



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 7
31 July 2022

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 24 July, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion
Leading & Preaching:
Paul Vrolijk

10:30 Holy Communion
Leading & Preaching:
Paul Vrolijk

Zoom: [YouTube](#)

14:00 Holy Communion
Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Informal gathering
Mags Bird

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Everything we do, everything we strive for is, in the last analysis, meaningless. That is the teacher's pessimistic view of human life and its business. The reason is that we must die and leave what we have struggled for. We cannot even take comfort that those who follow us will enjoy the fruit of our work: they may squander it or ignore it. These verses give human ambition as cold a bath as anyone could imagine.

Psalms 49 Wisdom is God's insight into the human condition, and this psalm offers us wisdom, in place of folly. We will all die, the wise and the foolish together. The foolish, pleased with themselves and their lot in life, live in trust of their earthly possessions. The wise, on the other hand, keep things in perspective. In the end, they trust only God.

Colossians 3:1-11 Paul is speaking about the way in which being a Christian changes our perspective. We have died, with Christ, to an earthly lifestyle, and been raised with him to eternal life. Now we see our lives from a heavenly viewpoint. This must have consequences for the way in which we live. All the squalid pointlessness of earth-bound living needs to be driven out of our lives, as they are re-made in a way that reflects the full image of Christ.

Luke 12:13-21 Being a Christian is not a way of solving all our problems from an earthly point of view. It is about developing a better point of view. Jesus refuses to become involved in the issue of inheritance that is brought to him. Instead, he seizes the opportunity to warn his disciples against greed, for earthly possessions are no measure of lasting wealth. Why is the rich man a fool? With hints, Jesus invites us to answer that question for ourselves. Our answer opens the door to Jesus' teaching.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for the many who really do not have enough.
- Do I distinguish enough and greed? Is it easier to be heavenly minded when we have enough of everything?
- Pray that the church may reflect the full image of Christ.

[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.

Holy Trinity is up to date with methods of electronic giving!

Gift has been available in the collection bags for some time and now we have added payconiq. You will see the payconiq QR code on the collection bag for you to make your offering digitally. The Treasurer tells us that the cost per transaction using cash is 30 cents whereas with payconiq it is only 7 cents, so it makes sense to use payconiq wherever possible.

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 or the Church Office at admin@holytrinity.be.

Can you join a Team, especially for August ... 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](#).

Obituaries We announce the demise of **Margaret Hocking** earlier in the week, who was once an active choir member of Holy Trinity Brussels back in the day. Also, the death of **Dr John Jackson**, once a member of our choir too. A write up on him can be [found here](#).

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
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IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

Donations to the
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 confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on janine.vrolijk@gmail.com or Carole Ludlow on celudlow@gmail.com.

***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.**

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>.

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

Thank you !

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

Christian Climate Action invite you to join our monthly **Prayer in the Park on Monday 1st August**. Meet at 18h Parc Cinquantenaire (Schumann end) for 30 minutes of outdoors climate prayer and reflection. All welcome, look for the Christian Climate Action banner.

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/nmxug3zp> (keep an eye on website www.godspace.eu for details). If you've got questions, please email 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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