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Trinity 12

Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services and preachers

9:00 - Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk

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14:00 - Holy Communion: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

18:00 - Service of the Word: John Wilkinson starts a new sermon series

"Who on earth am I?"

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

Our readings this week

Deuteronomy 30:15-end Moses presents Israel with a stark choice. To choose God means being obedient to his word. It will lead to life and prosperity. To reject God, treating our ambitions as gods, leads to destruction. Nothing and no-one is more important than God. Why would anyone reject him?

Psalms 1 The psalmist reflects on the difference between the life centred on God, and the life of the ungodly. Obedience to God is built around his word. That word brings delight and produces great results, so that the life of the follower of God's word will flourish and bear fruit, like a tree planted by a river. The life of the unbeliever, on the other hand, cannot endure, for it has no substance. It is the believer, watched over by God, who knows true blessing.

Philemon 1-21 Onesimus, a slave, has fled to Paul. To do justice both to Onesimus and to his master, Philemon, Paul sends Onesimus back. But he asks Philemon to receive him as a brother and to accept any loss on Paul's account. Then he hands the responsibility over to Philemon. Just to help him make the right decisions, Paul mentions that he may shortly visit him.

Luke 14:25-33 Jesus reminds the crowd who, impressed by his wonders, flock behind him, that discipleship demands commitment. Half-measures will not do. We do well to consider the cost of the commitment of faith and to ask ourselves if we have the determination to carry it through to the end, for we must not expect to be treated more generously than was our Lord himself. Jesus demands the first place in the lives of his followers.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for the determination to seek God in his word, senses alert to his presence, a heart that is open to hear him and inspiration in responding to him;
- Care for individuals is part of the Christian life. Keeping relationships right certainly involves effort and sometimes needs persuasion; it also involves trust;
- Pray that God will sustain and support our weak commitment and that, when we fail, he may seek us in love and bring us to repentance.

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 there is a **“Bring & Share lunch”** between the 10:30 and 14:00 services. We hope you have brought some food to share: Water and juice will be provided.

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!

This month's Bun Sunday bake sale is next Sunday, 15 September. Please note this in your diaries either to bake or to come down after the 10:30 service to the Hall to buy some of our delicious baked goodies or jams.

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.

The Season of Creation, or ‘Creationtide’ (1 Sept- 4 Oct) is a time for prayer, reflection and action.

A Creationtide prayer – O Great Maker of Heavens and Earth, during this Season of Creation, open our eyes to see the precious diversity that is all around us. Help us to better understand the delicate balance of life in the world, and to praise you by protecting the beauty of creation. *Amen*

Taking Action What can you do this week to ‘tread more lightly’ on the planet? Could you buy items with less packaging? Eat less meat? Buy more local produce? Be brave enough to talk to others around you- these are challenges for us all! Talk to Zelig Peppiette, Ruth Faber or Mags Bird if you want to know more.

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.

Please pray for the community kitchen as it starts up this week. Things start tomorrow (Monday) at 10:30am when we will clean and organise the space ready for action. On Saturday 14th 10:30am we will begin cooking in earnest. All Welcome. For further details please contact Gaylr@skynet.be.

Our next **Soapy Sunday** will be *next Sunday* **September 15** so please note that in your diaries! And don't forget when you're shopping. If you would like a list of suitable health and hygiene items to donate please ask Heather Roy heather.roy@gmail.com *thank you!*

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. The Treasurer recommends a monthly standing order to the Gift account BE14 3100 3441 5383 but there are other ways of giving via Payconiq or by cash. For cash, the Treasurer prefers Euro notes but foreign notes are accepted. For coins please only offer Euros, including Eurocents, as foreign coins not only block our counting machine, they are not accepted by the bank. For information about Payconiq please email the Treasurer: treasurer@holyltrinity.be.

Advance Warning! Sunday 22 September is *Car Free Sunday*, when all private motor vehicles are banned from the roads of Brussels. Do remember to take this into account when planning your journey to church – public transport will be free and bicycles are actually encouraged.

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

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/1FAIpQLSfMc3IDoGN2zHEcvuAM8JazpI8vtNKI7qRlceAyxyFouk6C1Q/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 28 September** 10.30-15.30 The power of the prayer of Gratitude. 3) **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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