



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Lent 1
18 February 2024

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 18 February 2024

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

10:30 All age Worship & Holy Communion

Leading: Evelyn Sweerts/Philip Milton
Preaching: Philip Milton

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Evelyn Sweerts/
Eric Sibomana
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: William Olhausen

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

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

Wednesday, 21 February 2024

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

Lent is a time to renew our commitment to God.

Genesis 9:8-17 When God's grace brings Noah and his company though the catastrophe of the flood, there is a moment of discontinuity. God makes a covenant, not just with Noah and his family heirs, but with all the living creation, to keep them in his loving rule and never to let them go. The covenant is with us still - as is the discontinuity of passing through the water of baptism.

Psalms 25:1-9 To trust God is risky. What will other people say? But the psalmist is determined to submit his life to God's guidance and protection. Remembering God's ancient promise, he sees that it is those who fail to commit to God who take the risk. This psalm speaks for all of God's people in their need.

1 Peter 3:18-22 In baptism, we place our trust in God, just as Noah did. God meets that trust by redeeming us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' work has far greater consequences than we could ever have imagined. It is from such seemingly little beginnings that the world is transformed.

Mark 1:9-15 By being baptised, Jesus identifies with all those who, in an admission of their own weakness, commit themselves to the mercy of God. God approves Jesus' action by sending the Spirit. That Spirit will guide his understanding of his own role. Jesus begins his public ministry with a clear call to everyone to follow him by turning, in dependence, towards God. Lent is a time to remember that, when we cast ourselves on God's mercy, he responds with approval and empowerment.

Pointers for prayer

- Commitment to God is an action of the will. Am I willing to take that step and then to maintain it over time?
- If God is to teach us, we must be prepared to listen and to learn. Are we doing that?
- Pray that we may all turn to God in our need, whatever form that takes; that in doing so we will come to realise how much God loves each of us; and that our deepest needs will be met.

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

This Sunday morning at 10:30 we offer an **All Age Worship Service** with Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent.

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 after 10:30. A small innovation affecting those attending our **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.

Update on Senior Chaplain Recruitment

Many thanks to the many people from all five of our services who participated in the survey about the recruitment of our new Senior Chaplain. The results have been analyzed to create drafts of the three key documents: Chaplaincy Profile, Role Description and Person Specification. The Church Council will review these drafts on Monday 5th February and after further editing approve the final versions at the formal Vacancy Meeting on Monday 5th March. Our patron, Bishop Sarah Mullally, our Diocesan Bishop Robert Innes and the mission director of the Intercontinental Church Society, Richard Bromley, all have important roles to play in the recruitment process. We will run advertisements in the Church Times and other media during April and we are setting up a rigorous selection process involving all the key partners. We have set Saturday 8th June as the date to interview final shortlisted candidates. We cannot yet predict the actual start date as this depends on factors outside of our control. The earliest possible date for the Licensing is October and it may be later in the year. We ask that you continue to hold this complex process in your prayers. Meanwhile if you have any questions or comments do contact the wardens, clergy or members of the Church Council.

LENT at Holy Trinity...

LENT GATHERINGS...

If you are in a home group, you may be following a special course through Lent, but we shall also offer a Lent course that is open to all. Over the course of five interactive sessions, we will explore together what Sabbath means for our often hectic Monday to Saturday lives and how we can once again open ourselves to receiving this gift from God in creation. We will meet at Church House at 19:30 on Wednesdays 21, 28 February and 6, 13, and 20 March. No materials needed, though if you have a bible, please bring it. Sign up here: admin@holytrinity.be

LENT MEDITATIONS...

We are unable to produce a specific Holy Trinity Lent Meditation book this year, but we commend to you the [Church of England's Lent meditations which can be sent to your email address](#).

LENT SOUP LUNCHESES...

The Midweek Holy Communion service will be followed by a lunch of soup and bread, in Church House, beginning on 21 February. There is no charge, but any donations will be used to cover the costs, and any extra will be given to the Community Kitchen.

SIGHTS ON SILVER...

Each month beginning just before Lent, the Pathfinders (10 - 13-year-olds) will be challenging us to make a difference to consider a variety of lifestyle changes to help God's planet. This is part of our hope to reach EcoChurch Silver! Keep an eye open for this; it could be a way of taking some of Lent's challenges into the rest of the year.

***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.

This year's **Bishop's Lent appeal** is to support the **Anglican Centre in Rome**. Read all about it in [Bishop Robert's letter](#). Contributions can be made via Holy Trinity from our donation station or to The Friends of Holy Trinity IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187 with reference 'bishop's lent appeal'. All funds will then be transferred to the Diocesan account in the UK.

This past Sunday 11 February was **Racial Justice Sunday**. The Diocese in Europe held the first ever conference on this key issue in November 2023. To provide an overview of the broader diocesan work that is being done to address injustices against racial and ethnic minorities in the church, please visit the diocesan website here: <https://www.europe.anglican.org/racial-justice>. Holy Trinity has a similar, local **Working Group for Racial Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion**. If you have experiences which you would like to share or for which you need support, please contact:

Jean-Bosco Turahirwa (jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be), Ben Jance (benjance@gmail.com), or Annie Bolger (annie.bolger@holytrinity.be).

Save the date - Church Weekend Away

Preparations are well underway for our 2024 church weekend away:

- **24 - 26 May**, Friday evening - Sunday lunchtime
- Monastery of St Remacle, Wavreumont (near Spa)

More information in due course. We are looking forward to sharing a welcoming weekend together as our HTB family.

Since the pandemic, please note **our new office hours**:

Monday & Wednesday 9h15 to 12h30 (presence)
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9h15 to 14h30 (remote work)

Tracy Bulaya, wife of Eric Sibomana and member of our 14:00 congregation is starting her own business in communication. If anyone needs a person to write newsletters, press releases, speeches or if anyone needs help writing content for a website, Tracy will be happy to help. She can be contacted by email on info@sibocom.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 or whatsapp+31 6 199 882 68.

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.

Creation Corner

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

Sights on Silver Campaign

To help Holy Trinity achieve its ECO Silver Award, our children are issuing a series of lifestyle challenges. In this first challenge, are you willing to consider your approach to clothing and fashion? When you consider this theme, what can you change? Repair? Go Second-Hand? Shop mindfully? In short, join the [slow fashion movement](#)!

If you do take on a challenge, then we need to know that it is. You can write a label and add it to our Challenge Tree. We might get back to you for feedback and to learn from your experience. [For more ideas take a look here.](#)

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Newsletter items: to admin@holytrinity.be by 9:00 Wednesday

Senior Chaplain & Canon Chancellor: vacant

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

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

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

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

National Anglican prison chaplains based at HTB:

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

MES Intern:

Readers: Ms Heather Roy; Mrs Ozichi Baron; Mr Jacob Quick; Mrs Grace West; Mr Arttu Makipaa;
Mr Eric Sibomana

Youth Coordinator: Philip Milton philip.milton@holytrinity.be

Precentor/Music Director: Dr David Mitchell david.mitchell@holytrinity.be

Safeguarding officer: Geraldine Barry safeguarding@holytrinity.be

Central Committee of the Anglican Church in Belgium (based at HTB)

Chaplain-President: The Revd Canon Prof Jack McDonald

Secretary General: The Revd Canon Stephen Murray secretary@anglican.be

Second Secretary: Ms Rebecca Breekveldt

Communications Secretary (part time): Mr Charles Melebeck