

Trinity 17 26 September 2021

Worship this week

Sunday 26 September, 2021

9:00 Holy Communion John Wilkinson

10:30 Holy CommunionJohn Wilkinson

Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy CommunionCharles Kabera

YouTube

18:00 Service of the Word Paul Vrolijk

Zoom; YouTube

Contact our Children's and Youth worker Anna Zödi for more details about children's and youth activities.

Wednesday 29 September, 2021

12:30 Holy Communion

John Wilkinson

Recordings of services will be available from Monday morning onwards on our YouTube channel.

Our readings this week

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Unhappy about the food, the Israelites have forgotten their delivery from slavery. Leaders spend a lot of time handling grumblers who have no more sense than the Israelites. God provides support for Moses. But there is a twist in the tail that links this passage to the gospel. What matters about leaders is that they are chosen by God, not whether they have the right certificates.

James 5:13-end Prayer is so much more important to the Christian life than dispute. It is the natural Christian response to trouble and the accompaniment of joy. It goes with an acceptance of each other for what we are, not what we appear to be. After all, that is how God responds to us. The prayer of the righteous, who know that God is in control, is natural and effective.

Mark 9: 38-50 The disciples found it hard to grasp what Jesus was doing. Like us, they are focused on themselves, all too ready to find fault with others. Jesus has no place for rivalries between those who call on his name. He reminds us in the strongest terms, exaggerating to reinforce his point, that we are called to service, not to self-advancement, and must prepare ourselves accordingly.

Psalm 19 This is a poem in three parts: a hymn to creation; a meditation on God's revealed law, by which creation lives; and a reflection on our unworthiness before God's work. The poem pivots from creation to the law through the words nothing is hidden from its heat. Notice the characteristics of the law and its effects on the believer - a living experience, not a set of dead rules. Could the great transgression be the sin of Adam and Eve, who grasped at knowledge rather than accepting God's revelation?

Pointers for prayer

- Meditate on the law of God and its characteristics, set out in the psalm;
- Pray for Christian leaders to have patience in face of grumbling;
- Pray for all who are called by God to exercise leadership to be accepted by his church;
- Pray in response to this great God who loves us.

Confirmation Service
We will be holding a
Confirmation Service at 14:00
on 31 October. If you would
like to be confirmed or to know
what this involves, please
contact admin@holytrinity.be
and one of our clergy will
respond to you.

Flowers If you would like to sponsor the flowers that decorate the church each week, whether in memory of a loved one, celebration of a special event or thanksgiving for answered prayer, do sign up on the calendar in the lobby or contact Carol de Lusignan directly via email (carol.delusignan@skynet.be)

The Flower Team would greatly appreciate this support of their ministry.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Please continue to reserve a place to attend any Sunday services (not counting children aged 12 and under). This can be done through your My ChurchSuite account or the <u>church website calendar</u>. You can also message/Whatsapp +32 460 950449 or email <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> and we will make a reservation for you.

The following measures are in place to keep us COVID-safe in church:

- * Keep 1,5m distance at all times.
- * Use the alcohol gel when you enter church.
- * Masks are obligatory for everyone.
- * Soft singing is allowed beneath masks.

'Hybrid worship' (following and participating in the service in church and online) will continue for Sunday services at 10:30, 14:00 and 18:00.

At this morning's 10:30 service, we are baptizing baby **Aaron John George**. We welcome him and his parents **Ann John** and **Sunil George** as he joins our Christian family.

Ordination Announcement We join with the rest of the Diocese in Europe in prayer for The Revd Kirk Weisz who will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop David today in Bergen, Norway. Revd Kirk will continue to serve as assistant curate at the Anglican Church of Norway.

