



October 15 2017
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Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

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

10:30 –Holy Communion with Baptism: Nigel Walker

14:00 – Holy Communion: Jean Bosco Turahirwa

18:00 –Service of the Word: David Mitchell

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

Our Readings this Week

Exodus 32:1-14 What is going on in this striking story? Perhaps it is not so much a conscious rejection of Yahweh (see v5) as the replacement of his self-revelation with Israel's own idea of what he should be like. Moses pleads with God, is angry towards the betrayers, tries to understand what has happened, punishes the betrayers and then again pleads with God. God first shows anger, then pity. But we have yet to hear of God's final reaction.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 The psalm is built around Israel's recollection of the Exodus experience. Despite God's mighty works on their behalf, Israel repeatedly turned away from the God who saved them. Was Israel ready to exchange that gloriously free and powerful God for the lifeless image of an animal because they thought they could control it? The picture of Moses standing in the breach, interceding before the God of steadfast love, is one to hold on to.

1 Peter 2:2-12 The young church is urged to show itself as God's true people, standing together. We are given a vivid picture of Jesus as a stone and his church as a building. That stone can be an obstacle to trip over, or the building block that will ensure that the new structure holds together. The people of God should behave in a such way that the church can be built up as a solid and unified structure that leads others to glorify God.

Matthew 22:1-14 The parable of the wedding banquet challenges us to consider those long-invited, but who fail to respond when the time comes; and those whom many would consider unworthy, but who end up attending the banquet. The fate of the one without the wedding garment may remind us that, although our invitation to God's banquet may flow from his grace and mercy, yet he expects righteousness of his guests.

Pointers for Prayer

- Am I living my life in response to the God who saves, or my own longings and imaginings?
- Pray that our behaviour will draw people towards Jesus, not turn them away;
- Thank God for the love that outlasts our failures and for Jesus Christ, our intercessor with him.

*The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in celebration
of the birthday of Gbolu Pewee.*

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. At today's 10.30 service we are welcoming (back) as our preacher Nigel Walker, whom many of you will remember was Chaplain here from the mid-nineties to the mid "noughties". Also at the 10.30 service we are baptising baby **Kylie Akua De Neef**. We welcome her, her parents **Samuel De Neef** and **Annette Agyeman**, her sister **Zoe** and all their family and friends on this joyful occasion.

The Church Council has agreed to start a project to support the work of the **Salvation Army in Belgium**. The project will consist of collecting health and hygiene items to be distributed among the various food banks and shelters run by the Salvation Army in Brussels. Although financial support is given to the Salvation Army to provide food aid or board and lodging the funds received do not support other essential items such as **toothpaste, shampoo, women's sanitary products** etc. That is where we come in! We are asking every member of Holy Trinity to consider donating something once a month - it could be one bottle of shampoo or a tube of toothpaste (or more). We will provide you with a suggested list of products today and you can bring your gifts on October 29 to any of our four services. If you can't be there on the 29 we can arrange something with you. We will then have another collection in November, December etc. We hope that this will become a regular ministry here at Holy Trinity. Watch out for the list of products needed from next week and if you have any questions please contact Heather Roy heather.roy@gmail.com

Today the monthly **Bun Sunday bake sale** will be held in the hall downstairs after the 10.30 service. Do come down to buy some of our baked goodies, jams, marmalades and chutneys to support smaller missionary projects.

Two dates for the diary:

The Men's Retreat will take place at Maredsous in the Ardennes, November 24-26th. The theme is **Rock n Roles: men and the spiritual challenges of contemporary society**. Twentieth century models of masculinity John Wayne and James Bond today appear discredited, unhealthy, and hardly compatible with Christian values. But there is no clear consensus about how men can reconstruct their identity in the 21st century. In consequence, men struggle with relationships in their marriages, with their children, and in the workplace. We will address some of these issues through workshops, bible studies, in small group discussions, and film, led by Armin Kummer and Chris Martin. Registration now open. For details of how to sign up, see the leaflet in church today.

