



## Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

**Today's Services** – 9:00 - Holy Communion: John Wilkinson

10:30 – All-Age Service of the Word: John Wilkinson

14:00 - Holy Communion: John Wilkinson

18:00 – Heather Roy

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

### Our readings this week

**Acts 2 14a, 22-32** The message of the church is that Jesus is the man attested to by God and through whom God worked. God allowed him to be crucified, but despite the worst that humanity could do to him, God raised him to life, vindicating him before the world and enthroning him as David's successor. To this the disciples are witnesses.

**Psalms 16** The psalmist sees that those who put their faith in God's care and guidance are assured of a truly delightful inheritance. Both Peter and Paul saw that Jesus, whose resurrection fulfills verse 10 more completely than the psalmist could have imagined, gave a still greater depth of meaning to this lovely psalm.

**1 Peter 1 3-9** The significance of the resurrection surpasses even what it has done for Christ, for it transforms our situation, too. It gives us new birth, from which flows a stream of good things. In faith we lay hold on God's power to protect us. We become heirs of an inheritance to come which, unlike human wealth, will endure. Our faith enables us to live in great joy, even if we have to endure suffering. Our new situation is one of hope, as we lay hold of the full measure of the salvation Christ has won for us.

**John 20 19-31** At their meeting on the first day of the week, the disciples found Jesus in their midst. It was there that they experienced his gift of the Holy Spirit. Those who believe without directly witnessing the risen Jesus are promised even greater blessing than first disciples. When we meet as his church, we repeat their experience. Any time we are not present, we risk missing the peace and joy of an encounter with Jesus.

### Pointers for prayer

- The Easter message is powerful. Pray that the church will experience God's help as we speak of what God has done for us;
- Will I recognize Jesus, when I meet him in the midst of his community?
- By trusting him to guide us, we are promised a delightful inheritance;
- Pray for those who, running after other gods, find their sorrows increasing.

## Our Life Together

**Welcome to Holy Trinity.** Today at 10:30 we have one of our regular All-Age services of the Word, at which we are joined by all the younger members of the congregation. Coffee and tea are served downstairs after the 10:30 service, the bar is also open. Do come down and join us for this time of fellowship, and introduce yourself if you are new to or visiting Brussels.

**The Holy Trinity AGM** will be held today at noon after the 10.30 service. Anyone who has worshipped at Holy Trinity for more than six months and is 16 years old and over and has been placed on the Electoral roll can vote at the meeting. We encourage everyone to make time to involve themselves in this practical side of maintaining our communal life.

There is information about matters relating to the AGM on the board in the lobby and on the website, many of you should also have received it by e-mail about ten days ago.

The **funeral of Sue Merkle** has been arranged for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.00 p.m. in Osmington Village Church, near Weymouth, Dorset, where she lived as a child. Family flowers only, but donations in her memory would be welcome for “New Friends of St. Osmonds”, a Charity she helped to set up, or the Weldmar Hospice. Further details from Pam Clements ( 0474 970 876, or [pamclements@outlook.com](mailto:pamclements@outlook.com) ), or the Church Office.

Our annual church weekend at **La Foresta: 12-14 May 2017 “Mission on Monday: Building Faith on the Frontline”**. We are delighted to have a team from St Andrew’s Histon (UK) with us to lead our La Foresta church weekend this year. Revd Canon James Blandford-Baker writes: *How can we grow as confident followers of Jesus on our ‘frontlines’, the places where we spend most of our time when we are not in church? What does it look like to participate in the mission and ministry of Jesus in our local communities, our places of work and our families? During our time together we’ll be exploring these questions through studying the Bible, listening to the stories of others and thinking and praying together as the people of God.* Details of the team and registration information are now on the church website at this link: <http://holytrinity.be/2017/02/27/la-foresta-church-weekend-away-12-14-may-2017/> For the technophobic there are a few paper registration forms available.



The **Two to Tango** workshop on couple communication is now coming up. It will be held at the Church house Chapter room, on Saturday 6 May from 14:00 to 16:30 Please register at [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) or [counsellor@holytrinity.be](mailto:counsellor@holytrinity.be) by **28 April**. There’s a poster about it in the lobby.

