

HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

Trinity Sunday 4 June 2023

Our readings this week

Today's readings focus on two foundational aspects of our faith: the greatness of our God; and the rich diversity of personality in which we encounter him.

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end and Psalm 8 Look for similarities in these two poems that hymn the greatness of God.

Isaiah sees that the God who made all things in extravagant detail is farther above us than human imagination can conceive. Who could suppose that we could teach him anything? Yet - have you not heard? - he cares for us. What a promise is extended to those who put their hope in him.

The psalm sees praise called forth in the smiles of the tiniest baby who starts to sense the joy and wonder of creation. The awesome magnificence of the heavens is likened to the delicate work of God's finger. Is it not still more amazing that God has chosen humanity for a special place of privilege in this wonderful order? What response is possible, but the response of worship?

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 and Matthew 28:16-20 One of these majestic statements closes a letter, while the other closes a gospel. They point to the extraordinary power that God, in his fullness, puts at the disposal of his church.

The letter appeals to the Corinthian church to make the right choice in life. If we do, we will share in the grace, love and fellowship of God. Small wonder we use the closing verse regularly as a promise that we claim in prayer.

The words of the risen Jesus remind us forcefully that we know the riches of God's love because it has been revealed to us through our experience of Jesus. The rich promises come with a call to a particular style of life. We will find them fulfilled as we obey his commands..

Pointers for prayer

- The church is called to be a fellowship, united in peace, that aims at perfection
- Our work is making disciples, baptizing and teaching
- Hope is often undermined by doubt. We should not let that stop us following Jesus
- Worship is the natural and right response to the love of God.

Our programme for the month

Worship this week

Sunday 4, June 2023

9:00 Holy Communion Leading & Preaching:

John Wilkinson

10:30 AAW Holy Communion Leading: Philip Milton Preaching: John Wilkinson

Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Service of the Word FR/EN Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa Preaching: Eric Sibomana

YouTube

18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger/Heather Roy Preaching: Annie Bolger

Zoom; YouTube

Contact our Children & Youth Coordinator Philip Milton for more details about children's and youth activities.

Wednesday, 7 June 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching: Annie Bolger

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 5 June** at 19:30 via Zoom. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office at <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u>. If you have any questions, please contact your <u>Council representatives or</u> the wardens.

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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 or Carole Ludlow on celudlow@gmail.com.

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Today, we will be baptising baby **Juliette Mairlot** right after the 10:30 service. We welcome her, her parents **John and Jinna** and their families into our church community.

Peace and Conflict Transformation course The registration for the next course, starting in October is now open. Please go here to sign up: <u>https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/nyvgqxmk</u> or email <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> To find out more, please visit the website <u>www.centreforpeace.be</u>

Visit from Christians Aware 15-19 June Christians Aware is an interdenominational, educational and international charity. See: <u>http://www.christiansaware.co.uk</u> for more information. A small group of members is looking forward to visiting Holy Trinity Brussels from June 15 - 19. This will be an exciting visit and we know that there will be new friends to meet. We hope that this opportunity will be the beginning of a new link of friendship, and that members of Holy Trinity can join a Christians Aware event in the future. If you are interested to be involved and to maybe welcome one or more members of the group for a coffee, tea or meal during their stay, please contact admin@holytrinity.be or talk to Paul Vrolijk.

There will be a **Bring & Share lunch** on **18 June** down in the Walker Hall between 12:30 and 14:00. Water and juice will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Memorial Concert for Claire de Burbure A music concert will be held on **24 June at 16:00** in church in memory of one of our beloved members of Holy Trinity who passed away in 2020. See <u>poster</u> in church lobby for more details or contact <u>richard@craddock.be</u>.

The monastery Remacle, Wavreumont is organising a retreat from July 17-23, entitled 'Meditating on the Gospels at the school of Saint Benedict'. It will be led by brother Bernard in French with English translation. All info is available on <u>poster</u> in the church lobby. Contact: Sister Julian 0471874565/<u>birteday@gmail.com</u>

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

The Chapel for Europe (Rue Van Maerlantstraat 22-24 B-1040 Brussels) is running a series of 5 workshops on **Spirituality for busy people**. The fifth and final one will be held on **Thursday**, **22 June from 18:30-21:30** and is entitled **MANAGING BETTER OUR RELATIONSHIPS (Conflict Resolution)** led by Revd Sarah-Jane King. For more details on the Speakers, other practical information and to know how to sign up, please go <u>here</u> or contact welcome@chapelforeurope.eu.

LifeStream Europe is organising **LSE23 'Together**' a summer event for International Christians in Europe (English speaking) from **1-5 August** at HopperDeKluis, Belgium. Camp, bunk or stay off-site. Programmes for all ages – Worship, Teaching, Prayer, Fun. For more info and booking, see poster in church lobby or go here <u>http://www.life-stream.eu.</u>

Online Morning and

Night Prayer

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/82 809036058#success and the password htb.

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.churchofenglan d.org/prayer-andworship/join-us-service-dailyprayer. 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/89 837499334#success and the password htb.

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