



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

2 before Lent  
4 February 2024

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday, 4 February 2024

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Evelyn Sweerts

**10:30 Holy Communion**

Leading: John Wilkinson  
Preaching: The Right Revd Dr  
Rowan Williams

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

**14:00 Service of the Word FR/EN**

Leading: Charles Kabera  
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: Evelyn Sweerts  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

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Contact our Children & Youth Coordinator  
[Philip Milton](#) for more details about  
children's and youth activities.

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#### Wednesday, 7 February 2024

**12:30 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

**Proverbs 8:1, 22-31** The Wisdom of God is presented in personal, feminine, terms as the architect or artisan of creation. Wisdom is the master-worker, at once delighted by creation and bringing delight through it. This provides a model that is developed in the New Testament's presentation of Jesus Christ.

**Psalms 104:26-35** This is a hymn of praise to God as he reveals himself in creation. Notice how wisdom is tied up with this work, which embraces so many dimensions. All living things depend on their Maker to create, to sustain and to renew them and to provide a place for both their work and their play. This leads us to a sense of both joyful wonder and awe. How tragic if sin mars the glory of this work, detracting from the praise that it calls forth.

**Colossians 1:15-20** This hymn to Christ praises him as the image of God, his firstborn and his agent in both creation and salvation. Thus, he is the head both of the created order and of the re-created order, represented by the church. The hymn puts Christ at the centre, as the focus of unity, fullness, reconciliation and peace. The characteristic that unifies all that he does is love.

**John 1:1-14** Using "the Word" as a title for Jesus helps us understand how closely he is tied in to the very being of God, as the outward expression of what is innermost to God. He is the agent of creation and the source of the light and life on which it depends. But by entering his creation, he has revealed God's glory and its nature to us, created beings, from within the world of flesh in which we live, bringing it close.

#### Pointers for prayer

- How far does our enjoyment of God's wonderful creation respect it or mar it?
- Pray for all those to whom the creation seems hostile, who do not seem to find God's loving providence to meet their needs;
- Pray that the church may fulfil its role as the place where the new creation is to be found;
- Praise God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the wonder of all his works.

[Our programme for the month is here.](#)

# 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 Carole Ludlow on  
[celudlow@gmail.com](mailto:celudlow@gmail.com) or  
Sister Julian on  
[birteday@gmail.com](mailto:birteday@gmail.com).

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## Online Morning and Night Prayer

Did you know that members  
of Holy Trinity meet together  
for prayer online throughout  
the week? You can drop in  
on any day and join the  
prayers. The password is  
'htb'.

Morning prayer:

Monday to Friday, 9:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success>

Compline/Night prayer:

Monday to Friday, 21:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success>

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Coffee and tea are served after the 10:30, 14:00 and 18:00 services, the bar is also open after 10:30. A small innovation affecting those attending our **9:00 service: immediately after the service we will be offering coffee and tea in Church House, on the first Sunday of each month.** Come and say hello.

We are pleased to announce that **Dr Rowan Williams**, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will be preaching at **Holy Trinity on Sunday 4 February at 10:30.** We look forward to welcoming him!

## Update on Senior Chaplain Recruitment

Many thanks to the many people from all five of our services who participated in the survey about the recruitment of our new Senior Chaplain. The results have been analyzed to create drafts of the three key documents: Chaplaincy Profile, Role Description and Person Specification. The Church Council will review these drafts on Monday 5th February and after further editing approve the final versions at the formal Vacancy Meeting on Monday 5th March. Our patron, Bishop Sarah Mullally, our Diocesan Bishop Robert Innes and the mission director of the Intercontinental Church Society, Richard Bromley, all have important roles to play in the recruitment process. We will run advertisements in the Church Times and other media during April and we are setting up a rigorous selection process involving all the key partners. We have set Saturday 8th June as the date to interview final shortlisted candidates. We cannot yet predict the actual start date as this depends on factors outside of our control. The earliest possible date for the Licensing is October and it may be later in the year. We ask that you continue to hold this complex process in your prayers. Meanwhile if you have any questions or comments do contact the wardens, clergy or members of the Church Council.

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 5 February** 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 [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be). If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

**The Brussels Evensong Choir** will sing at Holy Trinity on **17 February** at **17:00.**

Introit – Hear my prayer – Purcell  
Preces and Responses – Smith  
Second Evening Service – Byrd  
Anthem – Beati Quorum – Stanford

**Bishop Robert** will be with us on **Sunday 23 March** (afternoon) for a **Confirmation Service**. If you would like to think about being confirmed or would like to know more about what it means, please have a word with one of our clergy, email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be), or sign up [here](#).

## Save the date - Church Weekend Away

Preparations are well underway for our 2024 church weekend away:

- **24 - 26 May**, Friday evening - Sunday lunchtime
- Monastery of St Remacle, Wavreumont (near Spa)

More information in due course. We are looking forward to sharing a welcoming weekend together as our HTB family.

