



November 12 2017
Remembrance Sunday

Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

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

10:30 – Service of the Word: Heather Roy

12:00 – Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance: Paul Vrolijk

14:00 – Holy Communion: Heather Roy

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

In our approach to the Advent season, we are urged to be prepared for the day of the Lord's return. The core of that preparation is to be found in the way in which we live.

Amos 5 18-24 God warns us not to think of the day of his coming as a comfortable occasion when others will be shown that we are right and when our religiosity can be flaunted before the world. Not so, says God. It will be the same for all. What God wants of us is that we act justly. Are we doing that?

Psalms 70 The king needs God's help. His enemies are closing in on him, thinking that they have him in their grasp. But he trusts in the God who reverses earthly certainties.

The day of the Lord may seem delayed, but it will come. Those who love God long for it. O Lord, do not delay, they pray. Our prayer is "Come, Lord Jesus".

I Thessalonians 4 13-end Many people today believe that death is the end. Sadly, that means that they must die without hope. Christians, on the other hand, both live and die in hope of the day when the Lord will come and take us all to be with him forever.

Matthew 25 1-13 Jesus' last great public discourse in Matthew's gospel looks forward to the day of the Lord. As the bridesmaids knew that the bridegroom would arrive, so we know that the day of the Lord will come, although we do not know when. As it was urgent for the bridesmaids to be prepared, so it is urgent for us to be ready for the Lord. Jesus call on us to put our lives in order now and then to live patiently, hopefully and in expectation of his coming.

Pointers for prayer

- The day of the Lord is not to be taken lightly. But through it comes hope. Pray for the hopeless of the earth
- Pray for the church to live in expectation of the Lord's return – with room in their hearts for him
- Am I living prepared for the coming of the Lord?

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 is **Remembrance Sunday**, when we commemorate all those who have died in war, both in the past and in current conflicts. We extend a warm welcome to the **Royal British Legion** as they hold their annual service here at noon.

Sunday School: Our children's ministry runs on the power of parents and volunteers. Lately our ranks have been getting a little thin, especially for our 7-9 and 10-13 groups - can you help us? Training is available! Contact Natalie for more information: natalie.jones@holyltrinity.be

We have received a letter of thanks from the **Salvation Army** for all the toiletries and stuff we collected for them. It is on the board in the lobby.

On Sunday 19 November, mission focus will be **Christian Solidarity Worldwide**. CSW is a human rights organisation working for religious freedom through advocacy in more than 20 countries. 19 November is also the date of the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church - the perfect opportunity for Christians of every denomination to join together and pray for Christians who suffer because of their faith. Over the coming weeks, you will find some CSW materials in church and you can also visit the CSW website <http://www.csw.org.uk/>.

The **Mission Committee** will be meeting tomorrow (13 November) before the church council to allocate the small reserve of funds left for the end of the year. If you have urgent requests for projects or groups the church could support, please contact Sarah Collen scollen@hotmail.com during the day on 13 November. If you have any ideas for next year, the mission committee will be allocating 2018 funds in late Feb/March, so please send ideas to Sarah over the coming 2-3 months. The four HTB mission priorities are: care for creation, care for people, support to the persecuted church and spreading the gospel.

Calling all buyers! The **Bun Sunday** bake sale in **November** will be on the **19th** (as today is Remembrance Sunday) after the 10.30 service. **We are already taking limited orders for mince pies, Christmas puddings and cakes.** Please let me know soon if you want to order something on annbarleycorn@belgacom.net or 0496/468540 as we need to buy the ingredients and let the bakers know well in advance.

“Have a Heart Campaign” During the last few years Holy Trinity has provided presents for children in a local children's home and in a centre for victimised women in Brussels. These presents are distributed on December sixth, the Feast of St Nicolas, so we need to buy and wrap them during the month of November. The red 'hearts' will be available from Sunday November the 19 and on each heart there is the name of a child with a suggestion of a suitable gift which the child would love to receive 'from St Nicholas'. Please will you be as generous as you have been in past years - take a heart, buy a present(s) (total value maximum €20) and return the wrapped, labelled present(s) to church on the following Sunday or at the very latest on Sunday December 3 for more information contact Hannah Tank and Isobel Peppiette at hannahtank613@gmail.com.

Our next **Council meeting** will take place on Monday 13 November. 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.

A Confirmation Service will be held in the middle of 2018. If you would like to be confirmed, or wish to find out what is involved, please let the office know and our clergy will be in touch with you to discuss the appropriate preparation. Please email: admin@holytrinity.be

A new Hymn Book? This notice is mainly for the 10.30 congregation. Our current hymn books need to be replaced. Our in-house hymnal experts have looked at various options, and the following hymn book seems a very good upgrade: Ancient and Modern (but very much revised!). According to the publisher: *“A brand new edition of the world's best known hymn book designed for contemporary patterns of worship. The world's most famous hymn book has undergone a complete revision and now offers the broadest ever range of traditional hymns along with the best from today's composers and hymn/song writers”*. For more information, click here: <https://newaandm.hymnsam.co.uk/> Several samples are available for those who want to have a closer look (text only copies; melody line; full music). Please pick up your sample copy during the week in Church House, or on Sunday through the wardens or clergy. Let us know what you think. We aim to reach a decision in January 2018.

Men's Retreat: practical stuff! This is now fully subscribed and registrations have closed. Now, we bring to your attention that the [Maredsous Abbey](#) is a good 1½ hour from Brussels. Travelling to Maredsous by public transport is long and complicated. We therefore aim to bring everybody to Maredsous, and back to Brussels, in the cars of Retreat participants who plan to drive. To know who is driving and who needs a lift and, more generally, to facilitate coordination, we *kindly ask that you fill in a short questionnaire as soon as possible*, by clicking on the link: [Men's Retreat Transportation Schedule](#) Please note that in order to avoid the traffic leaving Brussels on a Friday afternoon/evening and to ensure arrival at Maredsous in good time for the start of the Retreat, cars will need to leave Brussels on Friday 24 November at around 15.30h.

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.

Advent Meditation Book. Thank you to everyone who has offered to write something for this. You should all now have received your “day”, please don't forget to send your contributions to Jane and David Brown in good time so that they can assemble the book for the beginning of Advent.

Books! You may have noticed that for several weeks there has been a selection of new Christian books on the table to the right as you come into church. These are the remains of our bookstall, which is currently not operating. We should like to sell as much of the stock as possible, and all the books on the table are for sale at discounted prices. If you wish to buy one (or more) you can either put the money in the box on the table, or make a transfer to the bank account “Friends of HTB” BE14 3101 9409 6783.

Home groups Holy Trinity offers several groups that meet in member's homes during the week. These are a good way of building friendships and deepening faith. There is a page on the church website dedicated to these Home groups. If you are interested please speak to Jeremy Heuslein or Natalie Jones, or contact a group leader direct. Some of the Home groups follow a special programme in seasons such as Advent or Lent – why not investigate now?

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.

The Wider Church

The FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels is organising the following events: 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).

Warning: Do not leave your belongings unattended.

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and The Revd Canon Dr Jack McDonald **Locum Chaplain:** The Revd Chris Martin

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