



May 13 2018
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

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

10:30 – Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk

14:00 – Holy Communion: Natalie Jones

18:00 – Evening Service: Heather Roy

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

Our readings this week

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 The young church has the task of witnessing to Jesus and his resurrection. To do this, it needs to be properly staffed and the gap left by Judas' betrayal must be filled. The prayerful way the young church fills the gap establishes a pattern for the church to follow as it continues to witness and to serve.

Psalms 1 People fall into one of two categories. The first is described as sinners, mockers, people who have no real substance to them. Under the searching eye of God's judgement, they will be blown away. But those who delight in God will draw strength from him as a tree draws sustenance from a river. Their fruitful lives will be watched over by God.

John 5: 9-13 The work and person of Jesus is nothing less than God's revelation of himself to us. We know that Jesus is to be believed, because God raised him to life in the resurrection. Believing the message revealed to us in Jesus therefore enables us to share in its benefits. We have seen Jesus raised to eternal life and believers are promised a share in that same eternal life. To reject Jesus is nothing less than to reject God.

John 17: 6-19 In a manner that recalls God's choosing Israel as his people, God has now chosen his church. What makes us different from others in the world is that the word of life has come to us through Jesus and we have accepted it. This brings us joy, but also the obligation to be his witnesses in the world.

Pointers for prayer

- We are enormously privileged to have received God's revelation of himself in Jesus. With the privilege comes responsibility to share the good news. What is my role in that?
- Pray for the church to be able to find suitable people who are willing to carry out its tasks, and that it will make its appointments in accordance with God's will;
- There is a choice for everyone in life. Are we with God, or are we among the mockers? Everything hangs on this choice, which cannot be avoided.

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. Today is Mother's Day for many of our European, African and American members, so let us thank God for the blessing of maternal love and everything our mothers do for us or have given us during their lives. 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.

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. A daily prayer leaflet will be available online. There are a few paper copies available at the end of today's service. There is also a separate on-line activity.

Dates yet to come, in addition to regular services:

*For Thy Kingdom Come we also have **a social media activity** for you to join in with. Each day a word or words are being shared by all official Holy Trinity social media accounts (**Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram**). We invite you to reflect on the word(s) and then get creative! You might respond to the word with a picture, a drawing, a short poem, a prayer, or anything else that you can make, or that someone else has made which inspires you when you think about this word. You are then invited to share your response to the word on your preferred social media platform, tagging Holy Trinity, and using the hashtags (**#HolyTrinityTKC** and **#ThyKingdomCome**). We hope you will join us in this visible witness to our faith during the remaining week of Thy Kingdom Come!*

Friday May 18 'Thy Kingdom Come' evening of worship and prayer.
Saturday May 19 Pentecost Praise – children's activities

Pentecost Praise is almost here! On 19 May, young people ages 4-17 are welcome to join us in Walker Hall for a day of workshops, skits, and worship as we come together to learn about the way God made us. For more information, email natalie.jones@holyltrinity.be.

Celebrating 200 Years of Anglican worship in Brussels. Our celebrations continue on **Saturday 9 June** as choirs from all over the archdeaconry will come to Brussels for a day of singing, ending with a service that would have been very familiar to Anglicans in 1818. **Choral Evensong** will be sung in the Temple du Musée of the Eglise Protestante de Bruxelles on **Saturday 9 June at 16.00**. The 'Temple' is one of the church buildings in which the forerunners of Holy Trinity used to worship regularly. The entrance is on the rue de Musée.

Workshops on Intimate Relationships: "For Better or For Worse" presented by Rose Omondi will be held at the Holy Trinity Church House: **Part I: Chemistry and Foundations of intimate relationships - 24 May; Part II: Nurturing and maintaining an intimate relationship - 31 May**; both from 19.00 to 21.30. There will be a time for lively and interactive discussion. For tea/coffee and snacks, be there from 18.30. Please register by sending email to admin@holyltrinity.be. If you can only attend one part of the workshops, please indicate that in the email, otherwise it shall be assumed that you are registering for both parts.

