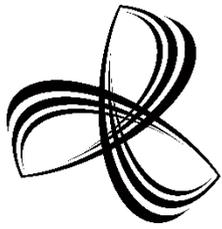


January 27 2019

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany



Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services and preachers 9:00 – Holy Communion: John Wilkinson
10:30 – Holy Communion: John Wilkinson
14:00 – Holy Communion: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa
18:00 – Evening Service: Jeremy Heuslein
Every Wednesday lunchtime, there is a service of Holy Communion in the church at 12:30

Our readings this week

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Israel returned from exile and rebuilt the temple and the city walls, but this only became a secure base when God's self-revelation to his people could again be heard and understood. It is read to the people, at their request, in an atmosphere of worship. The scribes help the people understand. As they come face-to-face with what God has done for them, it becomes a day of emotion and rejoicing.

Psalms 19 The whole creation testifies to God's glory. His light shines on us all, his voice speaks and his word is addressed to the very ends of the earth, full of truth and insight. If we recognize it, we know that we can rely on it and that there is nothing more precious in the world. Before God's purity we sense our own inadequacy and we can only pray that we will be acceptable. We know the answer to that prayer. After all, we have a redeemer.

I Corinthians 12: 12-31a The Christian community crosses the boundaries that separate people. The Spirit creates this community, makes us part of it and endows us with gifts. Each of us is nothing outside the community, but uniquely precious within it. Everyone is special, but none is more special than the others: we each bring the gifts God has given us to the service of the whole church.

Luke 4: 14-21 Jesus begins his public ministry by announcing that God's long-foreseen redemption is happening at last. This is uncomfortable, for it is one thing to read about this happening to others, but "today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." For some, this is a moment of great emotion and joy: a liberation. For others, it is more than they bargained for. There is no avoiding taking a position. How do we react to Jesus' news for us?

Pointers for prayer

- Pray that God's redeeming word will be heard and understood across the world;
- Each of us is uniquely gifted to serve in the Christian community. How well am I using my gift?
- Meditate on how God has made himself known to us, and rejoice.

The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving.

Our Life Together

Welcome to Holy Trinity. Coffee and tea are served after the 10:30 service. Do come and join us downstairs and introduce yourself if you are new or visiting Brussels.

Alpha Course on Thursday evenings – Following a successful launch supper this week, the course will start on 6 February 2019, 19H-21H. There is still the opportunity for last minute registrations – Please contact Fiona Fiona.simon@holtrinity.be if you plan to attend.

Alpha Course Catering – Thanks so much to all who have generously offered to help already. If you missed the opportunity to sign up to cook, bake cakes or help in the kitchen during Alpha, please contact our catering coordinator Mags Bird on mags@mags.org.uk

Our **Candlemas Messiah**, directed by Pam Clements MBE, will be sung on Saturday 2 February at 16:00, with choral rehearsal from 9:30 to 12:00. Singers, musicians and an audience all welcome! To participate singers are asked to contact Lieve Cordeel at finance@holyltrinity.be, instrumentalists Pam Clements at pamclements@outlook.be or phone 02 731 72 17 – the audience just shows up! Admission free with a retiring collection in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London, and the Holy Trinity Solar Panel Project.

Next Sunday February 3, we are holding a **Volunteers Celebration Lunch** between the 10:30 and 14:00 service. If you are involved in serving or helping in church or in any of our ministries, you are warmly invited to join us down in the Walker Hall at 12:30. Your spouse and children are welcome too...but please RSVP admin@holyltrinity.be so we can plan.

The **Mission Committee** will be meeting again in the coming weeks to decide our support for projects and organisations in 2019. As a church, our mission work supports care for creation, care for people, support to the persecuted church and support to spreading the gospel. We welcome any suggestions from the congregation to Sarah Collen scollen@hotmail.com by the end of February.

Lent Meditation book If you would like to write a meditation in the Lent Book please contact David or Jane Brown jmdjbrown@gmail.com or 4071 06 07 11.

Welcome Lunch - If you have started worshipping with us at the morning services at Holy Trinity Brussels in the last 12 months we would like to invite you to lunch on Saturday 9th February. Please contact Jane Brown jbrown19203@gmail.com or 0471 06 07 or the church office admin@holyltrinity.be for further information. This is an opportunity for you to meet with some longer term members of the community/team and other newcomers, so we can get to know you a little and answer any questions you may have. If you have filled out one of the cards in the pews we shall contact you.

