



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Trinity 9  
14 August 2022

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 14 August, 2022

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

**10:30 Holy Communion**

Leading: John Wilkinson  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

Zoom; YouTube

**14:00 Service of the Word**

Leading: John Wilkinson  
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

YouTube

**18:00 Informal gathering**

Leading & preaching:  
John Wilkinson

**We will resume Youth & Children's work  
as well as Wednesday midweek Holy  
Communion services in September!**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29** It is important to discern between the dreams of humanity and God's word. God sees things as they are and nothing is hidden from him. Human dreams are so often just the longings of the dreamer. Jeremiah calls them lies, because their perspective is false. It is not enough to dream. Do our dreams measure up to comparison with God's word?

**Psalms 82** God's judgment is true and fair and cannot be avoided. Yet it is not about things that are too complicated for us. It is about justice for the weak, care for the needy, impartiality before human strength. God has a permanent concern for the poor, the weak, those whose rights are neglected and whose voice is shouted down. Though we may be like gods, it is against those standards that we will be judged.

**Hebrews 11:29-12:2** The history of God's salvation of his people is one of the triumph of those willing to trust God's providence. The mixed bag of those who trust God are marked by extraordinary achievement. Often their faith points beyond their lifetime. Always, their achievements survive them, for they become part of the history of God's redemption of his people. It is only in the light of Jesus that their true worth can be glimpsed.

**Luke 12:49-56** Humans can read the signs of good and bad weather. But will they take the trouble to look for the signs of God's activity and purpose among them? Jesus warns his disciples that he has not come just to spread sweetness and light. Taking him seriously may involve taking difficult, controversial and even divisive decisions. Have we the courage to read the times and to test them against the word of God? For sure, that does not mean looking for confirmation of our prejudices, but for the renewing, challenging insights that only God can offer.

#### Pointers for prayer

- What are the dreams and visions that rule my life? Do they measure up to God's word?
- Pray for those who are confronted by difficult and potentially divisive decisions, to have discernment, courage and love;
- Thank God for his faithfulness to all his people.

***The flowers today are offered to the glory of God.***

[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!

Givt 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](mailto:jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be) or the Church Office at [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be).

**Can you join a Team, especially for August ...** We need **Service hosts, Coffee team and Crèche helpers** for the 10:30 service. If you would like to volunteer for these, and other church activities, feel welcome to [register here](#).

**The Church Office** will be closed for the week of 14<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> August. In an emergency, please leave a message/WhatsApp text on +32 460950449.

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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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**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**

**Accommodation wanted** A Ukrainian woman came to Holy Trinity seeking housing support. Single woman in her late 30s looking for accommodation in Brussels so that she can register with the state and get the support she is entitled to from the Belgian state. Her long-term plan is to find her own accommodation in Brussels. If you are able to help with a short-term solution for this person, please contact Annie Bolger on +32 485 875088.

**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](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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**\*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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