



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Trinity 19 & Edith Cavell  
15 October 2023

## Our readings this week

**Exodus 32:1-14** What is going on in this striking story? Perhaps it is not so much a conscious rejection of Yahweh (see verse 5) as the replacement of his self-revelation with Israel's own idea of what he should be like. Moses pleads with God, is angry towards the betrayers, tries to understand what has happened, punishes the betrayers and then again pleads with God. God first shows anger, then pity. But we have yet to hear of God's final reaction.

**Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23** The psalm is built around Israel's recollection of the Exodus experience. Despite God's mighty works on their behalf, Israel repeatedly turned away from the God who saved them. Was Israel ready to exchange that gloriously free and powerful God for the lifeless image of an animal because they thought they could control it? The picture of Moses standing in the breach, interceding before the God of steadfast love, is one to hold on to.

**Philippians 4:1-9** The disagreements between two leaders of the Philippi church – both, as it happens, women – are thought by many commentators to have provided the occasion for Paul's letter. But Paul's emphasis is on the need for his beloved community to focus on those good things listed in verse 8 which, through the spirit of prayer and praise which they engender, will lead to peace. Perhaps most memorable among the many exhortations of these lovely verses is the twice-repeated exhortation to rejoice.

**Matthew 22:1-14** The parable of the wedding banquet contrasts those long-invited, but who fail to respond when the time comes; and those whom many would consider unworthy, but who end up attending the banquet. The fate of the one without the wedding garment may remind us that, although our invitation to God's banquet may flow from his grace and mercy, yet he expects righteousness of his guests.

### Pointers for Prayer

- Am I living my life in response to the God who saves, or am I putting my own longings and imaginings in his place?
- Pray that our behaviour will draw people towards Jesus, not turn them away;
- Thank God for his enduring love and for Jesus Christ our intercessor with him.

## Worship this week

### Sunday, 15 October 2023

**9:00 Holy Communion**  
Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

**10:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading & Preaching:  
Bishop Sarah Mullally

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

**14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN**  
Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa  
Preaching: Bishop Sarah Mullally

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Service of the Word**  
Leading: Matthias Rottiers  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

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### Wednesday, 18 October 2023

**12:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading: Annie Bolger  
Speaking: Ella Sibley, USPG

[Our programme for the month](#)

# Welcome to Holy Trinity!

**The Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Sarah Mullally** will be with us **this Sunday 15th October at the 10:30 and 2pm services**. Before her ordination she was Chief Nursing Officer of England, and we are delighted that she can join us as we remember Edith Cavell. Her visit also 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!

The choir will be singing the Edith Cavell mass settings at the 10:30 service.

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 to Bishop Sarah.

**Soapy Sunday is this Sunday!** Please share the following items which we will pass along to the Salvation Army and the women's prison: women's sanitary items, nappies, new underwear for women, men and children (open packages are just fine), and **unopened** shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's razors and shave cream. We have a box for you to deposit them at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

**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!

**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](#).

**Meditative autumn walk** in Park Woluwe next **Tuesday (17/10) at 10:30**. An opportunity to pause and to get refreshed spiritually, mentally, and physically. We will walk in silence for about 30 min, drawing and absorbing beauty and joy from everything we will see, hear and smell, thanking and praising God in our hearts. For further details and all your questions: [janine.vrolijk@gmail.com](mailto:janine.vrolijk@gmail.com)

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Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity  
Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

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Donations to the  
**Community Kitchen**

@HTB ASBL Gift Account  
IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423  
BIC code: BBRUBEBB

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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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**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>*

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***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.***

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

***Thank you!***

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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](http://www.lolivier1996.be)

**The Peace and Conflict Transformation course** Starts on **28 October from 9-12 noon**. The English-speaking group is now full. There are however, 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](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) **Registration closes on 20 October**. A detailed schedule of the course is available on [www.centreforpeace.be](http://www.centreforpeace.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.

## The wider church

Do you know any 18-year-olds (anyone born in the year 2005) with a sense of adventure? They might be interested in this [https://youth.europa.eu/discovereu\\_en](https://youth.europa.eu/discovereu_en)

- a chance to apply (before 18 October) for a free rail pass to travel round Europe, either as an individual or with group of friends.

## 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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### Central Committee of the Anglican Church in Belgium (based at HTB)

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