



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 15
17 September 2023

Worship this week

Sunday, 17 September 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Jacob Quick

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Jacob Quick

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Jacob Quick

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

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

Our readings this week

Genesis 50:15-21 Joseph's brothers had plenty to feel guilty about. Now that their father is out of the way, would Joseph work a terrible revenge on them? Joseph shows the greatness of spirit to be able to see beyond the evil deed to the good that God had brought through it. His trust in God enables him to rise above personal revenge and makes him a model of the forgiveness that Christ urges on us all.

Psalm 103:1-7, 8-13 This is a hymn of praise to God, both for who he is and for what he does for his people. Towards his people he expresses love: forgiveness, redemption, satisfaction of our needs. If he works for justice, it is not just through accusation, but through mercy and loving kindness. Our compassionate God understands our human weakness. Unlike our human frailty and transience, his love towards those who respond to him is everlasting.

Romans 14:1-12 Paul pleads with Jewish and Gentile Christians to understand and to embrace each other. He knows how easy it is for Christians to be distracted from living out the Christian life by finding fault with the faith of others. But the Christian life is about following Jesus, not about finding fault with other Christians. Time has made the issues he refers to look trivial enough to us. Does this have anything to say about the sometimes furious dissensions of our own day?

Matthew 18:21-35 The God who is willing to put everything else aside to recover lost souls does not want quarrelsome people to make obstacles to this reconciling work. The parable reminds us that we do not live only on the level of relationships with other humans. We are also in relationship with God. What we do towards others and our relationship with God are inseparably bound together.

Pointers for prayer

- Give thanks for the grace of God which reaches into my weakness.
- Pray the Lord's prayer, remembering that its petition for forgiveness is conditional on what we do towards those who may offend us;
- How open is our church community to embracing all those who feel cut off from the love of God?

Wednesday, 20 September 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

[Our programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

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Season of Creation – 3 September - 1 October

What is Creationtide? Learn more [here](#) and each Sunday during this season! In the Season of Creation, we celebrate God's love as expressed through the world around us and we renew our theological commitment to caring for the earth. You will soon notice a new section of the newsletter highlighting ways that we can be better stewards!

In the run up to the UN Climate Summit on 20 September, climate and youth movements around the world are mobilising for the weekend to urge governments to end fossil fuels. In Brussels, there will be a **rally at Gare Centrale at 14:00 today (car-free Sunday)**. Come and join in -- look out for the flowery pillowcase! More info - contact [Mags](#) or see christianclimateaction.be

The ICS Mission Director, The Revd Richard Bromley will be with us **at the 10:30 Service**. The **Intercontinental Church Society** has historically had a role (with the Bishop of London) in the recruitment of Senior Chaplains. Please say hello and ask him any questions you may have, over **coffee and tea** which 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.

The Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Sarah Mullally will be with us **in Brussels from 13th until 15th October**. Before her ordination she was Chief Nursing Officer of England and was originally invited to visit us soon after her appointment as Bishop because of the Edith Cavell link. Her visit now comes at a good time because **she is patron of Holy Trinity**, which means that she has an important role in the appointment of a new senior chaplain. This visit will give her the opportunity to get to know us!

A note from the Treasurer As we move towards the final quarter of the year, I would like to give you an update on the state of our finances. Our cost budget this year is €1,035 per day. With Paul's departure and other cost savings, our costs are expected to be about €992 per day. Your giving, for which we are very grateful, amounts to €818 per day. We have found other sources of income which add another €160 per day to make a total income of €978 per day. This leaves a shortfall of €14 per day which may not sound much but over the course of the year its over €5,100. The challenge for us is to bridge this gap. Can we do it?

John Wilkinson writes: A big thank you to everyone for their support and prayers over the last five weeks since my operation. The operation was a success. Although you will be seeing more of me over the coming days and weeks, I am still recovering towards full strength, and will be following the advice of many to be careful about returning fully to work too soon! Thank you especially to Annie who has been filling in many of the gaps in ministry in these days.

Donations to the
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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.

This year's ecumenical **Men's Retreat** is being held at Maredsous Abbey from **13-15 October**. For more info and how to register please read the [leaflet](#).

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.

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 To find out more, please visit the website www.centreforpeace.be

Are you looking to deepen your faith? **The Diocese in Europe's enriching lay learning course** is returning this September for its second year, open to everyone.

📖 It has four parts:

Knowing God looks at prayer, and focuses on the Lord's Prayer, and the context in which Jesus taught it to his disciples.

Growing in Christ explores what Christians over the centuries have wanted to say about Jesus Christ and what he did.

Building Community looks at our common life as part of the People of God, and how it is expressed, for example in our worship.

Living beyond Ourselves asks about how our Christian faith should affect our responses to key issues of our time such as the care for creation and migration.

📅 Fortnightly online sessions begin 26 September led by Dr Clare Amos, Diocesan Director of Lay Discipleship.

🔗 Learn more and register at www.europe.anglican.org/lay-learning-course

A diocesan **Racial Justice Conference** is planned for 8 - 11 November. The diocesan website offers information [here](#). It would be amazing if Holy Trinity were represented at this conference! If you would like to attend and have any questions, please contact Leslie Nathaniel at Leslie.nathaniel@europe.anglican.org

Online Morning and Night Prayer

Did you know that members of Holy Trinity meet together for prayer online throughout the week? You can drop in on any day and join the prayers. The password is 'htb'.

Morning prayer: Monday to Friday, 9:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success>

Compline/Night prayer: Monday to Friday, 21:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success>

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.

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

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