

June 2 2019  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

### Today's Services and preachers

9:30 – Holy Communion: Fiona Simon

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14:00 – Holy Communion: Grace West

18:00 – Holy communion: Jeremy Heuslein

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

**Acts 16:16-34** Paul and Silas are able, by their trust in God, to put service to the needs of others above their own security. Contrast the liberation of the slave girl with her owners' exploitation of her. What courage to put the well-being of the gaoler above the chance to escape! Trust and courage like this brought liberation, salvation and justice and led to the church becoming established.

**Psalms 97** We celebrate Christ's glory with this hymn of praise to our enthroned God. So great is he that his justice and righteousness are impenetrable to us. Although we use the great pictures of nature to try to describe him, yet that is insufficient. Even something as solid as a mountain is like melting wax before him, the created object before the majesty of the creator. Those who worship the things of the created order are put to shame, for it is the one who created who deserves our praise.

**John 17:20-end** Jesus prays that the church may reflect the unity which he and his father share and have shown, as it grows and develops. If it does so, it will be at one with God and in his love. Then it will accept the call to share Christ's glory. But this is not earthly glory. It is the glory of the heavenly king, exalted on the cross. That glory will lead the world to believe.

### Pointers for prayer

- Do I put my trust in created things, or in the one who created them?
- Pray for wisdom to distinguish between things that are really important, and things that press their demands on us
- Pray for the united witness of the church to the true glory of our crucified and risen king.

*The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God by Elaine Carwin in loving memory of her brother-in-law Serge Pollet, who died on May 12.*

## Our Life Together

**Welcome to Holy Trinity.** If you are interested in knowing more about the life of Holy Trinity, please fill out a welcome card available on the pews and hand it to one of the team. After the 10:30 and 14:00 services, coffee and tea are served downstairs; and after the 18:00 at the back of the church. Do join us and introduce yourself if you are new or visiting Brussels.

Today, Paul is visiting All Saints church in Amersfoort for a licensing and attending their Annual General Meeting.

Our Church Council meeting will take place on Monday June 3rd at 20:00 in Church House. The agenda can be found on the notice board in the church lobby. 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.

This year's "**Thy Kingdom Come**" **Global Wave of Prayer is happening HERE** for the next week. The church will be open from 12:00-19:00 each day for people to come in and pray using the prayer stations, midday prayer will be said at 12:30 and Evening prayer at 18:00. Individual & family devotional material is also available to use at home. Please do make use of these opportunities and resources.

**Pentecost Praise** is nearly here! Kids 4-16 are welcome to join us next Saturday 8 June for a full programme of workshops, talks, and a big Kapla session for everyone! Kids from all services and their friends are welcome. Find out more and register: [holytrinity.be/pentecost-praise](http://holytrinity.be/pentecost-praise). Interested in helping out? Have a question? Email Natalie - [natalie.jones@holytrinity.be](mailto:natalie.jones@holytrinity.be)

**Pentecost Party : Next Sunday, June 9, we will be having a special service at 16:00 to celebrate Pentecost** (see flyer) Although the **9:00 and 10:30 services will take place**, (but without children's and youth groups), the **14:00 and the 18:00 services will not happen** as normal, so that everyone can be together at 16:00.

We are planning a service that represents all the congregations and ages in terms of word and music, including the choirs and music groups from each service. **Please put this in your diaries now**, plan to come in your **national dress**, and be thinking about what food you could bring from your part of God's world.

