



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Epiphany 3
21 January 2024

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 21 January 2024

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Evelyn Sweerts

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Evelyn Sweerts

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Charles Kabera
Preaching: Jean Bosco Turahirwa

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

[YouTube](#)

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

Wednesday, 24 January 2024

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

Genesis 14:17-20 Abram acted to rescue Lot, captured during a raid between the petty kingdoms of the valley. Here we encounter Melchizedek, king and priest, seen in Psalm 110 and Hebrews as a type of Christ. 'God Most High', relatively rare, may be used by Gentiles of the true God. By his tithe to Melchizedek, Abram acknowledges that it is God who has given him victory. He remains untainted by Lot's association with the king of Sodom.

Psalms 128 The family which lives 'in fear of the LORD' will flourish, in a life at peace with others – where no-one robs the family of its produce – and with itself. The blessing is both figurative and literal. The literal blessing from Zion is a prayer for long life for the family, peace for the whole community and the prosperity of Jerusalem, God and his people together. The blessing of the family and the blessing of the whole people of God go together.

Revelation 19:6-10. The context of these verses is the defeat of Babylon, the enemy who had persecuted the church. Now follows the marriage of the Lamb – Jesus Christ – and his bride, made ready by her faithfulness. That justifies the 'white wedding'. The angel ensures that John will make clear to his readers, often persecuted, what a blessing it is to be invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John 2:1-11 This lovely story is described as a "sign". What does it point to? Certainly, to abundant provision in place of shortage; and to the transformation of the water of the ceremonial law into the wine of Christ, wine that is sufficient for the needs of the whole world. Maybe it points to the great banquet at the marriage of the Lamb. The story is rich in meaning. The evangelist says it reveals Jesus' glory.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for help to read well the signs that point to Christ;
- Pray that those who are persecuted for their faith may be sustained by the promise that they will be guests at the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- Pray that all Christians may be united in faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
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IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

Donations to the **Community Kitchen**

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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 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 after 10:30. 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.

This 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!

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**.

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@holyltrinity.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@holyltrinity.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>

**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

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](#).

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.

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

Meditative mending – Next time you have a hole in your clothing, a broken dish, or some other damaged item, consider mending it instead of throwing it away and buying something new. While it's tempting to think of throwing *away* as a final solution, 'away' is just that... shifting the problem elsewhere. Mending extends an item's use and can also be a meditative reflective process. Consider how God heals our brokenness and uses us despite our imperfections, as you darn your socks, sew on a button, or glue together a broken pot.

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