

June 9 2019
Pentecost

Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services and preachers

9:00 – Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk

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16:00 - Pentecost Celebration

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

Acts 2:1-21 The outpouring of the Spirit of the church is one of the key steps in God's work of salvation. Luke presents it as the holding the key to all that is done in the church to spread the gospel of Jesus. What a change from the scattering worked at Babel! The church is still spread across the earth, and has to cope with the diversity of human culture and language, but now is equipped to do so. From the start, the church has been dependent on God's working through it.

Psalms 104 The psalm points us again to the creating and renewing work of the Holy Spirit. It celebrates first the goodness of creation, calling us to rejoice in its beauty and order. Yet the Spirit is not just at work in creation, but also in its renewal. The work of the Holy Spirit is not once-and-for-all, but continuous, adding to the Lord's glory day by day. It moves us to praise our God.

John 14:8-17, 25-27 Jesus sets out something like a step-ladder that connects his people to God. It is through Jesus that we have access to God, and know God. But unlike the world, we have God dwelling in us, in the Holy Spirit, drawing us to Jesus, opening his truth to us. The continuous, two-way traffic of love, truth and obedience between God and his people ensures the closeness to God that is the very opposite of Babel. It brings peace.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for the church, spread across the world and its diversity, to draw people together before God;
- That ladder of communication between God and his people is something we are all invited to experience. What does that mean for me?
- Praise is based on humility and wonder. In a posture of praise, we are open to God's work in us.

Would you like to reflect more with us on these passages? Listen to today's sermon and others at www.holytrinity.be/sermons

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. This afternoon we are holding our **Pentecost Party** at 16:00 for the whole Church family. This will be followed by a **Bring and Share international celebration meal** – we're looking forward to tasting all the treats you've prepared!

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 **Mathias Kissel** (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 or to Pam, pamclements@outlook.com, 02 731 72 17 or 0474 97 08 76.

Sunday 23 June will be **Mark van Eker's last Sunday with us**, after his year on the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme. We shall be showing our appreciation to him during our services and he will be preaching at the 6pm service. If you would like to make a gift to him at the end of his year of ministry amongst us, please make a transfer to IBAN: BE14 3100 3441 5383 (Holy Trinity Gift account) or put it in an envelope marked 'Mark van Eker' and give it to one of the clergy or to the office.

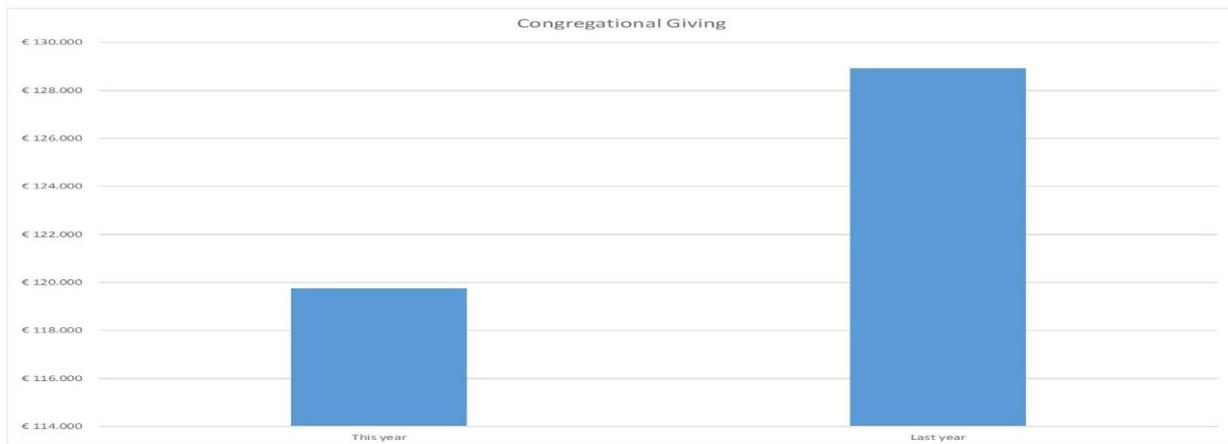
Come one, come all to a **summer church cleaning morning and barbecue!** Next Saturday, 15 June, we are cleaning up the church from 9:30 (beginning with coffee) and will end with a bring-and-share barbecue lunch. We will provide drinks, but please bring something to share -- either cold or to throw on the grill. For more information or questions, email Jeremy (jeremy.heuslein@holytrinity.be). Thanks!

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 before the deadline – you can also ask for an extension to the deadline if needed!).

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!

A message from the Treasurer. At the end of May total giving by the congregation during 2019 had reached €119,744, a significant decline from the €128,917 received by the same time of year in 2018.



Serve the City - Big Volunteer Week Serve the City started in Brussels as a single week of service in 2005. Now we are active or starting in more than 100 cities around the world! This year, we will organise our 15th annual Big Volunteer Week!! **Between the 29th of June and the 5th of July**, hundreds of volunteers from all around the world will join us in Brussels to serve people in need. We will organise serving opportunities all around Brussels allowing volunteers to serve alongside local associations who are assisting the needs of the Homeless/Asylum Seekers/Elderly/Disabled/Children in need/Victims of abuse. More information: <https://www.servethecity.brussels/events/big-volunteer-week/>

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

The Wider Church

The **FCJ Centre of Spirituality** 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels announces the following events: Tuesday 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)** Sat. 29 June: 10:00– 13:00: **Walking the Labyrinth Retreat (All welcome)** For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email fcj@fcjcentre.be, (GSM 0477 734551 or 02 348 9561)

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 Shema Institute invites you to their upcoming event on **Wednesday 19 June with guest speaker Dennis Prager from PragerU!** It will be an exciting event about freedom, human rights and free speech in Europe today. The conference is hosted by MEP Branislav Skripek (ECR) and co-organised with the European Jewish Association and Sallux political foundation. See poster in lobby for details.

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