



## Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

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

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14:00 – Holy Communion: John Wilkinson

18:00 – Evening Service: Jeremy Heuslein

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

### Our readings this week

**Acts 2: 1-21** The small group of Galilean disciples suddenly found that they were being heard and understood by people from “every nation under heaven”. Jesus’ parting instruction was being fulfilled in a way they hardly expected, as the pouring out of the Holy Spirit affected the whole church, changing the way they acted and the way their audience heard them.

**John 15:26,7 16:4b-15** The Spirit comes to the church as our Counsellor, pointing us toward the truth, showing how the world has misjudged Jesus, bringing us continually renewed and refreshed understanding of what Jesus has taught us about God. The truths he teaches us are not for us alone. They are to be shared.

**Psalm 104** This psalm is a great celebration of God’s creation and of God’s loving, sustaining power at work in it. As God’s creating word drove back the waters of chaos and replaced them with his good creation, so the continuing creation and renewal worked by God’s Spirit supplies the needs of his creatures, giving us all cause to rejoice in our God and to sing to his glory.

### Pointers for prayer

- Sometimes it seems as if people simply cannot understand the message of salvation for the world, although it is so needed. Have these readings anything to say about that?
- Pray that those who groan may feel the presence of the Holy Spirit with them in their need and may have the assurance that their deepest needs are known and addressed by God;
- We need to keep finding new or refreshed understanding if we are to overcome the challenges of life. Where should we look for it?
- Do we spend enough time praising God for his continual renewal of his creation?

*The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God and arranged by children from Pentecost Praise*

## 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.

This weekend Paul is travelling to The Hague, Utrecht and Amersfoort for the Archdeaconry. Please pray for safe travels.

**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**, to which all are welcome, 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.

**This week's Mission Focus is Help 4 Forgotten Allies.** As well as our main work of giving annual grants to ex-servicemen of WW2 in Burma, our charity supports small projects in the Karen and Karenni refugee camps on the Thai Burma border where many fled the Burma Army over twenty years ago. Holy Trinity has supported the Evangelical Bible College in Karenni site two camp since 2002. They are flourishing, and profoundly grateful for your support. It is a small and remote camp and students get a precious education and go back as evangelists into their country. Photos and details will be displayed Sunday 27th May.

**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@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be). Please note that the deadline for registration is Tuesday 22 May.

**New Hymn Books:** if you ordered a copy for personal use and have not yet collected it, please contact the Administrator, David Sayers [cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be](mailto:cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be)

**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 22 May by sending an email to [maenner@degb.be](mailto:maenner@degb.be).

If you're 17 and over - please join us for a **Movie Night** (with pizza!!), followed by a Q&A session where you can ask whatever you might be wondering about God, church, etc...**Friday 29th June**, in the hall downstairs. We aim to start the film at 18:00 so

please be there in time to grab a seat and some food before it starts :-) Please let us know if you plan to come (so we have enough pizza!) by email to [plattbr@gmail.com](mailto:plattbr@gmail.com)  
See you there!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jbrown19203@gmail.com)/ 0471 06 07 11 or Hugh Annand [hugh.annand@skynet.be](mailto: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](mailto:Janine.vrolijk@gmail.com) or Anne Fieldsend on [annefieldsend@hotmail.com](mailto:annefieldsend@hotmail.com)

If you would like to sponsor the **flowers that decorate the church** each week, whether in memory of a loved one, celebration of a special event or thanksgiving for answered prayer, do sign up on the calendar in the lobby and fill in one of the accompanying sheets. The Flower Team would greatly appreciate this support of their ministry. The calendar for 2018 is now up!

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](mailto:AngSocWelAnimals@aol.com) by the 31st of May (entry fee payable at [www.aswa.org.uk](http://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](mailto:morganmbuckner@gmail.com).

**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

**African Enterprise** is holding a **Fundraising Dinner in aid of the Soweto-Kayole (Nairobi) Maternity Unit**. It will take place from 19:00 on Saturday 26 May at the IBC, Lange Eikstraat 76-78, 1950 Wezembeek-Oppem. Benson Omondi of African Enterprise Kenya will be there to tell you about this much-needed project. Tickets at €30 each are available from [europa@aeint.org](mailto:europa@aeint.org) (payment to account BE71 3101 6614 9669 ) with communication “Dinner + name(s)”.

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**Children, Youth & Discipleship Worker:** Mrs Natalie Jones

**Pastoral Assistant:** Mrs Janet Sayers **Outreach Worker:** Mr Jeremy Heuslein

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**Contributions to Drogen and Chassepierre**

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