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Trinity 13

Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services – 9:00 - Holy Communion: Chris Martin

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14:00 – Holy Communion: Grace West

18:00 – Service of the Word: Paul Vrolijk

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

Our readings this week

Exodus 12 1-14 This, the last and greatest of the Mighty Works by which God liberates his people from slavery, is the moment when, with arm outstretched, God will lead his people to freedom. The Passover lamb seems to be symbolic – the sacrifice provided by God whose blood will identify his people, protecting them from judgment. For Israel, this is the beginning of a new era. The people must be ready to move with urgency into the new situation that God is preparing for them. It is a moment that they must never forget.

Psalms 149 That this is a hymn of festival praise is evident from the opening lines. What could be the occasion? That God's people have a sense of his pleasure in them, for sure. But there is more: They have moved from humility to victory. God's reversal, his execution of vengeance on his enemies, has bound those who thought themselves invincible, loosing his faithful ones to exult in him.

Romans 13:8-14 The fundamental duty of the Christian towards others is that of love. That duty does not work itself out so much by telling others what we feel they need to hear, but in putting our own house in order, adapting our own way of living so that it is as far as possible like that of Christ, as befits one who is expecting his early return. Then our lives may tell others what they need to hear, in a way that they can receive.

Matthew 18:15-20 The context of this teaching about relationships within the church is Jesus' warning to the disciples against making themselves great. It follows a parable which stresses how important every individual is to God. So it is appropriate that we should be very careful in the way we try to sort out disagreements and carefully limit our action, lest we should cut someone off from the love of God. The aim is resolution!

Pointers for prayer

- When God offers me freedom, am I ready to respond?
- Pray for those we love to find their own way to receive the love of God
- Does my life bear witness to the love of God?

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.

This morning, between the 10:30 and 14:00 services we will be having a **“Bring and Share” lunch.** Please do join us!

Sunday school Normal classes resumed as of last week. As it is the beginning of a new “school year” there will be some changes to the groups as the children progress in their journey into faith.

The funeral of **Diane Gray**, a former member of Holy Trinity, whose death on the 22nd August was announced last week, will take place on 30th September at 1.30pm, at St Nicholas’s Church, Butter Street, Alcester B49 5AL, followed by her Burial at Alne Wood Park Natural Burial Ground. Following the service there will be refreshments at the Town Hall Alcester close by the church.

Our next **Council meeting** will take place on **Monday September 11** at **20.00.** The agenda can be found on the notice board in the main hall. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office: admin@holytrinity.be If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

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

Advance warning: Sunday 17 September is **Car Free Sunday**, when all private motor vehicles are banned from the streets of Brussels. You are encouraged to find other means to get to church – public transport is free that day!

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).

The Wider Church

St Paul’s Tervuren is organising ‘**The Marriage Course**’ – seven sessions to help couples strengthen their relationship. Friday evenings from 8-10pm, beginning on 6th October. For more info please email admin@stpaulstervuren.be or visit www.stpaulstervuren.be/whats-on.

The FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels is organising the following events: Tuesday 12 September: 19.30-21.00 **CHRISTIAN CLASSICS BOOK CLUB: Mister God: This is Anna** by Fynn Wednesday 27 September: 19.30-21.00 **MEDITATION: TIME OUT WITH GOD.** All welcome. Saturday 30 September: 10.00-15.00 **LABYRINTH RETREAT** Sunday 8 October: 14.30-17.00 (Session 1) **SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA (THROUGH THE YEAR)** Group retreat experience with personal guidance. For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email fcj@fcjcentre.be, (GSM 0477 734551).

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.

Practical Brexit Meeting Number 2. On May 23rd BBCA held a meeting to help inform people about issues arising from the Brexit plans for the UK. Many of you attended or expressed great interest. The agenda included:- a government update from Ambassador Rose, Belgian citizenship, social security and health insurance, pensions and an open panel discussion.

As you know negotiations are underway between the UK Brexit team and the EU team. Although no results from those discussions are yet known we do expect to be able to share some progress by mid-October. BBCA therefore plans a follow up meeting on October 25th. Once more thanks to ING, it will be in their excellent auditorium.

First on the agenda will be an update from Ambassador Alison Rose who will share the UK government view of progress made up to that point. As we assemble the rest of the meeting topics the BBCA team would like to focus on items that are of most interest to you. Therefore if you have points you would particularly like to see included (even if a repeat of any previous item) please let us know before September 9th so that we can develop a programme which maximises the meeting value for everyone.

Of course depending on the range of subjects we cannot promise to include everything but will do our best to respond to requests made and will publish the meeting agenda in mid September. Brussels British Community Association ASBL <http://www.britishinbrussels.com>

The Protestant Social Centre invites you to its Family Day on Saturday October 7th between 13.00 and 17.00. Fun activities for all ages! Admission 5EUR. At their premises Rue Cans 12, 1050 Ixelles. See poster in lobby for details.

Warning: Do not leave your belongings unattended.

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