



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Easter 5  
28 April 2024

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday, 28 April 2024

**9:00 Holy Communion**  
Leading & Preaching:  
Evelyn Sweerts

**10:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

[Zoom; YouTube](#)

**14:00 Holy Communion  
& PCT Graduation FR/EN**  
Leading: Annie Bolger/  
Eric Sibomana  
Preaching: Jack McDonald

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Service of the Word**  
Leading: Rachael Burke  
Preaching: John Wilkinson

[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, 1 May 2024

**12:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading: John Wilkinson  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

Those who worked to spread the gospel in the early church saw wonderful things happening. But they were quite clear that these things only happened because of the involvement of God.

**Acts 8: 26-40** Christians see the Holy Spirit at work in Philip's apparently chance encounter with an Ethiopian official. The Ethiopian was searching; Philip was ready and willing to help; the Holy Spirit set up the situation and used it to spread the gospel far beyond Judaea.

**Psalms 22** This psalm, which begins with such a cry of desolation and continues with an account of the deep suffering of God's servant, is one that we closely associate with Jesus and his agony on the cross. But we must not forget that the servant of God cries out in prayer and his prayer is heard. What begins in despair ends in the triumph of God himself – a triumph to be celebrated across the world and by generations yet unborn.

**1 John 4:7-21** Love begins with God, but he directs it towards us in the person and work of Jesus, his son. If we open ourselves to Jesus, his love enters us. Then it shows in all our relationships, whether they are with God or other people. Love is, quite simply, the mark of the presence of God in the Christian.

**John 15:1-8** The person who is closely connected to Jesus, and so to God, will live a life that bears fruit. What does Jesus mean by "fruit"? The other readings give us answers. Bringing love to others, or helping them understand the joy of the gospel, for example. Try as they might, the person who acts alone will fail, says Jesus. Cut off from God, they will wither and die.

### Pointers for prayer

- Our lives change when we receive the love of God, given in Jesus. Am I really grafted in to Jesus?
- We serve a God of power. If we are responsive to his prompting, we will see wonderful things happening;
- When we see wonderful things happen, it is time to praise God. When we ask God to do wonderful things, it is time to expect them.

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

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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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"Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling" (*Common Worship, baptism service*). At this morning's 10:30 service we will be baptising **Morgane De Meur**. We welcome her into our church community!

The flowers are a generous gift from Nikhil Nagwanshi and Annie Kostina, married at Holy Trinity on Saturday 27 April.

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.

This afternoon at 14:00 we celebrate the graduation of 18 candidates of the **Peace and Conflicts Transformation course** held over the last six months. The certificates will be presented by Canon Prof Jack McDonald, representing the Bishop. Please join us for this service which is followed by a reception down in the Walker Hall. Your presence and support will be a great joy to us. A financial contribution would also be welcome to: Centre Pour la Paix et Transformation Conflicts 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. Please go here to sign up: <https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/u88ut3e2> or contact [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be)

**The Annual General Meeting of Holy Trinity** will take place on **Thursday, 23 May at 19:30** via Zoom, with a **Finance Meeting** the previous week on **15 May, also at 19:30**. 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 [finance@holytrinity.be](mailto:finance@holytrinity.be). 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 [fill in our online Form](#). **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.

At the AGM lay representatives on the Chaplaincy Council are elected by the congregation. This year there are several vacancies on the Council. Serving on the Council is a vital ministry involving commitment to leadership through church governance, prayer, and practical action. If you feel called to serve the church in this way or would like to learn more, please contact the Wardens or Clergy.

**A message to users of Payconiq** for payments for tea & coffee and in the bar. Payconiq made a mistake, and transactions of April 20 & 21 were not processed. For this Sunday we will have new, temporary QR codes. Permanent QR codes will be in place by Sunday May 5th. Payconiq apologises for the inconvenience caused. Please note that payconiq transactions for your offering in church are not affected.

**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: 15 May, 5 June. Please mark your diaries and join us.

## NEW! Wednesday evening Bible study at Church House

A new bible study group will be meeting at Church House weekly on Wednesday evenings from 19:30-21:00. Our first study is an exciting look at the Church and what we can learn about it from the Book of Acts. We start on 8 May. Although the default language of the group will be English, all are warmly invited. If you would like to join us or would like to find out more, please contact [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) We look forward to welcoming you.

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 and TO BOOK in advance, go to <https://mbedza.org/songaniparty>, see poster in lobby, or contact Sue Bird on [songaniparty@mbedza.org](mailto:songaniparty@mbedza.org)

Please pray for the **Bishop Kivengere Girls' School in Uganda**. The school is celebrating 50 years since its founding this Sunday, 28 April. Holy Trinity Brussels was a founding supporter of the school, there is even a building named after Holy Trinity. The school has shared a prayer with us: "*Almighty and most merciful Father, grant unto the staff and pupils of Bishop Kivengere Girls' School, past and present, Your love and grace that all may grow in the likeness of Christ our Lord and Saviour. Through Your Holy and life-giving Spirit may the school follow Your Way, know Your Truth and live Your Life in all its fullness. Into Your hands, protection and ever-growing care we commend our future. In the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.*"

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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 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 [Sarah-Jane King](#) at the Chapel for Europe. There is a fee for this course. All details can be found here: <https://chapelforeurope.eu/wp-event/workshop-spirituality-for-busy-people-2/>. **First session starts Tuesday 7 May 2024.** There are 5 evenings. People can come to all or pick and choose.

\*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](mailto: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 [wraza@ctsem.edu](mailto:wraza@ctsem.edu).

## 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 [fast fashion](#) 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 [Project 333](#), 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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