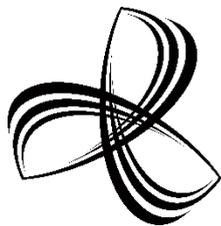


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Trinity 3



Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services 9:00 – Holy Communion: Chris Martin
10:30 – Holy Communion with Baptism: Paul Vrolijk
14:00 – Holy Communion with Baptism: John Wilkinson
18:00 – Evening Service: *Frothy or flat white? – Exploring Café Church*-Lloyd Brown.
Every Wednesday lunchtime, there is a service of Holy Communion in the church at 12:30

Our readings this week

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Ezekiel is speaking to the southern kingdom of Judah, at the time when King Jehoiachin and many of the leading citizens have been carried off into exile in Babylon (Ezek. 1:1.) While much of chapter 17 speaks of judgement, of rebellious Judah, these verses 22-24 speak of redemption, and of salvation for God's people. Not only will the exiles be returned to their land, but "birds of every kind", that is, Gentiles, will find their place in this "splendid cedar", that is in God's universal kingdom.

2 Corinthians 5:6-17 There are two ways to live: serving ourselves, or serving God. Our choice gives us different perspectives on life now and when we stand before judgement. Paul urges all those committed to Christ to recognise that their commitment to themselves died with him and that we are reborn with him, to serve God as a new creation.

Mark 4:26-34 The Kingdom of God is something that grows within us. From tiny first steps in faith, apparently without significance, something truly enormous can grow, without our understanding, sometimes even without our realising. And it becomes a source of nourishment, a refuge for others, a glory.

Pointers for prayer

- Faith grows from small beginnings, and may take us a very long way. Have we the courage to take a first step?
- To put God at the centre may look like taking a very long view. But worldly glory is brief. What is right is also lasting.
- The big issue for us all is where we place our trust. The witness of the Bible, confirmed by the church, is that God will not let us down.

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 at the 10:30 service we are baptising **Naomi Demurger** and **Olympia Tucker**, we welcome them and their families as they join our wider Church family.

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 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!

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 are 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

Chris Martin will be with us for the next few weeks, until the end of August; and his wife, Susie, will be here for much of the time. He would be very happy to come and see anyone who would welcome a visit. Please make contact via the Church office, or mail him on revchris.martin45@gmail.com. And note: you don't have to be seriously ill to warrant a visit!

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."

The wider church

St Paul's English-speaking church in Tervuren wishes to appoint a Church Administration Manager to provide planning and administrative support to the chaplaincy ministry teams. This is a paid, part-time position. For an information pack, or to apply with CV and letter of application, please email: Rev. Simon Tyndall, senior chaplain, simon@stpaulstervuren.be Please include 'Admin role' in subject line. Application deadline: Friday 22nd June, 17:00.

The **BBCA** is organising a **Midsummer Garden Party** on Sunday 24 June, from 4-7pm at the Royal Brussels Cricket Club in Lasne. We hope that you can attend as well as promote the event. There are also plenty of opportunities to get involved, from

assisting at the event, running a stall or baking a cake. Please make contact as soon as possible if you can help out.

It's the first time the BBCA is organising a garden party and we would like it to become an annual summer get-together for the international community and the local neighbourhood. The event is also raising money for charities supported by BBCA. With a cricket match playing in the background, the club house and grounds provide a perfect setting for the garden party. Quench your thirst at the clubhouse bar, or enjoy some British-themed refreshments, including high tea, plus Gin & Tonic, Pimms and cupcake stands. To keep everyone entertained, there will be a range of traditional games for children and adults. The British Ambassador Alison Rose will be present to award a prize to schoolchildren who participated in a competition for a new BBCA logo. We would really appreciate your help in making this first-ever BBCA garden party a real success! Best regards, *BBCA committee*

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