



## Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

**Today's Services** 9:00 – Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk  
 10:30 – Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk  
 14:00 – Holy Communion: John Wilkinson  
 18:00 – Evening Service: 'In Spirit and in Truth' – *Reflecting on our worship of Almighty God* –  
 Jeremy Heuslein  
*Every Wednesday lunchtime, there is a service of Holy Communion in the church at 12:30*

### Our readings this week

**Ezekiel 2:1-5** Ezekiel, who had been training to be a priest in the temple, is now far away in exile in Babylonia, following the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonian army in 597 BC. There by the Kebar river (Ezek. 1:2) he has an extraordinary vision of the glory of God; an immense storm of clouds and lightning, and in it a glowing fire and four wondrous creatures. Ezekiel falls on his knees (Ezek 1:28); and is filled by the Spirit. And God commissions him as a messenger to a rebellious people; and hands him a scroll full of words of lament and mourning (Ezek 2: 9-10).

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10** Despite the vigour and loyalty with which Paul had proclaimed the word of God, he is being accused of all sorts of things – seeking his own glory, being foolish. And he has some sort of personal problem. But for Paul, every sign of personal weakness only serves to show the true strength of God who is working through him.

**Mark 6:1-13** When we meet opposition, we share the experience of Jesus. Yet even while those who thought they knew him were rejecting him, Jesus sent the disciples to work, trusting solely in the power of God. The suffering children of God who were willing to receive the word still found his healing and freedom.

### Pointers for prayer

- Jesus and Paul, and God's disciples down the years, have been able to withstand rejection because they were confident that they were doing God's will. But they were not arrogant. Is God in control of me? How do I know?
- Do I ever reject the insights of brother and sister Christians, just because I think I know them too well to be ready to listen to them?
- Which do I trust more: my own planning; or God's grace? Christians are not excused from working and planning. But we must be sure that any plans we make come from God. It is in God's grace that we must trust, not our plans.

Would you like to reflect more with us on these passages? Listen to today's sermon and others at [www.holytrinity.be/sermons](http://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 and join us downstairs and introduce yourself if you are new or visiting Brussels.

**The Beauty of Holiness.** At the evening service, we have reached the end of our series of special services in which we have been exploring the different traditions that inform Anglican worship, varying the service accordingly. This evening Jeremy will be reflecting on what we can take away from these encounters. After the 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!

**Sunday School.** All our children's and youth groups will continue as normal until the end of July. In August our hard-working leaders will be taking a well-deserved break, details of arrangements for our younger members will be given nearer the time.

**For security reasons, the courtyard garden door and any church doors leading to the outside need to be firmly shut at all times unless attended by an adult.** As people come and go, or when children play around the church, these doors can be left open and unattended, which can create opportunities for intrusion and theft. Parents and others using these doors are requested to please make sure they are closed after use. Together, we can ensure that our church is a safer place for everyone who comes through our doors!

**Last Sunday was Lloyd Brown's last Sunday as CEMES intern.** His ministry here has been much appreciated, not least in two prayer days which he oversaw in Holy Trinity. He will be staying on in Belgium for the next year and in the autumn we will be marking his leaving the staff team with a presentation. If you would like to join in giving a gift to Lloyd, please make a cash donation in an envelope or by bank transfer to the account below. Please mark all envelopes or transfers with 'Gift for Lloyd' Bank account: IBAN: BE14 3100 3441 5383 BIC: BBRUBEBB.

**Are you 18-25 years old and looking for a way to plug in at church over the summer?** Starting from today, join us every Sunday evening after the 6pm service for discussion, fellowship together, and a bring-and-share supper. For questions or to let us know you can make it, email Natalie ([natalie.jones@holytrinity.be](mailto:natalie.jones@holytrinity.be)).

**Men's Group BBQ, Sunday 22 July 2018.** Andrew Tank will host the annual Men's Group BBQ at his home in Boitsfort. All male members of the congregation are welcome to join us for this great moment of fellowship. Time: 12:45am, Venue: 439, chaussée de La Hulpe, 1170 Boitsfort (Nearest public transport is the #17 bus at Heiligenborre. The #94 tram and #95 bus stop at Wiener, which is ten minutes' walk). Please confirm your attendance by emailing [andrewgeorgetank@gmail.com](mailto:andrewgeorgetank@gmail.com) and don't forget to bring the meat you would like to eat and the drinks you would like to enjoy.

**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. [But they won't be in Holy Trinity on Sunday, July 15th nor July 22nd, as Chris is covering for Andrew Gardner at the Church of Scotland in Chaussée de Vleurgat.] 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 after the 10:30 service 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)

Do you like to sing? **Brussels International Singers** is looking for new voices (no audition required). Weekly Wednesday rehearsals restart on 5<sup>th</sup> September. For full details, see poster in lobby or email [brusselsintsingers@gmail.com](mailto:brusselsintsingers@gmail.com).

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