



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 16
24 September 2023

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 24 September 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Charles Kabera
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

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

Wednesday, 27 September 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

Jonah 3:10-4:11 Humans long to be able to say: "You see, I was right." Jonah wanted to do that, too and felt humiliated when his warnings were not fulfilled. But leading people to God and to the experience of his love is far more important. God's prophetic word is less often about announcing disaster than about persuade people to change course so that disaster is avoided.

Psalms 145:1-8 The whole poem, with great artistry, provides an A to Z of praise for the God who, as he feeds us, stands the world's order on its head. The verses on which we are invited to focus amount to a crescendo of praise, leading to a climax in verse 8, part of the core of the whole psalm, which recalls God's grace, mercy and compassion as they are revealed in Exodus 34:6-7.

Philippians 1:21-end Most Christians will find it hard to contemplate death with the apparent peace of mind of Paul. Perhaps it is his ambition to be of service – first to Christ, then to his people – that discloses what drives Paul. Self-advancement is of no interest. Jesus is his model and master, in life or in death. If his death would serve the cause of Christ, so be it. To suffer, if it is really 'for him', would be a privilege.

Matthew 20: 1-16 We are workers for God, not for ourselves. What matters is how he sees us, not how others see us – or we see ourselves compared to others. There is only one benchmark that matters – how far we please our master. There is another message in here: that the kingdom of heaven is a place of the greatest generosity. Its standards are not those we are used to.

Pointers for prayer

- Meditate on Paul's words and on how they might work out in my life in fuller service to God and to his people
- Pray that God's servants may know the joy of feeling his strength working through them
- We so often fall heir to what others have toiled for. Give thanks for what we have inherited from the work of Jesus and all who have followed him.

[Our 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
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or Carole Ludlow on
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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.

Living Lightly WhatsApp group — Creationtide is a great time to think about how we might live in closer harmony with the natural world, and tread more lightly on the planet. Some members of HTB have expressed an interest in sharing tips on sustainable living in Brussels. If you would like to exchange ideas on where to find planet-friendly products, or local eco-events or other such info, please contact [Mags](#) who will be happy to send you a link to the WhatsApp group 'Living Lightly in Bxls and Beyond'. This group was previously a Lent 'living lightly' group, and already has a core of enthusiastic green Christians pleased to share advice, news, and encouragement!

Harvest Festival — Sunday 1 October is Harvest!

Food donations will be gratefully received at every service on Harvest Sunday. 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.

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?

**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>

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.

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

Thank you!

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](#).

The Peace and Conflict Transformation course Starts on **28 October from 9-12 noon**. There are 3 places left for the English-speaking group and many places left for the French speaking group. Please go here to sign up: <https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/nyvgqxmK> or email admin@holytrinity.be **Registration closes on 20 October**. A detailed schedule of the course will be available from Friday on 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

An interactive bilingual (FR/EN) conference "**On being a refugee in Belgium**" will be organised on the premises of Holy Trinity Brussels by a team of lawyers and social workers of "**L'Olivier**", an asbl working with refugees in Brussels, **on Saturday, 21 October, from 11:00 to 13:00**. For more info, please check the [poster](#) in the lobby or www.lolivier1996.be

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.

Creation Corner

A new section of the newsletter highlighting ways that we can be better stewards of the earth!

Cars are a convenient mode of transportation and for some people, the only viable mode. However, a typical car emits about 4.6 metric tons of CO₂ per year. This past Sunday was Car Free Sunday in Brussels and many people took public transit to church. Some cycled and walked. We give thanks that these options exist, for those who are able!

There are benefits of taking public transportation, cycling, and walking which could better your life and the environment: 1) Better air quality in the city, 2) Health benefits of increased activity, 3) Fewer cars on the road / less traffic, 4) No stress over parking, 5) Saving money on fuel.

What did you experience on Car Free Sunday that might be worth carrying into the year?

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