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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, or for any contracts. These are the responsibility of all the parties involved.*

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*Scan QR to join our official Whatsapp group*



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

*Thank you!*

*The majority of services and concerts taking place at Holy Trinity are being live streamed to Youtube via Zoom. We do our best not to record private individuals. Individuals taking part in the service and/or concert as choir members, musicians, serving team, etc., will be recorded. On some occasions photos are also taken by a member of the Holy Trinity ministry team for use on social media and the church website.*

*If you wish to opt out, send an email to [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be).*

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The third edition of the booklet **'Anglicans in Brussels'** by former HTB member Roger Cox has now been published. You can order a copy from Amazon [here](#).

## Accommodation wanted\*

**(1)** Rachael attends the 10:30 service and very urgently needs a place to live. She can offer a small compensation for housing (roughly €400 monthly). If you know of any place where she might be able to live, please contact Annie Bolger ([annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)).

**(2)** Lore writes: I'm Lore, a woman of 29 years and I'm looking for a studio or co-housing in the French-speaking part of Brussels from mid-February until at least the end of June 2024. I'm looking for a space that is quiet and (partly) private, as I am a working student. I'm used to living together with other people and am a responsible and tidy person. Currently, I am finalising my bachelor in global law and a postgraduate in tropical medicine. Besides my studies, I will work. If you would have a place that corresponds to my needs, you can contact me via [lore.ramon.v@gmail.com](mailto:lore.ramon.v@gmail.com) or whatsapp+31 6 199 882 68.

**(3)** One of the stalwart volunteers in the Community Kitchen is urgently in need of a place to live. A small studio would be ideal and a compensation of €750 or less could be offered. Please contact Annie if you have a place in mind: [annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)

## The wider church

Following on the Oecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an **oecumenical prayer with songs of Taizé** is organised on **Tuesday 6 February 2024** at 20:00 at **la Ste-Croix d'Ixelles** (there will be a practice of the songs starting from 19:30) with the collaboration of various Christian communities of Ixelles. Info: [henk.goorden.belgie.be@gmail.com](mailto:henk.goorden.belgie.be@gmail.com) / 0476 24 58 93.

**An Ecumenical Lenten Retreat** is being organized by Christian spiritual directors at the **Hooge Berkt Ecumenical Community** and the **Anglican Church in Leuven** from **8-10 March 2024**. Please register before 8 February, limited spaces available. See more info on [poster](#) in church lobby.

**Hidden Gems** is running a community singing event in Brussels from **9-12 May 2024**. For full details on how to register and what it is about, see their [poster](#), also pinned in the church lobby.

## Creation Corner

*Encouraging & empowering this community to become better stewards of the earth*

Which birds come to your garden?

The annual garden bird census is on 3-4th February. Joining in this citizen science project is easy: spend an hour or so recording the birds you see and upload the result to the [Natagora](http://Natagora) website. You don't even have to have a garden; you can do it in a park or from a balcony. The site has photos to help you identify the birds you see.

### The Pro-Cathedral of Holy Trinity Brussels Rue Capitaine Crespel 29, B-1050 Brussels

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**Office hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:15 to 12:30; Tuesday 9:15 to 16:00

**Newsletter items:** to [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) by 9:00 Wednesday

**Senior Chaplain & Canon Chancellor:** vacant

**Acting Senior Chaplain and Canon Pastor:** The Revd Canon John Wilkinson [john.wilkinson@holytrinity.be](mailto:john.wilkinson@holytrinity.be)

**Assistant Chaplain:** The Revd Jean Bosco Turahirwa [jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be](mailto:jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be)

**Assistant Chaplain:** The Revd Annie Bolger [annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)

**Locum Chaplain:** The Revd Evelyn Sweerts [evelyn.sweerts@holytrinity.be](mailto:evelyn.sweerts@holytrinity.be)

**National Anglican prison chaplains based at HTB:**

Mrs Grace West, The Revd Charles Kabera, Mr Eric Sibomana

**MES Intern:**

**Readers:** Ms Heather Roy; Mrs Ozichi Baron; Mr Jacob Quick; Mrs Grace West; Mr Arttu Makipaa;

Mr Eric Sibomana

**Youth Coordinator:** Philip Milton [philip.milton@holytrinity.be](mailto:philip.milton@holytrinity.be)

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**Safeguarding officer:** Geraldine Barry [safeguarding@holytrinity.be](mailto:safeguarding@holytrinity.be)

### Central Committee of the Anglican Church in Belgium (based at HTB)

**Chaplain-President:** The Revd Canon Prof Jack McDonald

**Secretary General:** The Revd Canon Stephen Murray [secretary@anglican.be](mailto:secretary@anglican.be)

**Second Secretary:** Ms Rebecca Breekveldt

**Communications Secretary (part time):** Mr Charles Melebeck