



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Trinity 6  
24 July 2022

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 24 July, 2022

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

**10:30 Holy Communion**

Leading: Paul Vrolijk  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

**14:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa  
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Informal gathering**

Leading & Preaching:  
Jacob Quick

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

**Genesis 18:20-32** In the sequence of stories about Abraham and his visitors, but outside the set passages, we find people who laugh. Sarah laughed because she could not believe in God's promise: Lot's sons-in-law could not imagine God's wrath. Today's passage is about prayer. Does it teach us that we can haggle with God? Or does Abraham find, by persistence in prayer, that he comes to understand both God's wrath and his love more clearly?

**Psalms 138** If we pause to consider the gap between us and God, we will certainly ask ourselves why he should have any interest in lowly people like us. But the experience of the psalmist is that the God who sits in the court of heaven looks lovingly on lowly people and pours the good things of his providence on them. He answers our prayers. We should praise him.

**Colossians 2:6-19** Trust in Christ is to be the core of the belief of the young church, and should not be distracted by human ideas. The reason is that in Christ we find the fullness of God in human form. His death and resurrection models the death of our old nature and our being made a new creation with him. Everything we need is in Christ, everything we need comes from Christ. Faith in Christ completely transforms our lives.

**Luke 11:1-13** Jesus prayed and it is from his model that Christians build. The short, practical prayer that Jesus taught his disciples is strikingly simple and direct. The teaching that follows is designed to encourage us to be persistent and open with God. We are in a loving relationship with him and can be sure that he will respond with good things. If we have needs, if we need access to a closed place, if something is missing from our lives – ask. That was what Jesus did.

#### Pointers for prayer

- The reason we pray is that Jesus did. Are we doing it?
- If I have real issues in my life or about the world, have I taken them to God, in prayer?
- Praise the God who pours his gifts on those humble enough to ask.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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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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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.

### **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.

**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).

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

*Thank you !*

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### **Online Morning Prayer Join us at the start of the day.**

On weekday mornings at 9:00 some of us from the various congregations join together to pray. We use the app found at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray> Everyday the congregation is different, you may know the people you may not but we join together as children of God. The service lasts about 15 minutes. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success> and the password htb.

### **Online Compline Join us at the end of the day.**

On weekday evenings at 21:00 some of us from the various congregations join together to pray. We use the app found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> Everyday the congregation is different, you may know the people, you may not but we join together as children of God. The service lasts about 20 minutes. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success> and the password htb.

## **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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