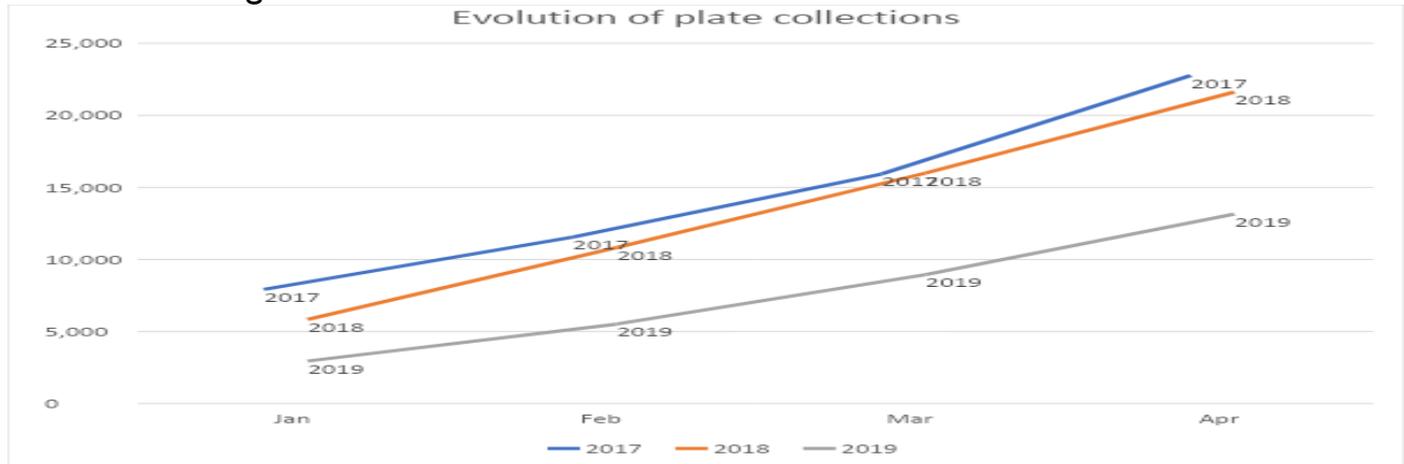
**Ordinations:** At Holy Trinity on Saturday June 29 at 14:30 Bishop Robert will be ordaining our assistant curate, **Jean-Bosco Turahirwa** as a priest, and on Sunday June 30 at 10:30 ordaining **Evelyn Sweerts** (Luxembourg), **Roxana Teleman** (Nice & Vence) and **Matthias Kissell** (Basel) as deacons. We encourage you to come on Saturday as well as Sunday. All are welcome to attend the services, and we ask you to uphold the candidates in your prayers as they make final preparations to start their ministries.

All senior members of our congregation are invited to a **Summer Tea Party** at the home of Pam Clements, Avenue Leopold III 31, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem, on Monday July 1 from 14:30 to 17:30. Please reply to [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) or to Pam, [pamclements@outlook.com](mailto:pamclements@outlook.com), 02 731 72 17 or 0474 97 08 76

**Looking for your ideas on projects to care for creation!** The HTB Mission Committee, in agreement with the HTB Church Council, would like to strengthen our current support to our priority of **caring for creation**. This is particularly important this year, as the Diocese in Europe took the first step in 2018 on the journey to become an Eco-Diocese, and our

church has committed to become an Eco-Church. In order to support this initiative, the Mission Committee **is launching a special call for projects in this area** and we have allocated a total amount of 2000 Euros and a deadline of 23 June 2019 (email us at [mission@holytrinity.be](mailto:mission@holytrinity.be) before the deadline – you can also ask for an extension to the deadline if needed!).

**A message from the Treasurer.** By the month of April in 2017 and in 2018 the plate collections had reached over €21,000 but this year we are lagging behind by 40%. This shortfall has not been compensated by an increase in pledges and consequently our giving is less than last year at this time. Therefore may I encourage you to consider pledging by bank transfer to our gift account IBAN BE14 3100 3441 5383.



**Trip to William Tyndale Memorial and Museum** next Saturday June 8. Meet at Gare du Midi station ticket office at 9:30 am. An opportunity to enjoy a day out and learn about the work and cost of Bible translation and the life of William Tyndale who was instrumental in bringing the first English translations of the Bible into being. An introduction will be given by the museum's curator and Wazeem will act as our guide. There is no fee to enter the Museum however they naturally welcome donations. We will return to Brussels after lunch. For further details and to register, contact Waseem [wraza@ctsem.edu](mailto:wraza@ctsem.edu), 0466 58 64 25.

