



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Harvest  
3 October 2021

## Worship this week

### Sunday 3 October, 2021

**9:00 Holy Communion**  
Annie Bolger

**10:30 All Age Worship  
with Holy Communion**  
Libbie Conroy

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

**14:00 Holy Communion**  
Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Holy Communion**  
John Wilkinson

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

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Contact our Children's and Youth worker [Anna Zödi](#) for more details about children's and youth activities.

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### Wednesday 6 October, 2021

**12:30 Holy Communion**

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

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## Our readings this week

**Genesis 28:11-18** Jacob, used to living by his wits finds, when he is alone and vulnerable, that he is in the house of God. It is God's election and his rich promises, not his trickery, that will bring him real blessing. It was the same for Abraham and of Isaac. How unlikely it must have seemed that those rich promises could be fulfilled. Yet God's agents are at work, doing his bidding on earth. or

**Revelation 21:9-14** The Tempter claimed to be able to give Jesus the kingdoms of the world with their glory. Now, in a passage full of Old Testament reference, John sees the true glory of the city of God, built to symbolic proportions with twelve gates for the twelve tribes and raised on the foundations of the twelve apostles. This is the eternal city of God's elect. To its glory, the Tempter has no claim. This is the bride of Christ.

**Psalms 122** The theme of this famous Song of Ascents is the joyful march of God's pilgrim people to their meeting with him in the city of God, the place of judgement, truth, fair dealing and justice. There is not a solitary pilgrimage: God's people go together to meet him. The peace of Jerusalem is a joy to be shared by the whole community of those who love God. That is something that makes them special.

**1 Peter 2:1-10** Peter exhorts the believers to feed on true spiritual nourishment, so as to grow towards maturity. The community of believers is built on the risen Lord. While the unbeliever finds him a shocking challenge and stumbles, to the new community of believers he is the foundation of a wholly new spiritual edifice, in which the new community inherits God's promises to Israel.

**John 10:22-29** Jesus uses the picture of the good shepherd who calls to his sheep. We can debate endlessly about whether or not to respond to that call, but it is not to clever argument that he calls us. Rather, we are called to the decision of faith. Those who respond find that he leads them to rich pastures and to security. They will experience God at work in their lives and find eternal life. Others may reject him, even doing so with violence. The decision rests with us.

### Pointers for prayer

- Think on the promises offered to us by God in Jesus and compare them with the promises of this world;
- Pray for grace in any situation where we find it difficult to distinguish what is true from what is false;
- Pray for God's pilgrim people in all the challenges they face;
- Thank God for his providence for his people.

***The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God, in honour of  
St Francis of Assisi and his love of Creation.***

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### 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](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) and one of our clergy will respond to you.

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Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on Monday, 4 October at 19:30 via Zoom. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office at [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be). If you have any questions, please contact your [Council representatives or the wardens.](#)

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**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](mailto:carol.delusignan@skynet.be))

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

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## 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 [church website calendar](#). You can also message/Whatsapp +32 460 950449 or email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) 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.

## Creationtide 19 September - 4 October

Here are some ways you could participate this Creationtide:

- Follow our prayer prompts on Facebook
- Commit to praying for COP26
- Donate to our Harvest collection, 3 October (see below)

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

- Join our Environment group – contact [zelie@peppiette.com](mailto:zelie@peppiette.com)
- Volunteer in the garden – contact [manodoye@gmail.com](mailto:manodoye@gmail.com)
- Volunteer in the courtyard – contact [annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)
- Pray with Christian Climate Action Belgium  
[ChristianClimateAction.be](http://ChristianClimateAction.be)

## Harvest at Holy Trinity - 3 October

Here are some of the many ways to express gratitude and generosity this Harvest!

- **Harvest Sunday is 3 October.** Food donations will be gratefully received at **every service** on Harvest. Fresh foods and financial gifts will be donated to the Community Kitchen. The Community Kitchen especially requests fresh red peppers, courgettes, squash, aubergine, onions, potatoes, carrots, etc. Dry/finned items 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, simply email [community.kitchen@holytrinity.be](mailto:community.kitchen@holytrinity.be).

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### **The Prayer Chain**

welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on [janine.vrolijk@gmail.com](mailto:janine.vrolijk@gmail.com) or Carole Ludlow on [celudlow@gmail.com](mailto:celudlow@gmail.com).

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Gift account for pledges and donations:

The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187  
([new bank account!](#))

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### **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](mailto: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 ([Zoom link](#); Meeting ID 898 3749 9334)

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## **To hold 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](mailto: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@holyltrinity.be](mailto:cathedraladmin@holyltrinity.be)

## **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 [here](#). 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@holyltrinity.be](mailto:admin@holyltrinity.be). Please keep this project in your prayers.

## **Alpha Youth!**

This course is starting on **3 October** and is for any Youth across the Diocese. We particularly want to encourage and resource chaplaincies with a small number of Youth in the congregation to participate so that they can be part of something larger. Each chaplaincy with a young person participating should provide at least one safeguarded adult (if that is going to be a problem then message Nathan Gregory at [nathan@stpaulstervuren.org](mailto:nathan@stpaulstervuren.org)). Sign up [here](#) and we will send you the Zoom link shortly.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 November** at 20:00. All are welcome - please use [this link](#) to receive the meeting details.

**10 October - March for the Climate** - thousands of people will walk through the streets of Brussels to show their support for urgent climate action. Meet at HTB after the morning service (12:30) to go to the march with Christian Climate Action Belgium [christianclimateaction.be](http://christianclimateaction.be)

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 [ah\\_sea@hotmail.com](mailto:ah_sea@hotmail.com) or simply go to [www.artsofprocess.com](http://www.artsofprocess.com).

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