



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Lent 3  
3 March 2024

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday, 3 March 2024

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Evelyn Sweerts

**10:30 All age Worship & Holy Communion**

Leading: Evelyn Sweerts/Philip Milton  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

**14:00 Service of the Word FR/EN**

Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa  
Preaching: Evelyn Sweerts

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: John Wilkinson/  
Matthias Rottiers  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

[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, 6 March 2024

**12:30 Sister Julian's consecration**

Leading: +Robert/Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Sister Julian

**Exodus 20:1-17** To know the 10 commandments has become unfashionable. But we are the losers. For these simple but profound guidelines are for the benefit of those who would not live as slaves. The key is "no other Gods". But that leads on to so much else: the gift of the Sabbath; the family bond; and the ground rules that make it possible to live well with others.

**Psalms 19** There are few who are not awestruck by a clear, starry night as it speaks of God's immensity, and of his creative power far beyond whatever he has allowed us to learn of it. So too God's law gives joy to the heart, light to the eyes, sweeter than honey. When did we have more need of a sure guide for living than today? Who would not want to give praise and obedience to such a God?

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25** Those who mock the moral law also mock the cross, the power and the wisdom of God. There is a move across these verses as they speak of wisdom, from the wisdom of the wise, through the wisdom of the world, to God's wisdom: the wisdom that proclaims salvation to men and women through Christ crucified. We must not set human ideas above God: that is the first commandment.

**Mark 12:28-34** Jesus' famous summary of the law first cites Deuteronomy, then adds words from Leviticus. His emphasis is on love: first, in the relationship between the disciple and God, as it were up-and-down; and then in the relationship between the disciple and others, as it were to left-and-right. Maybe the whole of Christian theology is just a longer version of this cross-shaped picture.

#### Pointers for prayer

- Meditate on how obedience to the commandments can keep us from slavery;
- Some find the moral law a burden. Pray that they may discover its sweetness;
- Praise God that for all our failures and shortcomings as disciples are paid for in advance by Christ's once-for-all sacrifice.

[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  
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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.

## 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.

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 4 March** 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](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be). If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

**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)

## LENT at Holy Trinity...

### 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.

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.

As in previous years, the flower team invites you to give **Easter lilies** in memory of departed loved ones. Each lily costs €2.50 and envelopes are available at the back of church. Please put the name(s) of those you wish to commemorate on the envelope and the corresponding amount of money inside and return to the basket. If you wish to contribute by bank transfer, please send your donation to The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187 with reference LILIES and email [Carol de Lusignan](#) with the names of those you wish to remember.

**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, 3 April from 15:00 to 17:30**. You are welcome to come along! Please let [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) or Pam Clements ([pamclements@outlook.com](mailto:pamclements@outlook.com) / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend.

**Church weekend away 24-26 May:** a time for our whole church family, covering all 4 services, young and old, to come together for a weekend in the beautiful Belgian countryside. A great chance to get to know each other better over shared meals, county walks, group discussions, kids' activities, a drink at the bar and much, much more all around the theme of hospitality and welcome. We'll stay at the beautiful Monastery of St Remacle near Spa. Registration opens Sunday 3 March. For more details, talk to one of us: Annie, Philippa, Sister Julian, Ruth, Virginia, Philip & Richard.

## 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.

**St Anthony's Kraainem** is organizing/putting on an **Easter Musical** event on **16/17 March** and which is open to all. Please see [poster](#) in church lobby for more details. If anyone is interested or would like more information, they can write to this email address: [stanthonysfolkgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonysfolkgroup@gmail.com).

**Christian student association PAAP (Per Aspera Ad Perfectiora)** is organising a Bible Symposium in Leuven on **26 March**, an inspiring event dedicated to the exploration of the Bible. Anyone interested in the Bible is welcome. Please see [poster](#) in church lobby for full details on speakers and how to register.

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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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## Creation Corner

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

### Sights on Silver Campaign

We're all inspired by our Pathfinders group helping to lead Holy Trinity over the next several months in theological lifestyle reflections. The first month's challenge is "What we wear: Explore sustainable fashion choices and the impact of our clothing habits." Maybe begin this month by learning more about [fast fashion](#) and the irreparable harm done by the fashion industry to people and planet. What steps could each of us take in the next month to disrupt our participation in fast fashion?

The Pathfinders suggest a challenge like [Project 333](#), choosing to wear what we already have, 33 items over 3 months. These kinds of challenges can shift our perspectives on consumerism, materialism, and the connection between our clothing choices and the well-being of those around us!

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9h15 to 14h30 (remote work)

**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)

**Assistant Chaplain:** The Revd Annie Bolger [annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)

**Locum Chaplain:** The Revd Evelyn Sweerts [evelyn.sweerts@holytrinity.be](mailto: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](mailto:philip.milton@holytrinity.be)

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**Safeguarding officer:** Geraldine Barry [safeguarding@holytrinity.be](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@anglican.be)

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