Ladies Advent Quiet Day will be on Saturday 2 December at FCJ, 211 Ave Winston Churchill in Uccle. Coffee at 9:30 in preparation for starting at 10.00. Tea and conclusion 15:45 for finishing at 16.00. The talks, discussions and contemplations will be based on Psalm 80, the Psalm for the First Sunday in Advent. Bring and share lunch and a donation to the FCJ. Registration Jane Brown 0471 06 07 11, jbrown19203@gmail.com or Lana Lile 0492 84 91 69 lanalile@gmail.com

Writers for the Advent Meditation Book. Each year to guide us through our Advent walk to Christmas the members of the congregation write meditations to be read daily. If you would like to be given some readings on which to write a short thought for the Advent Meditation Book please contact David or Jane Brown jmdjbrown@gmail.com or 0471 06 07 11.

The St Gilles-Ixelles home group is looking for more members! Would you be interested in joining us? Home groups are a great way of discussing Christian things in a small group in a way you normally don't on a Sunday. Come and deepen your commitment and make your faith more of a reality. Do please contact Sue Bird, on 0476410875, or suebird121059@gmail.com.

En route to the cashless society: The Treasurer tells us that the congregations of this church are generous and that giving this year is actually ahead of last year. Most of our giving comes by bank transfer but about 15% comes by cash from the collections during services. This is starting to give us a problem, as banks are increasingly reluctant to accept deposits of coins and are restricting the number of branches at which these can be made; our own local branch will no longer take them. Belgium is not going to abolish the use of coins in the immediate future, so there are other options for us to explore, meanwhile, the Treasurer would like to encourage us to give notes or to make our offering by bank transfer or Payconiq so that we limit the amount of coins that have to be handled. Needless to say, we will still have to deal with the coins from Bun Sunday, the coffee table, the bar and so forth, so please don't feel that you are obliged to give any more than you are comfortable with.

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

CMS Ireland is organising a two-week team visit to All Saints' Cathedral/UDP Nairobi in early August (with which we have contact through Isabelle Prondzynski) and invites suitably qualified members of Holy Trinity to accompany them. There is a detailed description on the board in the lobby, or you can visit their website <http://www.cmsireland.org/>. Closing date for applications October 27.

The Wider Church

The FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels is organising the following events: Saturday 21 October: 13:30-15:00 **Stretch & Meditate:** with Lana Lile, qualified Yoga Instructor. Mondays 13, 27 November, 11 December: 19:45-22:00 (supper optional 19.00, (5€) **Infancy Narratives (Mess'AJE):** Mystery of the incarnation and re-creation of all humanity in Jesus. Sunday 19 November: 14:00-18:00: **Couples Retreat - Growing in Love:** Moving Beyond Judgement. For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email fcj@fcjcentre.be, (GSM 0477 734551).

Practical Brexit Meeting Number 2. On May 23rd BBKA 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. BBKA will hold a follow up meeting on Wednesday, October 25th from 18.00 at the ING Auditorium, Avenue Marnixlaan 24, 1000 Brussels. 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. Full details and the agenda are now on the website of the Brussels British Community Association ASBL <http://www.britishinbrussels.com>

The Conference of European Churches is glad to invite you to the launch of the video “**Standing UP for Minority Rights**”, which will be held from 11:00-13:00 on Thursday, 19 October 2017 at the European Parliament, room A5 G1. This movie was filmed in Brussels during the Holy Week, last April 2017, where young adults of the Serbian minority in Croatia and of the Croatian minority in Serbia met each other and visited the European Institutions and their representatives. “*They sent a very strong message that they got along very well together, but many difficulties arise from political authorities in both countries.*” Speakers from the European Institutions and other Ecumenical bodies, as well as young representatives from Serbia and Croatia will be present to discuss the subject. To discover this film, and discuss it with the speakers, please join us, by registering to this event to Charlie Belot (cbelot@cec-kek.be) before 5 October 2017. Should you need a badge to enter the building, please mention it in your email.

Home Victor de Pré houses 29 abused mothers and their 40 children between 0 to 12 years old. The young mothers and children are in need of support. If you have sheets/towels/nappies/toys/clothes/shoes/suitcases you could give them...anything is welcome to help them setting up a home. Rue des Charpentiers 5 – Bruxelles 1000 Tel : 02 512 42 37 – Fax : 02/503 29 48, e-mail: hdp-direction@homedupre.be <https://www.lesmarolles.be/liste-des-associations-et-services/home-du-pre>. Please DO NOT bring such items to church!!!

Warning: Do not leave your belongings unattended.

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