The men of Holy Trinity are cordially invited to join the German-speaking men's group "Emmausmänner" for a guided tour in the footsteps of the Flemish mystic Jan van Ruusbroec. Few are as familiar with his life and work as our guide Dr. John Arblaster of the Ruusbroec Institute at the University of Antwerp, church historian at KU Leuven and publisher of the "Companion to John of Ruusbroec" (Brill).

The tour will be in English and will take place on Saturday, May 26 at the historic sites in the Zonienwoud/Forêt de Soignes (just outside Brussels). (Details after registration). If you wish to attend, please sign up before 18 May by sending an email to maenner@degbe.be.

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

Coffee time! A chat over a cup of coffee or tea is a good way to get to know our fellow worshippers. If you would like to be the friendly face behind the teapot please contact Jane Brown jbrown19203@gmail.com/ 0471 06 07 11 or Hugh Annand hugh.annand@skynet.be. This ministry is mainly after church, no early arrival necessary.

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

Enjoy writing poetry or prose? Feel strongly about Marine life? Then submit a piece to the *Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals* **John Austin Baker Creative Writing Prize**. Entries must be 500 words or less on the theme of 'Marine Life'. Entry is £5 and open to children (11 and younger), youth (12-18 years old) and adults with cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each group. 1st place for adults is £500! Entries should be submitted to AngSocWelAnimals@aol.com by the 31st of May (entry fee payable at www.aswa.org.uk). Winners will be announced on Animal Welfare Sunday - October 7th, 2018. See contest flyer at [<https://www.aswa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/103734-ASWA-Poetry-Flyer.pdf>] or on the Environmental Stewardship bulletin board outside Walker hall. Further questions - contact Morgan Buckner at morganmbuckner@gmail.com.

Alpha Belgium is organising a training day (in French) for anyone interested in being involved in helping lead an Alpha course. It is on next Saturday 19th May at 9am in Ixelles. More details are at: <https://parcoursalpha.be/events/formationbxi19mai> If anyone is interested in attending, please email: contact@parcoursalpha.be

Let's Go, Make, Baptize, and Teach together. *Fulfilling the Great Commission!* "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20). Although it may look like there are four commands in this passage (go, make disciples, baptize, and teach), the original language (Greek) reveals that only one of them is in the form of a command. That is the command to make disciples. After 10 years of ministry in Africa, we have contributed to evangelism but we are still in the

process making disciples. It might take one time to evangelize in a particular location, but it takes long term relationships to make disciples. We are flying to Africa this summer on the wings of the assurance that He has authority on earth and in heaven. We are scheduled to leave on June 21 and come back on July 9. Do please keep the whole Exodus Vision team (California (USA) and Belgium) in your prayers and any financial support for this summer trip will be encouraged. For further information do please contact Mukanyangezi Frieda on 0472/449.427

Advance Warning: The Brussels 20km race is being run in the morning of Sunday May 27. The route encircles the church and can cause considerable disruption to traffic. Consider using the tram or metro, or ensure your route (even for bicycles) goes under or over it.

The wider church

FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussel is organising the following events: Tuesday 15 May and Tuesday 19 June: 19:30-21:00: **“Meeting Jesus through the experience of contemplative prayer”**. For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email fcj@fcjcentre.be, (GSM 0477 734551)

Job vacancy at the Bishop’s office: Bishop Robert Innes is looking to recruit a new Attaché to help with representation to the European Institutions as well as serving as head of communications for the diocese in Europe. (Full-time post). A full description of the post can be found on the notice in the Church lobby or at this link:

<https://europe.anglican.org/downloads/attache-and-head-of-communications-job-description.pdf> If interested, please email a covering letter and CV to gail.wilmet@churchofengland.org by tomorrow, 14 May 2018.

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