



April 21 2019
Easter Sunday

Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services and preachers

9:00 – Holy Communion: John Wilkinson

10:30 – All Age Holy Communion: Natalie Jones & Jeremy Heuslein

14:00 – Holy Communion: John Wilkinson

18:00 – Holy Communion: John Wilkinson

Every Wednesday lunchtime, there is a service of Holy Communion in the church at 12:30

Our readings this week

Isaiah 65:17-25 We have a vision of the kingdom that is being ushered in by God's action. It is something entirely new, a place of joy in which the bitter memories of past suffering will be washed away, along with all the marks of sadness and pain. In it the open conversation between God and his people will be renewed: each will speak and the other will hear and understand. It is to this kingdom that God is leading us.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 This is a song of rejoicing in God's glorious triumph. Life takes the place of death as God redeems his people. The rejected stone has become the keystone of the building in God's glorious reversal. For his faithful people, it is a time of rejoicing, for the power of the Lord has come to their aid, overwhelming the evil that beset them.

Acts 10:34-43 The gospel of Jesus Christ is not just good news for a select few, but for all who will turn to him as judge and guide for their lives. His message is one of peace and of forgiveness, a forgiveness that he won not through imposing pain on others, but by accepting it for himself. His unlikely programme has been vindicated by God himself, in raising Jesus from the dead.

John 20 1-18 Easter morning brings an experience that moves Mary Magdalene and the disciples from grief, through confusion, to the dawning realization that something extraordinary has happened. It is still hardly grasped, not yet understood. Notice that Mary's witness does not depend on her understanding: it is a matter of relating her experience.

Pointers for Prayer

- Do I have a vision? Here is the Christian vision of life and where it is leading. It stands in stark contrast to many of the rival visions of our day;
- Join with the women who, finding the ways of the world turned upside down, bow in amazement and adoration before the mighty acts of God;
- Pray for those deceived by false visions to be delivered from evil.

The flowers today are offered by the congregation to the Glory of God and in memory of departed loved ones.

Our Life Together

Allelujah....Christ is RISEN!

Dear Friends, I will so miss the vibrant, joyous Easter celebrations at Holy Trinity Brussels this morning. Fiona will be in Liege, and I will be in Ieper, to help the churches there, but we are connected with you and sisters and brothers around the world rejoicing in our Lord Jesus' conquering death and opening the way to glory. A big thank you to all those who were involved in our many services over the last week, and in the St Matthew Passion. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed, joyous Easter!

He is risen indeed!.... Allelujah!

- Paul

Today's refreshment time following the 10:30 service will be extra (Easter) special! Thanks to all of you who have brought goodies to share!

Our **Annual Church Weekend Away** will take place from Friday May 17 to Sunday May 19. We shall be returning to **Drogen** where we held it last year. Our speaker will be Canon Alyson Lamb. Our theme this year will be 'Citizens of Heaven.' Please check the website for more details, and to book! **Today is the last date to benefit from the "Early Bird" rate!**

Next Sunday is Bun Sunday! The monthly bake sale will be held in the hall downstairs after the 10:30 service. Please support us by buying some of our delicious baked goodies (quiches, sausage rolls, cakes, biscuits, brownies, etc.), marmalades, chutneys and jams in aid of smaller charities.

Due to staff holidays, the church **will not be open** this Tuesday for **prayer and presence**.

Bible Course starting 2nd May at Holy Trinity. The big story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation covered in 8 sessions. Interested? Pick up an invitation from church to find out more or email Fiona.simon@holytrinity.be

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Alpha course catering. At least 35 different pairs of willing hands were involved in chopping, stirring, serving, baking, and washing up over the duration of the course. Much appreciation to all who volunteered! *Mags Bird*

The Flower Team would like to thank everyone who gave money for lilies in memory of departed loved ones, which are decorating the church today. The list of those remembered is on the rear pillar, near the entrance.

Our pastoral care team is assembling a voluntary, confidential photo directory of members of our congregation across all services. We hope this will assist us in better serving the pastoral needs of our ever-changing community. Please do consider letting us take your picture to add to this valuable resource! If you missed the chance to be "snapped" last week there will be another photo-shoot in a few weeks' time. For questions, please email or speak to Natalie: natalie.jones@holytrinity.be

Meetings on Sunday May 12th (12:00 or 16:30 in CLJ) to gather ideas from all our congregations about how Holy Trinity can care for those in need in the city of Brussels. Please pick up a leaflet explaining more and be thinking and praying about how we can take this forward.

Welcome Supper for Newcomers to the church will be held on Friday 24th May. Invitations will be issued after Easter, Jane brown is coordinating this event.

Space for youth. As you may have noticed, the stage in the Walker Hall has been transformed into a space for our youth to meet during Sunday morning. Various groups also use it throughout the week now. We are hoping to make this space an even cosier and more welcoming place. If you have any carpets, couches, or coffee tables that you would be willing to donate, please contact Jeremy (jeremy.heuslein@holytrinity.be).

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

Keys and key boxes. For our security we have keys in key boxes with a code to allow people access to church rooms and cupboards. This system only works if the keys are put back in the box after use! Please check your pockets and ensure that you have replaced the key that you took recently from the key box in the foyer opposite the staircase.

Accommodation wanted: Victor Gurji, a member of our congregation is looking to rent an apartment/studio in Brussels. He is willing to pay a monthly rent of 600 EUR maximum. If anyone can help, please call him on 0494 417946.

The wider community

The **British Embassy** has asked us to help ensure that everyone is aware of possible post-Brexit change. Please consult the UK government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-belgium>

FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels has the following events coming up: Wednesday mornings: '**Lectio Divina**' (praying with Scripture): Resuming 1st May 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon. Saturday 4 May: 10:00-16:30 **Use your signature strengths to navigate a global world in transition.** Presenter: Claudia Ritter, Senior Leadership Coach and Consultant For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email fcj@fcjcentre.be, (GSM 0477 734551).

The British Charitable Fund (BCF) is urgently seeking a Secretary. More details about the organization and job description can be found on the Community notice board in the church lobby.

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