

HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

Easter 3 14 April 2024

Our readings this week

Acts 3 12-19 The preaching of the Church has been the same from the beginning: it tells of Jesus, rejected by men but vindicated by God; of his death at the hands of those who should have welcomed him and of his resurrection by the power of God, witnessed by the disciples; of healing, forgiveness and renewal for those who put their trust in him.

Psalm 33 This psalm calls on God's people to raise a song of rejoicing to their Lord. The psalmist sets forward two characteristics of God in particular as justifying this act of praise: the steadfast love with which he looks on his world, in particular on those who fear him; and his creative and mighty word that, upright and faithful, works out his purposes for good in the world, against all opposition.

1John 3 1-7 Jesus death and resurrection has made believers into children of God, like Jesus, and so able to know God. The mark of our response to the love God has bestowed on us, is to try to live like Jesus. That means being pure, as he was. The comfort given to the believer by our loving God is that, when we fail, he forgives us.

Luke 24 36-48 Jesus appeared among his disciples when they met together on the first day of the week. That was the pattern from the beginning. On it Luke builds three messages for the church that are as relevant today as at that early meeting. First, Jesus really is alive; the resurrection was not some sort of spiritual illusion. Second, his death and resurrection were in accordance with God's long-term plan to offer forgiveness to all who repent. Third, it is the church's duty and joy to preach this message as his witnesses.

Pointers for prayer

- In a world where people despair of any good, pray that they may encounter God's steadfast love for the world that he created;
- Pray that God will keep his faithful people from despair in face of the godlessness of the world;
- How does my life witness to the risen Lord?

Worship this week

Sunday, 14 April 2024

9:00 Holy Communion Leading & Preaching: Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion Leading: Annie Bolger Preaching: Ozzy Baron

Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN Leading: Charles Kabera Preaching: Eric Sibomana

YouTube

18:00 Service of the Word Leading: Mags Bird Preaching: Annie Bolger

Zoom; YouTube

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

Wednesday, 17 April 2024

12:30 Holy Communion Leading & Preaching: Jean Bosco Turahirwa

Gift account for **pledges and donations:** The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

If you would like to sponsor the flowers that decorate the church each week, contact Carol (carol.delusignan@skynet.be)

The Prayer Chain

welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Carole Ludlow on <u>celudlow@gmail.com</u> or Sister Julian on <u>birteday@gmail.com</u>.

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/82

809036058#success Compline/Night prayer: Monday to Friday, 21:00 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89 837499334#success Coffee and tea are served after the 10:30, 14:00 and 18:00 services, the bar is also open after 10:30. Following the **9:00 service: On the first Sunday of each month, immediately after the service, we will be offering coffee and tea in Church House.** Come and say hello.

After the morning service today, we'll be having a garden tidy-up session -thanks to those willing workers who have signed up! We also have a good number of empty plant pots seeking homes and some spare compost - please come and see us after the service to adopt some for your own gardening!!

Next Sunday is Soapy Sunday! Please share the following items which we will pass along to the Salvation Army and the women's prison: women's sanitary items, nappies, new underwear for women, men and children (open packages are just fine), and **unopened** shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's razors and shave cream. We have a box for you to deposit them at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

Preparation for First Communion will be taking place this month during the 10:30 service. Please get in touch with Philip Milton if your child/teen is interested. <u>philip.milton@holytrinity.be</u>

Peace & Conflict Transformation Course we are delighted to invite you to the graduation and presentation of certificates on **Sunday 28 April 2024** at Holy Trinity. The ceremony will begin at 14:00, followed by a reception. Please let us know before **22 April** if you'd like to attend, by <u>signing up here</u>. Your presence and your support will be a great joy to us. A financial contribution would also be welcome to: Centre Pour la Paix et Transformation Conflits IBAN: BE35 5230 8145 6837. The first series of training sessions were reserved for members of Holy Trinity Brussels. The training is now also open to members of other churches and organisations. The next round of courses will start in October 2024. Register here or contact <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u>.

The Annual General Meeting of Holy Trinity will take place on **Thursday, 23 May** via Zoom, with a **Finance Meeting** the previous week on **15 May**. To participate and vote in the Annual Meeting you need to be on the 'Electoral Roll'. Most people in our congregation are on the Electoral Roll already. To confirm whether you are on the Electoral Roll, please contact Lieve Cordeel, our electoral roll officer on <u>finance@holytrinity.be</u>. If you want to be on the Electoral Roll and you are 16 years old or older and have been worshipping with us for more than 6 months, you can <u>fill in our online Form</u>. **Please note forms must be submitted at the latest two weeks before the AGM date, by 9 May.** A copy of the current Electoral Roll will be posted in the church lobby. Please take a minute to check if your name is there and your details are correct. For any issue with registration or filling in the online Form please contact Lieve.

Lectio Divina, a prayerful and reflective way of reading Scripture with others, will be offered by Sister Julian in Church House at 11:15am on the following dates: 17 April, 15 May, 5 June. Please mark your diaries and join us.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

*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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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.

The Community Kitchen is organising a fund-raising event called Improv for Dummies on 20 April at 19:00 in the Walker Hall. If you would like to attend, please register at this link. Poster in church lobby.

Two months ago, Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury gave a lecture on "**Doctrinal diversity and Christian communion**" at the Communautaire Internationale de Saint Dominique, Brussels. For those who missed it, <u>here is a link to the video</u>.

One of our Mission Partners **Songani Centre**, **Malawi** will be organising a Garden Party on 8 June from 14:00 to 17:00. For more info, see <u>poster</u> in lobby or contact Sue Bird <u>sue@mbedza.org</u>.

The Wider Church

Reclaiming your TIME, ENERGY and SOUL: in other words, Getting Your Life Back and sharing it with others. 2 sessions on self organisation and self-care. Offered by Paul Vrolijk, with Bernd Guenther SJ and <u>Sarah-Jane King</u> at the Chapel for Europe. There is a fee for this course. All details can be found here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/371287675822539/</u>. First session starts **Tuesday 23 April 2024.** There are 5 evenings. People can come to all or pick and choose.

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 <u>poster</u>, also pinned in the church lobby.

*Joe Shaw a 21-year-old Modern Languages student from Bristol, is looking for a three-week placement this summer in a French speaking country. If anyone can help, he can be contacted on josephshaw414@gmail.com.

Seeking Employment* many at Holy Trinity know Waseem Raza who worshipped in this church before continuing his studies in the Netherlands. Waseem is seeking employment. He is looking for a position to be an advocate for minority rights in persecuted countries and offers experience in Christian-Muslim interreligious dialogue. If you have any suggestions, please contact Waseem at <u>wraza@ctsem.edu</u>.

Creation Corner

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

Sights on Silver Campaign

We're all inspired by our Pathfinders group helping to lead Holy Trinity over the next several months in theological lifestyle reflections. The first month's challenge is "What we wear: Explore sustainable fashion choices and the impact of our clothing habits." Maybe begin this month by learning more about <u>fast fashion</u> and the irreparable harm done by the fashion industry to people and planet. What steps could each of us take in the next month to disrupt our participation in fast fashion?

The Pathfinders suggest a challenge like <u>Project 333</u>, choosing to wear what we already have, 33 items over 3 months. These kinds of challenges can shift our perspectives on consumerism, materialism, and the connection between our clothing choices and the well-being of those around us!

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