



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Lent 2  
25 February 2024

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday, 25 February 2024

##### **9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: Evelyn Sweerts  
Preaching: Arttu Makipaa

##### **10:30 Holy Communion**

Leading: Evelyn Sweerts  
Preaching: Arttu Makipaa

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

##### **14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN**

Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa  
Preaching: John Wilkinson

[YouTube](#)

##### **18:00 Service of the Word**

Leading: Susie Wilkinson  
Preaching: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

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

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

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#### Wednesday, 28 February 2024

##### **12:30 Holy Communion**

Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Philip Milton

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15,16** Despite their great age, God promises Abraham and Sarah that they will found a great nation in the place where they now live as aliens. Normally, covenants impose equal obligations on both sides, but here the burden is on God. Abraham and Sarah have only to believe. As with all our covenants with God, this is a covenant of grace.

**Psalms 22:23-31** The life of obedience to God is not always easy. At times of trouble, God may seem far away. Yet the psalm moves to a confident conclusion, for the psalmist is confident that God hears the cry for help from his own. It is with that certainty that he can face the future, looking to the time when God's rule is acknowledged. What a time of joy for those who put their trust in him.

**Romans 4:13-25** Paul's point is that we lay hold of the benefits of the covenant by placing our faith in God, not through the sort of ceremonial obedience attached to practices such as circumcision. All those who put their trust in God, whether Jews or gentiles, can enjoy the benefits of God's covenant with Abraham, for when we are prepared to put our trust in God, he gives us credit for that and treats us as righteous.

**Mark 8:31-38** Jesus is determined to obey God and to trust him right to the end. That is why he reacts so strongly to Peter. For us, a decision to follow Jesus is an act of the will. But it requires that we abandon self and trust God – as Abraham did. Jesus makes it plain that following him may not be easy, but will bring great rewards.

#### **Pointers for prayer**

- Pray that all those who are in pain or trouble may feel able to cry out to God: and that their cry may be heard, and they know God's strength;
- Which is the greater challenge to our faith: the pains of life; or the mockery of unbelievers? Pray for courage;
- Often those who most openly scorn commitment to God are nearer to faith than the indifferent. Pray for them, too.

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

# Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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## Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity  
Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

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## Donations to the **Community Kitchen**

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

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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](mailto:celudlow@gmail.com) or Sister Julian on [birteday@gmail.com](mailto:birteday@gmail.com).

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## **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>

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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.

A **farewell service** for Bishop David Hamid is being held online by the Diocese in Europe on Wednesday, **28 February at 18:00CET**. If you'd like to join in via Zoom, the **Meeting ID is: 860 7244 7279** Password: 972358972358. You can also follow the service LIVE on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#).

## **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 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 meet at Church House at 19:30 on Wednesdays 28 February and 6, 13, and 20 March. No materials needed, though if you have a bible, please bring it. Sign up here: [admin@holyltrinity.be](mailto:admin@holyltrinity.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. 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.

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*\*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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Scan QR to join our official Whatsapp group



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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](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be).*

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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.

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](mailto:jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be)), Ben Jance ([benjance@gmail.com](mailto:benjance@gmail.com)), or Annie Bolger ([annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)).

**Sister Julian**, a longstanding member of the Holy Trinity community, will take her vows to the Single Consecrated Life on **Wednesday 6 March at the 12:30 service**. This service will be slightly longer than the usual 45-minute service and is sure to be a joyful celebration of her religious vocation! Bishop Robert will be with us as well as several monks from the St Remacle monastery in Wavreumont where Sister Julian lives. Please RSVP by 1 March to [birteday@gmail.com](mailto:birteday@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)).

## The wider church

**ETF Leuven 2 vacancies, possibly for a couple!**

As of 1 August, they are looking for a [hospitality manager](#) (0.6 FTE) and [conciierge](#) (0.5 FTE). It is possible to fill both these positions as a couple and thus make a special contribution to learning, working and living on the campus. A [3-room apartment on their beautiful campus](#) will then be available. It is also possible to respond to the individual vacancies. Do you know candidates who would recognize themselves in these profiles? Then be sure to forward the vacancies to them.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:john.wilkinson@holytrinity.be)

**Assistant Chaplain:** The Revd Jean Bosco Turahirwa [jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be](mailto:jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be)

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

**Chaplain-President:** The Revd Canon Prof Jack McDonald

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