**Mens Group activities:** Ever wondered what makes a lager a lager, what the hype is about top-fermented Belgian speciality beers? At the April get-together of the Men’s Group, John Brauer will shed some light on the technology of making those beers and draw analogies to some beers using samples which will be used in our tutored tasting session. Date: 29 April, 9:30-12:30. Venue: Holy Trinity Brussels. If you wish to attend this event, please send an email to [arthur.dyevre@kuleuven.be](mailto:arthur.dyevre@kuleuven.be)  
**Guided Tour of the City of Antwerp, 13 May 2017** We invite you to join us for a guided tour of the marvellous City of Antwerp. Dirk Vannot has kindly agreed to guide us once more in our exploration of the Flemish city. On this occasion we will head for the southern quarter of the city, a very popular area to live and hang out with true ‘Antwerpenaren’. We will be leaving by train at 7:49 from Brussels-Central, meeting in

the hall at **7:35 am**. (We are aware this coincides with La Foresta weekend, but the outing was scheduled before the announcement for La Foresta.). In Antwerp we will first go for a coffee and a waffle, before meeting Dirk and starting the tour. We will finish the tour at 12:30. For those who keen to stay a little longer in the city along the Schelde, there will be the option to go for lunch together. You are very welcome to join and to bring friends and acquaintances. Please sign up by sending an email to Harm de Jonge, [hjdejonge@hotmail.com](mailto:hjdejonge@hotmail.com).

We're delighted to invite **all young people ages 4-16** to join us (and to bring your friends!) on 3 June for a day of learning, worship, and fun at Holy Trinity Brussels. **Pentecost Praise** is a free-of-charge, relaxed and exciting time that all our young people, as well as others from churches around Brussels, can enjoy together. Space is limited so make sure you register! Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/htbpentecostpraise/> or email [pentecostpraise@gmail.com](mailto:pentecostpraise@gmail.com) for more details. Don't forget to bring your entries for the 2018 poster competition with you!

**The Exodus Vision organization Belgium (ASBL)** invites you to share an African meal (Moambe, Pilau, bananes vertes, bananes plantins, Sambusa etc..) for fundraising the Malawian project (Pastoral training and other church projects at the Dzaleka refugee camp). The meal will cost 10 eur and will be served NEXT Sunday, April 30 at 12:30 after the 10:30 church service; at 16:00 after the 14:00 service and at 19:15 after the 18:00 service. There will be dances, songs, and picture display. If you would like to have fun that evening, do not hesitate to contact us. Frieda Mukanyangezi, who often goes herself to God's mission in Malawi would like to invite everyone to come and join her this summer. There is much that can be done in the refugee camp by young people and ladies who are willing to go. The mission trip is scheduled from June 17 through July 3. <http://www.exodusvision.com>

The **British Charitable Fund (BCF)** wishes to extend its thanks for the donation they recently received from The Friends of Holy Trinity which was made possible by the Bun Sunday bake sale. For more information about BCF please speak to our Pastoral Assistant Janet Sayers.

**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) or Anne Fieldsend on [annefieldsend@hotmail.com](mailto:annefieldsend@hotmail.com) or 02 735 1997.

### **The Wider Church**

**The FCJ Centre of Spirituality** 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels is organising the following events: Saturday 29 April: 10:30-14:30, **Pope Francis & his roots in Ignatian Spirituality**. Presenter: Martin Maier SJ (Jesuit European Social Centre) (Input, questions, group work/sharing). Tuesday 9 May: 19:30-21:00, **The future of the EU from a Christian Perspective**. Presenter: Martin Maier SJ (JESC) (Input followed by questions/discussion). Saturday 20 May: 10:00-16:00: **Making Room for What Really Matters**. Highly relevant topic, excellent content by presenter of vast experience, Joanna Walsh FCJ. Friday 2 June (20:00) – Sunday 4 June (16:00): **Individually guided retreat**. Venue: La Pairelle SJ Namur (early booking recommended). For further information, visit [www.fcjcentre.be](http://www.fcjcentre.be) or, email [fcj@fcjcentre.be](mailto:fcj@fcjcentre.be), (GSM 0477 734551).

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