The Bar – A new bar manager has been appointed so following ‘dry January’ the bar will re-open in February. Cheers!

Website – We are working to update certain aspects of our site, but have not yet finished the job. We hope to return it to working order shortly! In the meantime, feel free to check out Holy Trinity on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter.

On Tuesday 5 February the **annual Ecumenical Taizé service** will take place at 20h in the Eglise Sainte Croix just off the Place Flagey. A number of church leaders from across the city take part and we are all very welcome to be there. There is usually a rehearsal of the songs for about 45 minutes before the service begins. Please wear warm clothes!

Gareth Davies-Jones will be at HTB on **Saturday 16th February**. A natural storyteller, Gareth writes and sings songs of hope and of humanity. Come and enjoy his inspiring music in an informal setting, with bar from 19.30 with music starting at 20:00. For more info on Gareth and his music, as well as tickets (€10 / €5 concessions) ask Richard & Zelig Peppiette, Peter and Jikke Drummond Smith, Mags & Mano or Ruth Faber. See also <http://www.holytrinity.be/garethdavies-jones>. Don't miss it!

Culture of Invitation Workshop with Michael Harvey. Michael Harvey, of 'Back to Church Sunday' fame, and author of 'Unlocking the Growth', is coming to Brussels. He will be giving a workshop here at Holy Trinity on making the church more welcoming and inviting, on **Saturday 9 March from 10:00 till 15:00**. This seminar takes place under the banner of the Mission Working Party of the Archdeaconry of North West Europe. **All are invited, all are welcome!!** A lunch of soup and sandwiches will be available - voluntary contribution. For more information on Michael Harvey's work as Chief Executive National Weekend of Invitation www.weekendofinvitation.com Twitter @NWofInvitation @unlockinggrowth.. Signing up: please email Diane Robson at Holy Trinity Brussels: diane.robson@hollytrinity.be

For those who cannot make the journey we are going to try to set up a webinar through Zoom. Details to follow.

Our Christian Brother, Moses Hundenu, who works here voluntarily as a cleaner and is greatly appreciated, is looking for accommodation. His current place is to be renovated and he has to leave by the end of February. Is there anyone in our community who can help him to find a room in Brussels? He can pay up to €400 per month. In the first instance please contact admin@hollytrinity.be if you can help.

Waseem Raza is a member of Holy Trinity from Pakistan, and a theology student. Waseem is in need of some help, including the possibility of a part-time job. If you feel you can help Waseem, please make a donation to the Chaplain's discretionary fund BE69 3101 0391 5378 or speak to Nicholas Deliyankis or Gloria Crichlow for more information.

Prayer & Presence – A new initiative for the New Year. The church will now be open on Tuesday evenings from 5-7pm for anyone who may like to come and talk to/pray with one of the clergy or pastoral team or anyone simply wanting a quiet space to come and pray.

The Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on Janine.vrolijk@gmail.com.

Solar Panel Project. As part of aiming to become a more eco-friendly church, we will be installing solar panels on the church roof next year. At a cost of €400 each, the Building Fund can support the investment in 56 panels, but the roof has the capacity for 112 panels, we are inviting donations for the remaining 56 panels in order to have a complete installation. If you would like to invest in this project, please send your donation to the account of The Friends of Holy Trinity asbl. IBAN BE 14 3101 9409 6783, with the message "Solar Panel Project". You may also pay by credit or debit card using our new card reader. If you would like to know more before investing and / or you wish to pay by card, please contact the Treasurer (treasurer@hollytrinity.be). In 2018 we received €6,980 from the congregation towards this project, for which we give thanks.

Booking is now open for the **2019 Women's Retreat "Time to breathe..."** which will take place on **15-16 March at Kortenberg Abbey**. The guest speaker will be the

Revd. Gillian Wilton. To register please e-mail brusselsladiesretreat@gmail.com. If you want to ask anything about the retreat, please speak to Ann Milton, Pam Clements, Jane Brown, Laura Buckner or Morgan Buckner.

The wider community

FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels has the following events coming up: Wednesday mornings: 10.30-12.00 **OPEN DOOR Scripture prayer** session. All welcome. Tuesdays: 29th January, 12th and 26th February, 19.30 – 21.00, (see web site for subsequent dates) **'OPENING THE DOOR TO THE ADVENTURE OF PRAYER'** For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email fcj@fcjcentre.be, (GSM 0477 734551).

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