



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Epiphany
7 January 2024

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 7 January 2024

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Evelyn-Sweerts Vermeulen

10:30 All Age worship & Holy Communion

Leading: Philip Milton/
Evelyn-Sweerts Vermeulen
Preaching: Arttu Makipaa

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

14:00 Service of the Word FR/EN

Leading: Grace West
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa/
Susie Wilkinson
Preaching: Arttu Makipaa

[YouTube](#)

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

Isaiah 60:1-6 This is literally a glorious vision. It describes the effect when God reveals himself to the world from among his people. It will be like great light shining in darkness, drawing people from all over the world, nations, rulers, even infants in arms. Those whose eyes are lifted enough to see what is happening will come bearing their gifts.

Psalms 72:1-15 This is a psalm sung for a king, a prayer that his reign may bring in all the rich blessings that come from God. They are worth enumerating. He is called to uphold justice, to care for the poor and the oppressed and to bring in the order of creation that enables a general growth of good things in the land. The psalm prays for his reign to be recognised in homage throughout the world, to bring a time of great and enduring blessing to all. It is God who is to be praised for all this!

Ephesians 3:1-12 God's truth is made known to the world through the gospel, of which we are all bearers. Paul saw clearly the boundless riches that God was making available to those who may have known nothing of him. He took seriously his own calling to help them lay hold of this wonderful gift. We do not just see the glory of God revealed. We are called on to share it.

Matthew 2:1-12 Wise men seeking the new ruler, follow the star, so nearly to disaster but finally to discovery of something quite different from what they must have expected. In their overwhelming joy they bow down in worship. Gratefully handing over the riches of the world, they depart, their lives engaged on a new path. Did ever a story so capture the minds of generations of hearers as this?

Pointers for prayer

- If we are to be able to glimpse the glory, we must be prepared to lift our eyes. Are we too focused on the dark corners of the world?
- Pray that the focus of our lives may point others to the rich gifts of God;
- Pause before the vision of glory. Then respond in worship.

Wednesday, 10 January 2024

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Stephen Murray

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

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 downstairs 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!

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 8 January** 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@holytrinity.be. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

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.

Godly Play training! This month, there will be a new opportunity to follow the training for Godly Play at Holy Trinity. Godly Play is the spiritual formation we use in our children's ministry for the under-10s. A creative, open, tactile approach for children (and adults!) to explore the stories of the Bible and the Church and our place in those stories! Dates - **13th, 20th & 27th January 2024** More info: philip.milton@holytrinity.be

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.

**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@holytrinity.be.

Accommodation wanted*

(1) Rachael attends the 10:30 service and 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@gmail.com

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** (repetition of the songs 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

Think of the stable described in Luke's gospel – the straw, the smell of animals, unwashed visitors from the surrounding countryside. Apart from a brighter-than-usual star glittering through the cracks in the wall, the trappings surrounding the birth of our Lord were about as minimal as you can get. Then look at how we celebrate this moment now. What a gift Christmas is to our consumer society, to an economy dead-set on economic growth whatever the consequences, to a system that relies on the distraction of retail therapy to blind us to both climate and ecological breakdown and the fulfilment of finding joy in enough. ~ *Green Christian*

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