the climate and environmental crisis. Deep Waters supports reflection and conversation with others trying to make sense of climate grief and eco-anxiety through eyes of faith. The journey takes us through themes including lament, truth, wisdom, mortality and justice, in pursuit of renewed hope. **The course will run on Tuesday evenings from 4th October**, with a mix of 'live' meetings (at HTB) and online sessions. Enquiries and sign-ups - contact Annie (annie.bolger@holyltrinity.be) or Mags (mags.bird@gmail.com).

Holy Trinity Brussels will be hosting the **American Horn Quartet** concert in church on **22 September at 20:00**. Two of its members are Kerry & Kristina Mascher-Turner, our regular choir members. Suggested donation: €20/€15. More info about the Quartet can be found at www.hornquartet.com

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/>

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