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Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services and preachers

- 9:00 - Holy Communion: Fiona Simon
10:30 - A Service for All Ages: Jeremy Heuslein
14:00 - Holy Communion: Charles Kabera
18:00 - Holy Communion: Jeremy Heuslein

Our readings this week

Proverbs 25:6-7 This is a salutary warning against pride. However, it is not a call to false modesty. Rather, it urges the wise to develop prudent self-understanding, and to recognize the right of those in authority to judge.

Psalms 112 True dignity is to be affirmed by God. How can we obtain that affirmation? First, by fear of the Lord, that is by showing him true respect. Second, by behaving towards others as God behaves towards us. Truly godly people reflect the character of God himself – they are gracious, merciful and righteous. To them come all sorts of good things: true riches, security, and respect. They are known as generous and just. As the ambitions of the wicked are seen to come to nothing, so the qualities of the godly are seen to endure – because they come from God himself.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 As Hebrews draws towards a close, it exhorts Christians to live in ways that gives mutual love its deepest sense: identifying with those in trouble, keeping marriage pure, accepting God's provision rather than seeking material wealth, respecting, supporting and learning from Christian leaders. This care for doing what is good recognizes the enduring benefits we have from Christ. It is a way of praising God through showing how his presence is at work in our lives.

Luke 14:1, 7-14 Jesus uses proverbial wisdom to challenge the religious in their posturing before God. The wedding banquet is a common picture for God's welcoming of his people at the end of time. Where will our place be at that great moment? Prudence leaves that decision to God. We should be more concerned to bring those in need to the banquet than to decide our own place. God knows well what we do. He will not forget any merit we may have shown.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for the wisdom to understand myself as I truly am. Against what standard should I set myself?
- How can we help those in need to get to God's banquet?
- Pray that we may daily behave more and more like our Lord.
- Praise God who alone provides good things that last.

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. 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 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.

Paul is visiting Christ Church Amsterdam today; to welcome the new Interim Minister Revd Kerry Buttram, and is back in Brussels (and at work) tomorrow. Please pray for safe travels.

Our **mid-week Holy Communion services** resume on Wednesday 4 September at 12:30.

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 or bring them to a service and stack them in the front hallway of the CLJ. Thank you!

The next **“Bring & 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.

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 15th 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) or Fiona fiona.simon@holytrinity.be for further details.

Our next **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, September 9** 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. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

Newcomers meal Saturday 21st 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 29th 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.

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

Back to school campaign: A big “Thank You” to everyone who brought school materials for the Protestant Social Centre to distribute to families in need so that their children can start the new term properly equipped.

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.

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).

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 OMers 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 for more details.

BBCA and the UK in Belgium British Embassy Brussels is organising a Brexit Briefing on the evening of Monday 23 September in Brussels. The venue will be the auditorium at the ING Marnix Building, on Rue du Trone (nearest metro Trone). Register soon to secure your place. The event will be the latest in their series of briefings for British citizens in Belgium and their first with the new UK Ambassador Martin Shearman. Doors open at 18:00 with the event starting from 18:30. Prior registration is mandatory via the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMc3IDoGN2zHEcvuAM8JazpI8vtNKI7qRIceAyxyFouk6C1Q/viewform>

The BCWCB (British & Commonwealth Women's Cub of Brussels asbl) – a social club for English-speaking women of all nationalities and from all walks of life would like to invite you to their annual Open Day on Thursday 12th September from 10:00-14:00 hrs at their Clubhouse, Rue au Bois/Bosstraat 509, 1150 Brussels. More details on poster in the lobby and on their website www.bcwcb.org.

The **FCJ Centre of Spirituality** 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels announces the following events: 1) **Wednesdays from 4 September** 10.30-12.00 AND every second **Tuesday 19.15- 20.30** STEPPING OUT IN FAITH - OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD 2) **Saturday 7 September** 10.00-12.30 SUMMER BLESSINGS - EXPERIENCING THE WARMTH OF GOD'S LOVE 3) **Saturday 28 September** 10.30-15.30 THE POWER OF THE PRAYER OF GRATITUDE 4) **Sunday 13 October** 14.30-17.00 A NEW COSMOLOGY-LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY. For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email fcj@fcjcentre.be, (GSM 0477 734551 or 02 348 9561).

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