



## 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: Eric Sibomana  
18:00 - Service of the Word: Fiona Simon

### Our readings this week

**Isaiah 58:9b-end** God is only too willing to help us, providing only that we should be willing to receive, for he respects our freedom. We show that willingness in our relationships: by our concern for others and for God himself. Our care for the Sabbath demonstrates both our attitude to God and our respect of the right of others to their rest. The willing will receive guidance, our needs will be met, our future will be assured.

**Psalms 103:1-8** This is a great hymn of praise to God for his love and providence towards his people. His gifts are passed in summary review – forgiveness and healing, redemption, love and mercy, justice and grace, self-revelation. These show his steadfast love towards us, separating us from our faults, showing the compassion of a loving father. The psalm sets his steadfast, enduring love against the brief moment of our lives. Praise him!

**Hebrews 12:18-end** The whole letter warns believers against turning back from their new Christian faith. In Jesus, we have received the word of God in a way that is still more powerful than that experienced by Israel at Sinai. God's word ushers in his kingdom as his gift to us - a gift that we dare not refuse or neglect, but should receive in awe and with worship.

**Luke 13:10-17** When the kingdom of God enters our lives, it is as if we were able to stand up straight and tall, rather than being bent, unable to move with comfort. It is a liberating experience, a cause for rejoicing at the release of the captive and the coming of God's favour, which puts the rules and ceremonies of religious cult in their proper place. Yet so many cannot see beyond religion to the saving work of God and do not let his redeeming rule into their lives.

### Pointers for prayer

- Does my treatment of others show me to be open to receive the gifts of God as he would give them?
- Pray that we Christians may see beyond our religious concerns to behold the loving power of God at work;
- Praise the God who cares for us in all eternity.

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

## 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.

With the **Jones-Heuslein** family we thank God for the birth of **Junia**, born on Friday 16 August; 3.79kg and 50 cm.

Welcome to **George O'Mahony** our new intern with the Church of England's Ministry Experience Scheme, who has just arrived and will be starting officially on September 1. Please welcome him and help him feel at home.

**Today is Bun Sunday.** After the 10:30 service, please come to and buy some of our baked goodies, jams, marmalades and chutneys to support smaller charities and projects.

**Summer holidays are nearly over!** This is the last week with no Sunday School, the crèche is still available (but unstaffed) to parents who would like to make use of it. We've prepared a special **Children's Worship Bulletin** full of fun activities for our younger members – do make sure to take one for every child in the family. There are pencils and felt tip pens available at the back of the church.

**Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September** we start the new "Academic Year" with an All Age service placing this next period of time and all that will happen in it into God's hands. Everyone is invited to bring something to the service which represents their new start.

Are you planning to purchase new shoes for the new term? **The Godly Play programme** is in need of **new shoeboxes** for children to keep things in while they work on them. If you have one (or more!) box to donate, please email [jeremy.heuslein@holytrinity.be](mailto:jeremy.heuslein@holytrinity.be) or bring them to a service and stack them in the front hallway of the CLJ. Thank you!

**Prayer Ministry Training:** Saturday 31 August from 10:00-15:00 in Church house library.

The next "**Bring and Share lunch**" will be on Sunday September 8 between the 10:30 and 14:00 services. Please do bring some food to share: Water and juice will be provided.

**Benedictine spirituality** Thank you very much for your support and prayers last week during my engagement as Benedictine oblate in the monastery of St Remaclus of Wavreumont - Stavelot (East Belgium). Fiona and Paul Simon as well as Thomas Buckner were representatives of HTB and it was a pleasure to welcome them. You are cordially invited to 'visit' Wavreumont any time and pray with the monks. Information: [www.wavreumont.be](http://www.wavreumont.be). Thank you and blessings, Birte Marianne DAY [birteday@gmail.com](mailto:birteday@gmail.com)

**Home Groups** are a great way of connecting together with a small number of people to offer one another friendship and support as we live out our Christian life and faith. We have lots of new groups being started this term, and there will be the opportunity to find out more and sign up after services on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Holy Trinity Community Kitchen Project.** A core team has now been formed to manage and develop this exciting project which we hope to launch on 9 September. The community kitchen will be open to anyone to participate on Monday and Saturday mornings. Together we will prepare food to supply projects around Brussels that provide meals for those in need and to build up a supply of dishes that we can freeze and that will be available to anyone in need in our congregation or known to us. Anyone interested in giving some

time to cook or support the community kitchen should contact Gayl ([gaylr@skynet.be](mailto:gaylr@skynet.be)) or Fiona [fiona.simon@holytrinity.be](mailto:fiona.simon@holytrinity.be) for further details.

**Giving to Holy Trinity** We welcome your financial support to enable the work and ministry at Holy Trinity to continue. There are 3 ways to give – 1) Cash (Euros) via the collection plate, 2) a monthly standing order to Holy Trinity Gift account BE14 3100 3441 5383, 3) By using the Payconiq app which can be downloaded to your mobile phone and linked to your bank account – the QR code for scanning is on the back page of the newsletter. For further info email the Treasurer: [treasurer@holytrinity.be](mailto:treasurer@holytrinity.be)

**Back to school campaign: The Protestant Social Centre**, one of our mission partners, is collecting school materials in good condition (stationery, glue, school bags, etc.) to help the families they support with the burden of equipping children for the new school year. A box will be available at the back of church until Sunday 25 August for your material contributions. For information on more ways to help the PSC please contact: Jairo ([aresjairo@yahoo.com](mailto:aresjairo@yahoo.com)) or Sally ([sally.gill.steel@gmail.com](mailto:sally.gill.steel@gmail.com)).

**Financial Support** – Wazim is seeking financial help in order for him to complete his final year studies in Biblical languages and Exegesis, to enable his work as a Bible Translator. Further details available on the notice board. Donations can be made through the church and labelled ‘Wazim’.

**Newcomers meal Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** In September we will be inviting all those who have filled green cards in the morning services to a welcome event. Please ensure we have your green card if you are new to Holy Trinity and would like to come.

**Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday.** Please bring along gifts of tinned and other non-perishable foods which will be distributed to local projects which we support in Brussels.

Bishop Robert will be with us on **Sunday 9th February** for a **Confirmation Service**. If you would like to think about being confirmed or would like to know more about what it means, please have a word with one of the clergy.

**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 Brussels Madrigals Singers**, a small a cappella choir, is looking for new recruits. We are a friendly group of mixed nationalities, and we sing a varied repertoire, from the Renaissance to contemporary works. We rehearse on Sunday evenings at St Andrews Church of Scotland, Chaussée de Vleurgat. We are looking for experienced singers with sight-reading ability, to join us for the new season- particularly sopranos and altos. For further information, please consult our website: <http://www.brusselsmadrigals.be/> or contact our Chairman, Bernard Mills (Tel: +32 (0)476 397 340 E-mail: [bernard@mills.be](mailto:bernard@mills.be) )

**Operation Mobilisation (OM)** Belgium needs your help! They are looking for someone to serve food at their hospitality center which welcomes conferences from OM and other organizations around the year. You can minister to OMs and other groups by keeping

bellies full with delicious food. They are searching for someone with experience to help them plan and prepare meals for groups and individuals at their 60 bed conference centre. Please contact [info.be@om.org](mailto:info.be@om.org) for more details.

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