



April 15 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services – 9:00 – Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk
10:30 – Holy Communion with Baptism: Paul Vrolijk
14:00 – Holy Communion: Charles Kabera
18:00 – Evening Service with Baptism: John Wilkinson
Every Wednesday lunchtime, there is a service of Holy Communion in the church at 12:30

Our readings this week

Acts 3 12-19 The preaching of the Church has been the same from the beginning: it tells of Jesus, rejected by men but vindicated by God; of his death at the hands of those who should have welcomed him and of his resurrection by the power of God, witnessed by the disciples; of healing, forgiveness and renewal for those who put their trust in him.

Psalm 33 This psalm calls on God's people to raise a song of rejoicing to their Lord. The psalmist sets forward two characteristics of God in particular as justifying this act of praise: the steadfast love with which he looks on his world, in particular on those who fear him; and his creative and mighty word that, upright and faithful, works out his purposes for good in the world, against all opposition.

John 3 1-7 Jesus death and resurrection has made believers into children of God, like Jesus, and so able to know God. The mark of our response to the love God has bestowed on us, is to try to live like Jesus. That means being pure, as he was. The comfort given to the believer by our loving God is that, when we fail, he forgives us.

Luke 24 36-48 Jesus appeared among his disciples when they met together on the first day of the week. That was the pattern from the beginning. On it Luke builds three messages for the church that are as relevant today as at that early meeting. First, Jesus really is alive; the resurrection was not some sort of spiritual illusion. Second, his death and resurrection were in accordance with God's long-term plan to offer forgiveness to all who repent. Third, it is the church's duty and joy to preach this message as his witnesses.

Pointers for prayer

- In a world where people despair of any good, pray that they may encounter God's steadfast love for the world that he created;
- Pray that God will keep his faithful people from despair in face of the godlessness of the world;
- How does my life witness to the risen 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 or visiting Brussels. Today we baptise and welcome into the church two of our younger members: at 10:30 **Ben Watson**, the infant son of **James & Kathrin Watson**, and at 18:00 **Charlotte Jones Heuslein**, the daughter of **Jeremy Heuslein** and **Natalie Jones**. Please keep both these young families in your prayers on this joyful occasion.

Today we are holding a **second Bun Sunday bake sale** in April. This will be in the hall downstairs after the 10:30 service. Please come down and buy some of our sweet & savoury baked goodies, jams, marmalades and chutneys to support smaller charities and projects.

Time is running out to sign up for our church weekend away to Drongen Abbey, please do so by this Sunday evening if you would like to come! We will be staying at the beautiful Drongen Abbey from 20-22 April 2018. Our speaker will be The Archdeacon of Hackney, the Venerable Liz Adekunle. The theme is evangelism. Cost for adults is €120 per person (we now have en-suite bathrooms!). The children's rate is unchanged: 0-5yr free, 6-18yr €50 per person. You can find signup forms at the back of church or online https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnOxsgpwYNTVIFMkoKZ-IJwGcT-hPZ25j0jh_IFgBXDEzaPw/viewform. If finances are a problem, please let the wardens or clergy know.

Next Sunday, April 22, since our clergy will away at Drongen Abbey with many of the congregation there will be fewer services here at Holy Trinity: neither the 9:00 nor the 14:00 will be held. There will be Holy Communion at 10:30 and the Evening Service at 18:00 as usual.

Our next **Soapy Sunday will be on Sunday 29 April**. Across all four services, we will be collecting donations of health and hygiene items that will go to the Salvation Army in Brussels. They will then ensure distribution to those in need in our city. Of particular need are women's sanitary products, underwear for men and women and general items such as shampoo, toothpaste etc. If you would like a more detailed list there are some on the table in the lobby, or please contact Heather Roy. Please bring your items on 29 April. However, if you can't come then but still wish to supply a donation please email Heather and she can help you out. heather.roy@gmail.com

Thy Kingdom Come is a project launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, inviting Christians around the world to pray as one for people to know Jesus Christ. It is taking place from Ascension (May 10) to Pentecost (May 20). Visit the website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> for general details and watch out for events here at Holy Trinity.

**We have had yet another theft from the church during a service.
Please remain vigilant and do not leave valuables unattended**

New Hymn books. We would like the new hymn books to be in place for Sunday May 6. This requires some work to collect the current hymn books and pack them up for shipment to the next users and then to unpack, stamp, label and set out the new hymn books. Volunteers are sought to help with this work on Wednesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 3. Please let the Administrator know by email to cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be if you are able to help.

If any members of the congregation still wish to buy copies for use in the church which can either be dedicated to a loved one or in thanksgiving, for €20, this must be done before April 30. Please fill in this Google form if you would like to dedicate one: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VA2AVfCZpH4Xxbj0ID-w69GhgvRoEgPYQFyJDmXH45I>

Workshop on "Personal Budgeting and Handling Money". A workshop will be held on Tuesday April 17 at Church House from 19:00 to 21:15. It will be presented by Ralph Palim, a Chartered Accountant who was Treasurer of the Church for many years. He will be assisted by Jeremy Heuslein. The event is open to all but will be particularly suitable for young adults early in their career. There is no charge. Please indicate your intention to attend by email to admin@holytrinity.be. Further information can be obtained from Ralph at 02 647 8395.

Advance Notice: Bishop Robert will be with us for a **Confirmation** on Sunday 21 October. If you would like to be confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy or email admin@holytrinity.be

Exodus Vision is hoping to establish a project to encourage encounters between parents (especially mums), on Wednesday afternoons in the Walker Hall, between 14:00 and 17:00. The meeting will encourage cultural exchanges centred around cookery. Participants will teach each other how to prepare the specialities of their home country, and around the table we will be able to discuss our concerns and share our experiences or raising children in a foreign culture, and how to understand our young people. This conversation will be in French, hopefully everyone will be able to practice their language skills. There will be a modest charge for this activity. If you are interested please contact Frieda Mukanyangezi friedamuk@yahoo.fr tel: 0472 44 94 27.

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

Anglican Religious Education. As you might know, you can opt for Anglican Religious Education in Flemish state schools (6 to 18 years) all over Brussels and Flanders. Occasionally we have teaching vacancies, too. If you would like to know more, please get in touch: education@anglican.be

We have found a gold ring in the Walker Hall toilet. Please contact Admin if it belongs to you.

The wider church

St Paul's Tervuren is organising a **Women's Quiet Day on the 28th April 2018** with teaching on St Paul's writings on our identity in Christ. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. There is some parking available in

the church centre car park, or on Hertenbergstraat (2-minute walk up past the ponds), or paid parking in the village centre. See poster in church lobby for more details.

The Chapel for Europe, rue Van Maerlant 22-24 Brussels, 1040 is hosting a conference: **Faith and Spirituality in the Age of Social Media**. This will take place on Tuesday April 17 from 19:00. Details on their website: <https://chapelforeurope.eu/>

The British and Commonwealth Women's Club of Brussels (BCWCB) is holding a Spring Market on the 21st April at the Clubhouse, rue au Bois 509, 1150 Brussels from 10:30 to 15:30 featuring traditional English Cream Teas, brocante, paintings, crafts, jewellery, British foods and much more. Please see poster in church lobby for further details.

Warning: Do not leave your belongings unattended.

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