Creationtide 19 September-4 October

Here are some ways you could participate:

- Join us for services focused on Creation
- Follow our prayer prompts on Facebook
- Commit to praying for COP26
- Donate to our Harvest collection, 3 October

Holy Trinity Brussels is now a bronze award winner eco-church! If you would like to join us on our journey from bronze to silver, this is how you could get involved:

- Join our Environment group contact zelie@peppiette.com
- Volunteer in the garden contact manodoye@gmail.com
- Volunteer in the courtyard contact <u>annie.bolger@holytrinity.be</u>
- Pray with Christian Climate Action Belgium ChristianClimateAction.be

To celebrate **Harvest**, the Flower Team will be decorating the church with vegetables and fruits, which will afterwards be used by the Community Kitchen to provide meals for hungry people in Brussels. Donations of fresh produce can be brought to the church from **Wednesday 29 September-Friday 1 October** and Anna Ződi will receive them (anna.zodi@holytrinity.be). Please inform her in advance of your expected time of arrival. If you want to contribute but are not able to come to church, you can make a donation to BE67 1030 7048 2187 with the communication "VEGGIES" and the Flower Team will buy them on your behalf.

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.

Gift account for pledges and donations: The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187 (new bank account!)

Morning and Night Prayer

Would you like to join others at HTB for prayer? Heather Roy is overseeing this ministry and if you have any questions, please email her at heather.roy@gmail.com. Join us at the following links, from Monday to Friday:

- Morning Prayer 9:00
 (Zoom link; Meeting ID 828 0903 6058)
- Night Prayer/Compline –
 21:00 (<u>Zoom link</u>; Meeting ID 898 3749 9334)

Alpha online St Michael's, Paris and Holy Trinity Brussels are running an online Alpha course starting from 13 October. You can sign up to attend the course at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMof-CvqDkaG92nxbgbZSYPZU0hlBVfOmET. Each session is from 20:00 to 21:30. If anyone is interested in helping to lead a group, they are very welcome too! If so, please email admin@holytrinity.be. Please keep this project in your prayers.

To run services in church, we need more hosts!

As we now have increased numbers at services of worship, we must keep everyone COVID-safe! Three volunteers are needed for each service to welcome and direct people, dispense hand sanitizer, maintain social distancing, etc. Training is available and a handy manual is prepared with clear instructions! Please let the office know or email Sunil (for 10:30 service only) at gsunilj@gmail.com if you would like to help, which services you are available for, and which dates. Thank you!

The office is overstocked with paper. If you would like to buy a pack for your home printer the price is €2.50 per pack of 500 sheets A4 white. Contact the Administrator cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be

Investment opportunity The Friends of HTB asbl currently rents a flat at N° 53 Rue Capitaine Crespel where our cleaner, Moses, lives. The owner wishes to sell. If anyone is interested in investing in this property, please contact the agent: Leilt Abebe (Mrs.)Founder & CEO, Do It 4 Me sprl, Relocation & Service Agency, square de Meeus 22a, 1050 Ixelles, E: leilt@doit4me.be T: +32477321923.

Accommodation wanted Waseem Raza, was part of our congregation till Summer 2019, till he moved to Groningen to continue his theological training. Waseem has now been accepted for a Masters degree course at the Protestant Theological Faculty in Brussels. His course starts soon and he is in the process of moving from the Netherlands to find a more permanent place, but he is looking for a temporary address. If you want to help, please contact him on wraza@ctsem.edu

Accommodation required for one quiet person. Maybe a studio flat or room with washing facilities and shared kitchen but no long lease.

Call Rita on 0470 11 77 63.

The Wider Church

Christian Climate Action Belgium holds a short reflective online prayer session on the 1st of each month, to pray for climate justice and this year's all-important COP26. The next is on **1 October** at 20:00. All are welcome - please use this link to receive the meeting details.

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Canary Craftivism: A climate campaign for crafters

Join us on **2 October** for a gentle act of expressing our concern for our planet, encouraging leaders at COP-26 to act, and spending some time in reflection. We will create handmade canaries together, to send to decision-makers. More details on christianclimateaction.be All welcome!

10 October - March for the Climate - we are hoping that thousands of people will turn out on the streets of Brussels to show their support for urgent climate action. Meet at HTB after the morning service to join the march with Christian Climate Action Belgium.

Led by **art therapist Esther**, 8 week long art workshops are being run (based on Mindfulness) at the **Green Brush**, **Watermael-Boitsfort**. The aim of the programme is to acquire palpable ways to handle challenging feelings, thoughts, physical sensations or contexts. The dates are 24/9, 1/10, 8/10, 15/10, 22/10, 29/10, 5/11, 19/11 (Fridays from 19:00 to 20:30). To get further info please email <u>ah sea@hotmail.com</u> or simply go to www.artsofprocess.com.

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