



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Trinity 5  
17 July 2022

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 17 July, 2022

**9:00 Holy Communion**  
Leading & Preaching:  
Paul Vrolijk

**10:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

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

**14:00 Holy Communion**  
Leading: Grace West  
Preaching: Charles Kabera

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Informal gathering**  
Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

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

**We will resume our Wednesday midweek  
holy communion services in September**

**Genesis 18:1-10a** In the heat of the day, Abraham entertains strangers and finds that he has met with God. His attentiveness to his guests, his concern to welcome them, bring remarkable results, for the ancient promise to Abraham, the basis of his whole life, the promise of an heir, is astonishingly recalled with the news that the promise is now due and its delivery is imminent.

**Psalms 15** This psalm reminds us most beautifully that the one who would rejoice in the hospitality of God should behave appropriately. The verses have a lovely and carefully constructed balance of action and attitude, words and deeds. It is not the behaviour that wins God's favour. Rather, the form of behaviour that is appropriate to being in God's presence gives life the deep stability that we crave.

**Colossians 1:15-28** We must not underestimate Christ. This glorious passage hymns Christ for showing us God. Christ is supreme over the created order. More, he is the Lord of a new creation, the church, brought into being through his redemptive action on the cross, through which his people are reconciled to God. The concern of Colossians is that we should grasp the fullness of who Christ is and what he has done for us – and live accordingly.

**Luke 10:38-end** Earlier, Jesus has confirmed that the Christian life consists in loving God and loving one another. In the story of the Good Samaritan, we had the practical side of love. Now we are reminded of the need to show our love of God by listening attentively to his word. Martha's request may seem reasonable enough, but as so often when we feel sure how Jesus must answer, he replies quite differently. Jesus reminds us (here and elsewhere) of the danger of letting the cares of this life, even food, distract us from giving our full attention to the words of life.

### Pointers for prayer

- How far does my behaviour match my wish to be close to God?
- If we would hear the news of God's promises and their fulfillment, we must listen carefully;
- Pray that Christ's church may show his full glory to the world.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

It remains important that all of us feel able to come to church in person if we wish and feel safe and secure in doing so. Services continue to be online as before. There is no need to register to attend services. Anyone may wear a mask if they wish. There is designated seating for those who wish to wear masks and sit socially distanced.

- **Holy Communion:** We may share the Peace physically, but please be sensitive to those who may prefer not to. Simply ask your neighbour what they are comfortable with! We are now able to receive wine, if we are comfortable doing so. More details will be given at services.

Please feel free to ask questions about any of these arrangements. We pray that God will bless and protect us as we move into this new stage of our community's life.

**Today is Soapy Sunday!** On the third Sunday of every month we collect health and hygiene items for 1) the Salvation Army and for 2) the women's prison Berkendael where Grace West is chaplain. The main needs are for women's sanitary items, nappies, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's razors and shave cream, and new underwear for women, men and children. Women's shower gel, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant, and wool for knitting is also welcome. Should you have any further questions, contact Annie Bolger at [annie.bolger@holyltrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holyltrinity.be), Hilary Stone at [hstone@hotmail.com](mailto:hstone@hotmail.com) or Grace West at [g\\_westnekan@hotmail.com](mailto:g_westnekan@hotmail.com).

**A note from the Treasurer about the church finances at the mid-year point:** we are currently running a deficit, which is not a surprise, as our costs have gone up. However, there has been a decline in giving via bank transfers, what we call pledges, of almost €2,000 per month compared to last year. Plate collections during services have picked up now that more of us are back in church but this has not compensated for the drop in pledges and leaves our total giving €2,000 behind last year. The Treasurer encourages everyone to re-examine their giving to the church and, where possible, to make a standing order for their gifts to The Friends of Holy Trinity account BE67 1030 7048 2187.

**Why not join a Team ...** We are in need of **Service hosts, Coffee team and Crèche helpers** – all for the 10:30 services. If you would like to volunteer for these, and other church activities, feel welcome to [register here](#).

If you would like to read the online version of the magazine **European Anglicans (summer edition)**, it can be found here: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/cfrvk/mkzm/#p=1>.

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Donations to the  
**Community Kitchen**

@HTB ASBL Gift Account  
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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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### **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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**Please avoid taking photos or videos during the Service unless you have sought prior permission to do so.**

**Thank you !**

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**Peace & Conflict transformation courses:** The next series of courses (FR and EN) runs from October to April 2023 (45 hours for the first level: deep understanding of conflict - it's positive transformation and 30 hours for the second level: Tools of peacemakers and mediators). The English-speaking group will meet on Mondays (except the first Monday of the month) via Zoom from 19:00-22:00. The French speaking group will meet on Wednesdays via Zoom from 19:00-22:00. There will also be in-person courses on the second Saturday of the month at the church or a weekend away. If you would like to attend these courses, please register at [this link](#). There are only 12 places per group. For more information contact Jean-Bosco Turahirwa [jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be](mailto:jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be) or the Church Office at [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be).

## The Wider Church

**Godspace** weekend retreat '**Walking by the river**' will be held from **25-28 August, 2022** at La Pairelle, Centre Spirituelle, Namur. It will be a silent retreat with a maximum of 16 people. Price: 175 eur per head. Bookings now open at this link: <https://stpaulstervuren.churchsuite.com/events/nmxuq3zp> (keep an eye on website [www.godspace.eu](http://www.godspace.eu) for details). If you've got questions, please email [drawaside@godspace.eu](mailto:drawaside@godspace.eu) or speak to Ann Milton.

**Women's Retreat 1-2 October 2022** You are invited to join with other women from a variety of churches across Belgium for a retreat weekend. We will be reflecting with God and with each other on the theme 'Those who sow in tears... will reap with songs of Joy'. Our speaker, Revd Dr Rhona Knight, is a healthcare professional and an ordained priest, with years of experience in working through trauma and promoting wholeness and wellbeing. More information and registration on our website here: <https://bwt-retreat.be/>

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