



Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

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

10:30 – Holy Communion: Heather Roy

14:00 – Holy Communion: Charles Kabera

18:00 – Heather Roy

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

Our Readings this Week

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 We continue with the extended story of how the promise passed from one generation to another, not according to worldly principles, but according to the choice of God. Joseph, like his father, has some unpleasant characteristics – where Jacob was a cheat, Joseph is a sneak. This and his father's particular love for him cause dissension within the family. But character flaws and murderous hatred, even a long diversion through Egypt, are not enough to frustrate God's ultimate purpose.

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b This psalm focuses on God's faithful maintenance of his covenant over many generations, and for the providence which enabled that promise to be maintained through all the twists and turns in the lives of Abraham and his descendants, the patriarchs of the people whom he had chosen as a means of blessing.

Romans 10:5-15 God's word is very near to us if we will only listen to it. When we place our trust in that word, it will show, whether outwardly or inwardly. It is that response of faith that is the key, not our origins, or some heroic action. But what we have received must be passed on, for otherwise how can other people know of God's salvation? Passing on the faith itself gives expression to our faith.

Matthew 14 22-33 When Christians are despairing and fearful, toiling in the darkest hour, then is the moment when Jesus comes and says *Do not be afraid*. Peter and the boat give us a picture of the value of the church, in whose company we are secure, however troubled the boat may be. If we are called to act alone, it is vital that our attention should not wander from Jesus.

Pointers for prayer

- If things are going wrong and we are tempted to doubt God's love for us, let's remember how his promises have endured over many centuries and generations
- Pray for all those whose faith is under attack
- Jesus comes to his disciples when they are on the task to which he has directed them
- Pray for God's love and faithfulness, righteousness and peace to be seen working in the whole church.

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. 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. During August, 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.

Summer Holidays: *Clergy:* Paul Vrolijk **and** his family are on holiday now on until the end of August. John Wilkinson is here this month. *Office:* The office will be closed for the week 14-18 August. In an emergency, please leave a message on the church GSM number 0478 813503 or contact John Wilkinson at john.wilkinson@holytrinity.be

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

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.

The **Autumn Tea Party** will be held at Pam Clements house in Wezembeek-Oppem on Wednesday, 11 October, from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. Do put this date in your diary, and personal invitations will be sent later, in September. Please tell one of the clergy, 'admin' in Church house, or Pam herself if you would like to join us, either to 'come to tea', or as a helper. (This could be by driving those who will need help with transport, making cakes or scones, or helping to serve tea).

In her July article for the BBKA, **HM Ambassador Alison Rose** summarises the points of interest to British citizens living in Belgium within the Government's proposal on 'Safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU'. You can access the article here: <http://bit.ly/2uuPIWn>. 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.

Accommodation wanted: (1) Sonja, a young lady is moving to Brussels from Oxford, United Kingdom to start a new job and is looking for either a room or a flat to rent for approximately 6 months beginning from around the middle or end of September. She has a very quiet and mature personality and would like to live in a non-smoking household. Please email her at sonja911cc@gmail.com if you have anything available!

(2) Lois McLatchie, a 22-year-old Scottish student who attended our evening services during an internship in 2015, will be returning to Brussels in late September to study a year-long masters course in Human Rights Law. She is currently looking for somewhere to stay in Brussels during that time. If anyone could help, please contact her (lois.mclatchie@yahoo.co.uk) or Tel: 07523246181.

Brussels International Singers is looking for members for their choir to sing a Christmas concert on Saturday December 9th. No auditions, rehearsals start 6th September. See notice in lobby for details or email brusselsintsingers@gmail.com.

Warning: Do not leave your belongings unattended.





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