

July 16 2017
5th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services – 9:00 - Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk

10:30 – Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk

14:00 – Holy Communion: Grace West

18:00 – Jeremy Heuslein

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

Our readings this week

Gen 25 19-34 Successive readings in Genesis have traced the story of how God's election of his people is worked out against a complex background of human weakness. But the building of the succession that will lead to Israel goes ahead. Esau and Jacob certainly display their human failings. Esau abandons his long-term potential to satisfy a short term need. Jacob displays a devious trait which we will meet again.

Psalms 119 105-112. The whole psalm is a meditation on the law, in the form of an extended acrostic. The lines of our verses all begin with the same Hebrew letter. The opening verse would be a gem on its own but shines still more in its setting. For the lamp that is the law is a rich heritage, to which the psalmist holds despite opposition, even persecution. He apparently values his heritage more than did Esau.

Romans 8 1-11 The working of the Spirit in Christian people sets us free and gives us life. This is in sharp contrast to the best efforts of the flesh, which yield only sin and death. Where, Paul asks us, is our mind set? As Christians, it is set on the things of the Spirit of God. Then we can be sure that the God who raised Jesus from death to life will raise us too. The work is done by God. But we choose whether to welcome him in our lives.

Matthew 13 1-9, 18-23 The parable of the sower is about the way in which we receive God's word. If we welcome his message, absorbing it, the kingdom of God will grow within us and we will enjoy huge bounty. If, on the other hand, we are not receptive to God's word, or fail to respond to its demands, we will miss out on the enormous benefits that it offers.

Pointers for prayer

- Before we can find God's forgiveness, we need to recognise that we need it, both as individuals and as a society;
- The experience of the riches of God's love depends on our willingness to receive it: pray for those who reject it;
- The fitting response to God's providence is praise.

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

The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God by Jennifer Le Jeune

Our Life Together

Welcome to Holy Trinity. 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.

Today after the 10:30 service we will be holding our monthly **Bun Sunday bake sale** in the hall downstairs. Do come and buy some of our home made baked goods, jams etc. in aid of smaller charities.

Sunday school will continue as normal until Sunday July 23 for all groups except Scramblers, whose final class is TODAY. From Sunday July 30 till Sunday August 27 inclusive, the children will join with us in church, however the **crèche room** will be open for parents to use should babies and younger children get too restless. Normal classes will resume on September 3.

The Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on Janine.vrolijk@gmail.com

2nd hand bookstall Today, LAST chance to get second hand books for summer reading! We want to clear the backlog of second hand books, so please come and take some (free, donations requested if possible).

Gifts: Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the gifts for **Josh Peckett, Nathan Joss, James Christie-Brown and John Wilkinson.** All the recipients are deeply appreciative of this gesture of your love for them.

The Wider Church

The International Baptist church is running its **Vacation Bible School** from 21-25 August 2017 (10h-14h). Online registration open from mid-June until mid-August. For more information please go to www.ibcbrussels.org. See poster in lobby.

Are you taking your holiday in Southern Brittany? There will be church services in English at the Parish Church of Névez (between Concarneau and Lorient) on Sundays July 30, August 6 & 13. For more information contact the Chaplain at La Raguénès Plage Campsite, 19 rue des Iles à Raguénès: campsite tel: 02 98 06 80 69.

Saturday 26th August 2017, between 14:00 and 17:00: an introductory taster session to 'The Christian Coach Toolbox' which launches on line this September. Further details and registration: www.kingscompasscoach.com/programmes or see poster in hallway.

Alison Rose, HM Ambassador to Belgium, has written a message on the topic "Safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK, and UK nationals living in the EU, after the UK leaves the European Union", a copy of which has been posted on the noticeboard in the lobby. The full copy of the proposals to which she refers has been printed out and is hanging next to the letter. A pdf copy can be had on request from admin@holytrinity.be

The **Annual Report of the British Charitable Fund for Belgium,** which exists to help distressed British nationals and their dependents resident in Belgium, is now available and a copy is on the notice-board in the lobby.

Warning: Do not leave your belongings unattended.

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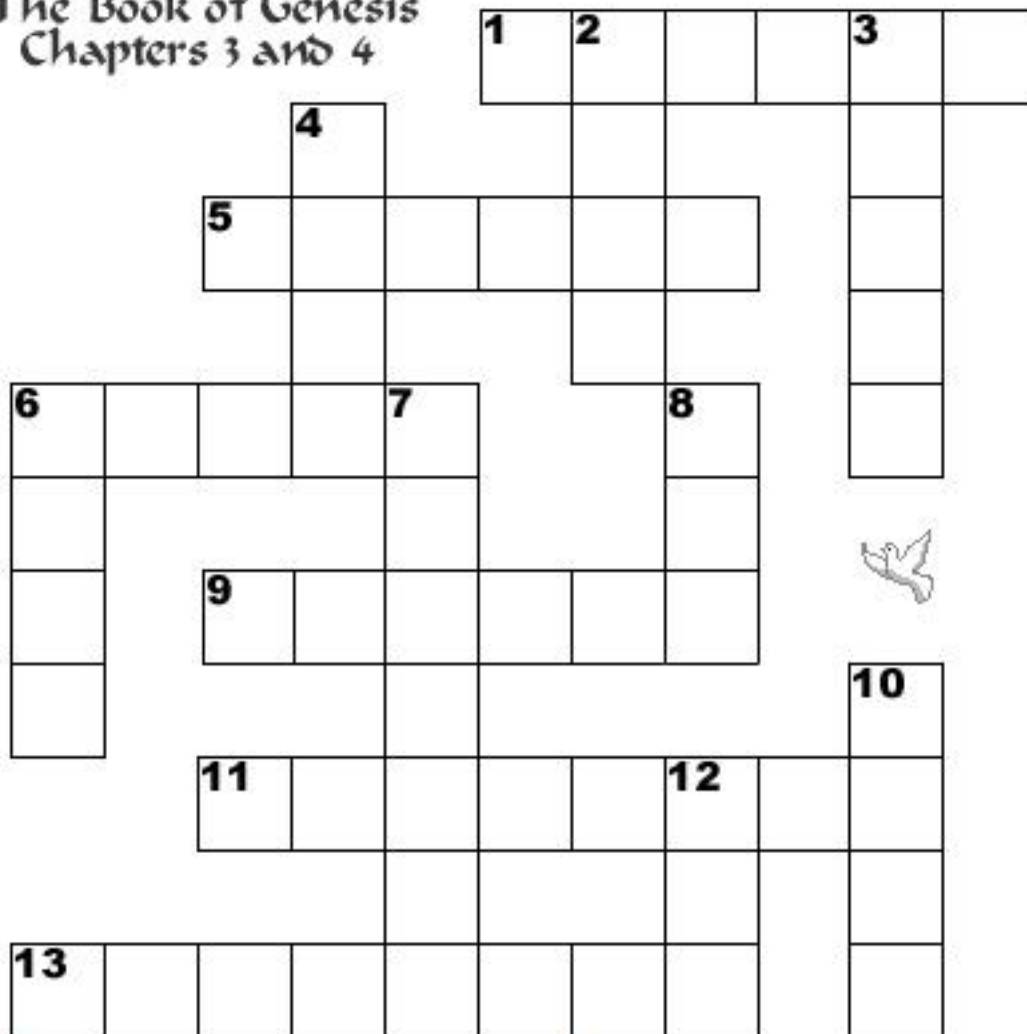
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Crossword No.2

The Book of Genesis
 Chapters 3 and 4



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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The ____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)