



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Easter 6
5 May 2024

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 5 May 2024

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 All Age Worship Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Philip Milton

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

14:00 Service of the Word FR/EN

Leading: Grace West
Preaching: Heather Roy

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Arttu Makipaa

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

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

Wednesday, 8 May 2024

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

Thursday, 9 May 2024

19:30 Ascension Day Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

The three Persons of the Trinity each figure in our readings, working together. The Holy Spirit, dwelling in us, guides and inspires our response to God.

Acts 10 44-end It is always tempting to believe that God's grace is only for a few (of which we are usually a part). But grace is offered to all who will accept it: one Lord; one faith; one baptism. One Holy Spirit inspiring our praise.

Psalms 98 A new and joyful song is in order, to celebrate the salvation of the whole of creation wrought by God. Salvation ends injustice, putting everyone on an equal footing before God. It is no longer who you are that counts, but how you have responded to God's offer of redemption.

1 John 5:1-6 If we believe in Jesus, we have overcome the world, because we share in the victory that he has won for us. Our belief leads us to follow him in a circle of obedience which, by showing love to all people, shows our love for God. The Holy Spirit is in there, driving the process.

John 15 9-17 These verses too speak of circles of relationship - between Father and Son, between Jesus and his disciples - which draw us to the Father. Those circles concern the love between Father and Son and Jesus' love for us, the obedience of the Son to the Father and of the disciple to the commands of Jesus, and the shared joy which results. In all of this, grace flows from God to us, helping us to bear the fruit of obedience. Obedience to his command to love one another is the key to sharing his joy.

Pointers for prayer

- To share in Jesus' Easter victory I have to commit my life to him. The rest follows. He has done what is needed. Have I?
- Do I live as if I believed that I have overcome the world? We are told that believers should do so.
- Our love for others is the sign that we love God. Other people read that sign too. It draws them to Jesus.
- Praise God for wonderfully redeeming the world.

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

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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 celudlow@gmail.com or Sister Julian on birteday@gmail.com.

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>

At the **10:30 All Age Worship service**, we will be baptising **Punch Emeuwarike Raphael Uche** and **Aboline (Abby) Wei**. We welcome them, along with their families, into our church community. It is also a joy to welcome four candidates to share in Holy Communion for the first time! Please pray for **Sophie, Anna, Abby** and **Mira** as they take this step in their life of faith.

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.

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on Monday, **6 May** 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@holyltrinity.be. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

Join us for an **Ascension Day** service of Holy Communion on **Thursday, 9 May at 19:30**.

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@holyltrinity.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.

Senior Chaplain Recruitment The post of senior chaplain was advertised in April. Applicants will be shortlisted in May. Saturday 8 June is the date of the interviews. Two lay vacancy representatives have been elected to participate in interviews, Philippa Hayward and Ben Jance, and Andrew Tank will serve as an observer. We cannot yet predict the actual start date as this depends on factors outside of our control and the licensing date may be as late as 2025. We ask that you continue to hold this discernment process in your prayers! If you have any questions do contact the wardens, clergy or members of the Church Council.

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@holyltrinity.be We look forward to welcoming you.

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. 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.

How can we be stewards of our wonderful but wounded world?

Come and spend an evening with **Petra Crofton, A Rocha ambassador** and author, and be inspired! **Tuesday 21 May 19:30 – 21:30 at St Paul's Church Centre, 24 Hoornzeelstraat, 3030 Tervuren.** A Rocha is a global family of conservation organisations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise.

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

A music concert called **'A feast of music'** in aid of the Community Kitchen will be held in the Swedish church (35 avenue des Gaulois, 1040 Etterbeek) on **Saturday, 22 June at 18:00.** For more details see [poster](#) in church lobby.

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.

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.

***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.**

Scan QR to join our official Whatsapp group



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@holyltrinity.be.

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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