



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Epiphany 2
14 January 2024

Our readings this week

Matthew 9:27-38 Jesus calls his disciples to continue the work he has started : shepherding the lost and harassed, bringing new life, freeing people from their demons, healing their diseases. Sheep are vulnerable animals, in need of care and guidance. Jesus sees the people as sheep without a shepherd, lost and vulnerable. But he also sends his disciples as sheep among wolves. There seems to be a need for the messengers to be themselves vulnerable if they are to be able to reach the vulnerable.

Pointers for prayer and reflection

- God's love for us is as extravagant as it is eternal. It is a cause for real joy. We can express that joy in his church.
- Offered free to us, grace is costly to God. Do we treat it too lightly?
- The lost, the sick, the confused need to hear the good news. How do I help them receive it?

Our worship this coming week will be distinct, related directly to the recruitment of a new senior chaplain. Richard Bromley from the Intercontinental Church Society will be with us at all four services on Sunday 14 January (and on Wednesday 17 January). In place of the sermon, Richard will lead each congregation in a reflection on Scripture, in prayer, and in a time of response to questions that will help to guide the future of Holy Trinity. The purpose is to discern the next steps in the recruitment of a new senior chaplain. Richard has a great deal of experience in leading similar sessions across the diocese and we are grateful for his expertise.

Please bring a smart phone if possible, to interact with a survey. We will have options available for people who do not have smart phones and we will ensure that this consultative process is as inclusive as possible.

We welcome your enthusiastic participation at these upcoming services! We trust that we will all be guided by the Holy Spirit to set the future direction of this church and we ask for your continued prayers for the person God is preparing to minister as senior chaplain at Holy Trinity

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

Worship this week

Sunday, 14 January 2024

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger

Facilitating: Richard Bromley

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger

Facilitating: Richard Bromley

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa

Facilitating: Richard Bromley

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Mags Bird

Facilitating: Richard Bromley

[YouTube](#)

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

Wednesday, 17 January 2024

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson

Facilitating: Richard Bromley

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

Donations to the
Community Kitchen

@HTB ASBL Gift Account
IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423
BIC code: BBRUBEBB

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>

Coffee and tea are served after the 10:30, 14:00 and 18:00 services, the bar is also open. Do come and join us. If you are new or visiting Brussels, we would love to meet you!

Welcome to the Revd Evelyn Sweets! Please welcome Evelyn at one of our upcoming services. Evelyn has recently moved back to Brussels after many years in Luxembourg, where she served her curacy and served as Assistant Chaplain. Evelyn will be serving as a 'locum' priest at Holy Trinity in the coming months and we are grateful that she will share her ministry with us here.

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!

Seniors' tea party We will hold an in-person tea party at the home of Pam Clements at 31 Avenue Leopold III, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem on **Wednesday, 17 January** from **15:00 to 17:30**. You are welcome to come along! Please let admin@holytrinity.be or Pam Clements (pamclements@outlook.com / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend.

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, or email admin@holytrinity.be, or sign up [here](#).

Did you know that Holy Trinity runs a **Foodbank**, through the Community Kitchen and via our partner organisation L'Olivier? Three of our male beneficiaries need winter boots and coats: size 45 boots and XL size warm jackets. Can you help? If so, please bring these along to church on Sunday and Annie will make sure that they reach the people in need. Write to annie.bolger@holytrinity.be if you'd like to coordinate further.

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 over here <https://amzn.eu/d/flQ6Zl8>

Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury will be lecturing on **"Doctrinal diversity and Christian communion"** at the Communautaire Internationale de Saint Dominique (avenue de la Renaissance 40, 1000 Brussels) on **3 February from 10:00 to 12:30**. For more details on how to register to attend the lecture, [please see poster here](#).

**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.*

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).

(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

(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

The wider church

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.

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** runs from Thursday 18 January and continues to Thursday 25 January. The **Service of Prayer** for the week will be in the **Cathédrale des Saints Michel et Gudule de Bruxelles** on **Thursday 25 January at 19:00**.

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 / 0476 24 58 93.

Creation Corner

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

Pope Francis published this prayer in Laudato Si', and it serves as a fitting prayer for the new year:

"All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen."

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Senior Chaplain & Canon Chancellor: vacant

Acting Senior Chaplain and Canon Pastor: The Revd Canon John Wilkinson john.wilkinson@hollytrinity.be

Assistant Chaplain: The Revd Jean Bosco Turahirwa jean.bosco.turahirwa@hollytrinity.be

Assistant Chaplain: The Revd Annie Bolger annie.bolger@hollytrinity.be

Locum Chaplain: The Revd Evelyn Sweerts evelyn.sweerts@hollytrinity.be

National Anglican prison chaplains based at HTB:

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

MES Intern:

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Mr Eric Sibomana

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