



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Lent 4  
10 March 2024

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday, 10 March 2024

**9:00 Holy Communion**  
Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

**10:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading & Preaching:  
Evelyn Sweerts

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

**14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN**  
Leading: Grace West  
Preaching: Charles Kabera

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Service of the Word**  
Leading: Mags Bird  
Preaching: Evelyn Sweerts

[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, 13 March 2024

**12:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Philip Milton

**Numbers 21:4-9** The desert journey was greatly prolonged because Israel would not enter the Promised Land from Kadesh. Now the Israelites are grumbling about God's miraculous provision for them, the food. Their ungratefulness leads them to suffer a plague of snakes. But they are rescued from the plague by the grace of God. Looking on the bronze serpent lifted up before them, they remember God's love for them and are saved.

**Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22** Time and again Israel have found themselves in trouble, in the desert, in places of darkness, sick, exposed to the wild elements. The cause of these troubles was invariably their own folly. Yet their experience has always been that, when they cried to God, he transformed the situation by sending his word of power. They have reason for praise.

**Ephesians 2:1-10** We must not forget the difference between where we are thanks to Christ Jesus and where we would have been on our own. By following our own desires we were dead, cut off from God. But because of his loving mercy, shown to us in Christ Jesus, we are saved, lifted up to sit with Christ in the heavenly places. All we have to do to lay hold of this gracious salvation is to accept it in faith.

**John 3:14-21** When Jesus speaks of being "lifted up", his words speak both of his being exalted as king and lifted up on the cross. They point both to his glory and to the lengths to which God is willing to go, so great is his love for us. They confront us with a choice. Looking on the cross, do we respond to the exalted Saviour of the World, or do we ignore him? Our response is a choice between darkness and light and it judges us.

#### Pointers for Prayer

- The choices are set before us, lifted on high so that we cannot miss them. What do we choose?
- Pray that all those in trouble through their own folly may find and accept the love of Christ;
- Give thanks to God that at the root of our existence is his inextinguishable love for us.

[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.

## **Update on Senior Chaplain Recruitment**

Key recruitment documents have been completed by the Church Council: Chaplaincy Profile, Role Description and Person Specification. Two lay vacancy representatives have been elected, Philippa Hayward and Ben Jance. Andrew Tank will serve as an observer.

We expect to advertise the post in April. Saturday 8th June is the date to interview final shortlisted candidates. We cannot yet predict the actual start date as this depends on factors outside of our control and the licensing date may be as late as 2025. 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.

**Next Sunday is Soapy Sunday!** Please share the following items this Sunday 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!

## **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 LUNCHES...**

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.

We will be holding a **church cleaning day** on **Saturday, 16 March** from **10:00 to 12 noon** in order to spruce up the church for Holy Week and Easter. All cleaning products will be provided. Please just show up on the day! Speak with Moses or contact [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) if you've got questions.

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](mailto:Carol de Lusignan) with the names of those you wish to remember.

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.

**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 form here](#). 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.

**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 '**Conférences de Carême 2024**' is being held on the **10, 17 and 24 March** at the Cathédrale des Saints Michel et Gudule. See [poster](#) in church lobby for more details.

"**The Europe that we want: A dialogue between churches and MEP Candidates**" is being organized at the Chapel for Europe on **3 April, from 18:30 to 20:30**. See [poster](#) in church lobby for more details.

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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)

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

**MES Intern:**

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