**Special spiritual musical evening at HTB:** Thursday 20 June at 20:00. The **Brussels Groove Collective** is the vocal jazz choir of the Royal Conservatory of Music and on this evening they will be singing some of the jewels from their repertoire. The choir is composed of young and talented choir singers and soloists from the jazz department, as well as external singers from the Belgian jazz scene. This exciting group is led by Pete Churchill, a singer, vocalist, pianist and composer who is based in London. His website: <http://www.londonvocalproject.com> They will be performing songs and compositions by James Taylor, Stevie Wonder, Billy Taylor, Neal Hefti, Paul Simon, Billy Strauss, Haven Gillespie and Pete Churchill. The music is rhythmic, warm, joyful, enlightening and rewarding – a true existential experience! Come and share the groove!

**Prayer & Presence** – The church will be open on Tuesday evenings from 17:30 to 19:00 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](mailto:Janine.vrolijk@gmail.com)

## The Wider Church

The **FCJ Centre of Spirituality** 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels announces the following events: Tuesdays 28 May and 11 June 19:30 – 21:00: **Opening the Door to the Adventure of Prayer (All welcome)** Wednesday mornings: 10:45-12:00 **Scripture Prayer (open to all)**. Friday 14 June (20:00)- Sunday 16 June (16:00) **Ignatian individually guided retreat (La Pairelle S.J, Namur)** For further information, visit [www.fcjcentre.be](http://www.fcjcentre.be) or, email [fcj@fcjcentre.be](mailto:fcj@fcjcentre.be), (GSM 0477 734551 or 02 348 9561)

The **International Association of Christian Women** invite you to a **Garden Party and Pot-Luck Brunch** on Tuesday June 4 from 10:00 to 13:00 at the home of Pam Clements, Ave. Léopold III 31, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem. See poster in the lobby for details or visit the website [www.ChurchesTogether.be/events](http://www.ChurchesTogether.be/events) (you'll need to scroll down a bit!)

The **BBCA** would like to invite you to its Midsummer Garden Fête on Sunday 16 June, from 2-8pm at the Royal Brussels Cricket Club in Lasne-Ohain. See letter of invitation in the lobby.

The ETF is seeking an Accounting Assistant (m / f) 30 / 38h per week, starting preferably July 1. This is a paid position for a Flemish speaker. Applications must be received no later than June 10, 2019. Details of this vacancy are on their website: <https://www.etf.edu/etf/organisatie/vacatures/assistent-boekhouding/> or see notice in lobby.

On **Monday 3 June at 19:00**, the band of the **Her Majesty's Royal Marines Plymouth** (including the Corps of Drums) will perform in the Grand Place. Come along and witness a great event that doesn't happen very often!

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**Senior Chaplain:** The Venerable Dr Paul Vrolijk [paul.vrolijk@holytrinity.be](mailto:paul.vrolijk@holytrinity.be)

**Associate Chaplains:** The Revd Canon John Wilkinson [john.wilkinson@holytrinity.be](mailto:john.wilkinson@holytrinity.be)

The Revd Canon Dr Jack McDonald and The Revd Fiona Simon [fiona.simon@holytrinity.be](mailto:fiona.simon@holytrinity.be)

**Assistant Curate:** The Revd Jean Bosco Turahirwa

**National Anglican prison chaplains based at HTB:** Mrs Grace West, The Revd Charles Kabera, Mr Eric Sibomana

**Reader:** Ms Heather Roy. **Intern:** Mr Mark Van Eker

**Precentor/Music Director:** Dr David Mitchell

**Children, Youth & Discipleship Worker:** Mrs Natalie Jones

**Pastoral Assistant:** Mrs Janet Sayers **Outreach Worker:** Mr Jeremy Heuslein

**Gift account for pledges and donations to Holy Trinity Brussels:**

IBAN: BE14 3100 3441 5383 BIC: BBRUBEBB

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**Payments for Drongen, Chassepierre, Men's Retreat & other events:**

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