



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 18 & William Tyndale
8 October 2023

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 8 October 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion & baptism

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Charles Kabera
Preaching: John Wilkinson

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Mags Bird
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

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

Isaiah 5:1-7 This is a song of love betrayed. Israel, the vineyard planted by God with so much preparation and care, has not yielded the expected crop. With such great preparation, this disappointment has brought sourness into the relationship between the lover and the beloved. What if God were now to turn away from his beloved? He leaves no doubt as to what he wants: justice not bloodshed, righteousness not the cry of the oppressed.

Philippians 3:4b-14 Paul's rich Jewish tradition is only valuable to him if it helps him to access God's love. He meets that love in Jesus, God's son. Notice that Paul regards our response to Jesus as something that needs to be both immediate and continuing. Responding to Jesus' call is an all-surpassing goal which he urges us to make the focus of our lives.

Matthew 21:33-46 Jesus slightly adapts the Old Testament picture of Israel as God's vineyard to make his point: the vineyard tenants owe a debt to the proprietor. The Jewish leaders had no difficulty understanding who Jesus was talking about. We can see still more, for in the rejection of the son, we see Israel's rejection of Jesus, epitomized in the hostility of its leaders.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray, with some of the passion of the psalmist, for God's vineyard, the church
- The measure of the value of religious things is how effective they are in bringing us - and others - to Jesus
- What are the challenges I am facing in "pressing onward towards the goal"? Ask God for help
- Meditate on Jesus, the son of man, sharing our pains; Jesus, God's son, facing death; and Jesus, at God's right hand.

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

The flowers in church have been donated by the family and friends of Anthony Simon whose funeral took place in church yesterday.

[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

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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
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contact Janine Vrolijk on
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or Carole Ludlow on
celudlow@gmail.com.

At this morning's 10:30 service we will be baptising **Samuel Sargent Smithson**, son of **Michael Smithson** and **Catherine Sargent**. We welcome them, their family, and friends into our church community!

Coffee and tea 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.

Living Lightly WhatsApp group — Some members of Holy Trinity 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!

The Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Sarah Mullally will be with us in **Brussels next week, 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?

Holy Trinity's former senior chaplain, Paul Vrolijk, has published a personal memoir entitled **Farewell to my father** about the death of his father and the immediate aftermath. It is a hopeful book about faith, the ups and downs of life, God's love and faithfulness, and the love of a family and of a village community. Available from Amazon and other retailers, [details here](#).

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 visit www.lolivier1996.be

**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!

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/nyvgaxmk> 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

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

Holy Trinity has been featured in two **BBC Radio 4 broadcasts** very recently! Many thanks to Lyn, Alex, Eric, Haven, and Zélie for recording these services!

(1) The first is a short [Daily Service](#) of prayer focused on the intersection between Holy Trinity's Community Kitchen and Eco-Church; The second (2) is a longer [Sunday Worship](#) service highlighting the whole Diocese in Europe, in which we hear a bit more about the Kitchen and Eco-Church.

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.

The wider church

A Kids trail (for primary school children) is being held on **15 October** from 14:00 to 16:00 as part of the **Day of the Sonian Forest** activities. The walk starts from the Arboretum nursery in Tervuren, it is free of charge, but registration is required <https://reservaties.tervuren.be/tickets.aspx>

Creation Corner

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

A Creation Corner reflection:

"I used to think that the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change. I thought that thirty years of good science could address these problems. I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy, and to deal with these we need a cultural and **spiritual transformation**. And we scientists don't know how to do that."

— Gus Speth, lawyer and US Advisor on climate change

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