



Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

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

10:30 – Holy Communion: Heather Roy

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18:00 – Evening Service and dedication of Rudy Douqué: *Word & Spirit – Exploring the Charismatic Tradition* - Natalie Jones.

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

Our Readings this Week

Psalm 138: The psalmist contrasts a world in which humans are unreliable in their pride with the constancy of the one God who makes himself known to his people. Before all other so-called gods, whether in the court of heaven or in the vain imaginings of humanity, the one God has revealed himself in his name, his word, his love, his faithfulness, his glory and his works.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 The scripture urges us to trust God and his grace to us through Christ. In a lovely series of contrasts - the outward against the inward; momentary affliction against the weight of glory; what can be seen against what cannot be seen; the temporary against the eternal - Paul shows us how our fallen nature will give way to something new and enduring in God. Then our thankful response for his gracious love toward us will increase his glory.

Mark 3:20-end The forces of evil are strong and evil cannot be overcome unless that "strong man" can first be bound. Mark believes that Jesus is the one who does this, and showing how he does it is a theme of his gospel. Binding the strong forces of evil will benefit all the friends of Jesus. Who are his friends, his family? They are whoever does the will of God.

Pointers for Prayer

- If my heart is burdened, there is always one to whom I can turn, sure to be heard in love, certain of his forgiveness;
- Evil is not just a personal matter: it also affects whole communities, as we are so regularly reminded. Pray for the redemption of communities that suffer under the domination of evil;
- Give thanks to God for his power to redeem what so often seems irretrievably broken - our unreliable human nature.

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.

The new Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) Prayer Diary and other brochures describing their work for religious freedom through advocacy and human rights in the pursuit of justice, will be available this Sunday.

Bishop Robert would like to thank all those who contributed to this year's **Lent Appeal**, we raised €1,360 for "Sustaining a Ministry of Hope for Refugees in the Calais area of France".

The Beauty of Holiness. At the evening service, we have started a series of special services, which run from Trinity Sunday until 8 July. During this time, we will be exploring the different traditions that inform Anglican worship, varying the service accordingly. This evening, we will have a charismatic service; on 17 June, we will have a café church service; on 24 June, we will have a contemplative service; and on 1 July, we will have a service inspired by the Reformed tradition. After each service, there will be refreshments, as well as an opportunity to discuss and dialogue about the service and what we can learn from each tradition. Do join us!

Today is Soapy Sunday. Across all four services, we are collecting your kind 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. If you have any questions please ask Heather Roy heather.roy@gmail.com

The monthly **Bun Sunday bake sale** in support of smaller charities and projects will be held **today** down in the Hall 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.

PARENTEEN - Parenting your teens! Animated presentations and lively discussions for parents of teenagers or parents of children closely approaching teenage will take place at the Church House on **Saturday 16th June from 14:00 – 17:00**. These discussions will be led by Laura and Tom Buckner who are leaders of the Scout Movement and have many years of experience working with young people and who themselves have raised children beyond their teenage years! Please do register at admin@holyltrinity.be by 14 June.

Chassepierre weekend. Our second church weekend away is just around the corner! Join us at Chassepierre, a beautiful village in the south of Belgium, for a weekend of relaxation and fellowship -- from Friday evening of 22 June to the afternoon of Sunday 24 June. More details and the registration form can be found at <http://holyltrinity.be/weekends-away/> -- do come along!

If you're 17 or slightly over (or at the discretion of your parents!) - 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 - See you there!

Our youth will soon be in the middle of their exams, which can be a stressful time for both them and their parents. If you would like to join a team praying for our youth during this time, please email Natalie (natalie.jones@holytrinity.be) or Jeremy (jeremy.heuslein@holytrinity.be) for more information.

The **Summer Tea Party** for older members of Holy Trinity and helpers will be held on Wednesday 20th June between 14:30 and 17:30 in the home of Pam Clements at Avenue Leopold III, 31 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem. If you are interested in going, please contact admin@holytrinity.be or Pam Clements, pamclements@outlook.com, 02 731 72 17 or 0474 97 08 76.

We are delighted to announce that **Jean-Bosco Turahirwa**, a faithful member of the 2pm congregation, has completed his initial training for ordination with the Eastern Region Ministry Course in the UK, through the Diocese in Europe. Jean-Bosco will be ordained as a deacon by Bishop Robert in Holy Trinity on Sunday July 1 at the 10:30 service. He will continue his training over the coming years both here and with the diocese. Please pray for Jean-Bosco and for his wife, Marie-Léonille and their children as they prepare for this special day, and for his continued ministry here

Attention all ushers or would be ushers! Would all members of the ushers' teams who have not yet done so please email me with their dates in July and August and the first two weeks of September when they will be unavailable for this service. Would the kind people who have already volunteered to join this important welcoming service or others who would be ready to do so please email me at celudlow@gmail.com asap. I am creating special holiday teams as I did last year and I will be drawing up the rota for September 2018 until June 2019. It is important to have 8 full teams so that no one needs to be on duty more than once every 8 weeks. Thank you for your help. *Carole Ludlow*

Advance Notice: Bishop Robert will be with us for a **Confirmation** service at 14:00 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

Exodus Vision. *Frieda and Eric write* "Dear Exodus Vision friends, as you all know each year we go to Africa to visit churches that take care of the poor. The whole Exodus Vision team, both California (USA) and Belgium are committed to serve alongside churches in training the leaders, funding small projects and helping the needy. We are having an **information evening around a dinner** on Friday, 15 June at 18:00 in the Walker Hall at Holy Trinity Brussels. All are welcome! If you would like to come, please drop an email at friedamuk@yahoo.fr or confirm on 0472.449.427. Please pay your donations to Exodus Vision Belgium ASBL, IBAN: BE62 3631 4931 4261

BIC/SWIFT CODE: BBRUBEBB, ING BANK or you can hand your donations to any member of EVB committee. May God bless you and keep you”

Advance Warning: Next Sunday, June 17, a 40-km bike race is being organised through central Brussels, setting off from the Parc de Bruxelles at 10:00. Traffic disruption along the route is almost guaranteed. (<http://www.bxltour.be/>)

The wider church

CCME (Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe) is looking for an Executive Secretary. Interested persons are requested to send their info in to info@ccme.be. Closing date for applications is TODAY. Full details as regards qualifications and job description on notice board in church lobby.

There will be a Second Hand English Book Sale on Saturday June 16 in the car park at Stonemanor, Everberg (Steenhofstraat 28, 3078 Kortenberg). Please visit between 10am and 3.30pm and stock up on books and DVDs at very reasonable prices. Proceeds are in aid of the charity Serve The City.

Also on **Saturday June 16**, at 11:00, the Royal British Legion is holding the annual memorial service at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Brussels Cemetery in the Brussels City Cemetery in Evere (entry at north end of the Avenue du Cimetière de Bruxelles/Kerkhof van Brussellaan). John Wilkinson is presiding and the Brussels Military Wives Choir will be singing.

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