



Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services 9:00 – Holy Communion: John Wilkinson

10:30 – Holy Communion: Heather Roy

14:00 – Holy Communion: Heather Roy

18:00 – Evening Service: John Wilkinson

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

Our readings this week

God calls some to exercise authority. He calls his church to speak up for the weak, to denounce abuse, to call authority to account. It is not just institutions, whether church or state, that are responsible. It is you and me. We are in there, too, on both sides of the picture, however simple we may think we are.

Amos 7:7-15 Amos challenges the political authorities of Israel, asking how well the regime fulfils God's "building regulations". The priest supports "things as they are". If the church's role is to challenge the comfort of power, then God's people must risk speaking up.

Psalms 85: 8-13 The psalmist knows well how humans fall into sin again and again. But he also holds out the prospect of a wonderful salvation from God. God's "four horsemen", love, faithfulness, righteousness and peace, stand ready and waiting to come to us, bearing salvation from God.

Ephesians 1:3-14 This cascade of praise acknowledges God as the source of all our blessings. We are chosen from eternity to be his children, redeemed, called to be holy and blameless, given wisdom and understanding of his purpose, to praise and glorify him. It is not just about "us". God has included "you" – I who am listening – and has marked me by his presence within me.

Mark 6:14-29 Herod treats John in the way that power treats everyone who challenges it. Power is so tangled in its lies and pretences that, even when it has that niggling fear that the prophetic word might be true, it knows only the response of violence. But who wins in the end?

Pointers for prayer

- Everyone has moments when they have power over someone else. Pray that we may be held back from abusing that power for our own advantage;
- Where there is injustice, the eye of God is there, seeing it. Pray that the church may faithfully and fearlessly speak his word for the oppressed, against abuse of all sorts;
- The powerful do not easily let go of their privileges, so it takes courage to denounce evil. Pray for the personal courage to be the herald of love, faithfulness, righteousness and peace.

The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God

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.

World Cup Finals. Tonight, our evening service will be held in a new format - **we'll gather in Walker Hall at 16:30 to watch the French and Croatian teams compete in the final of the World Cup.** We'll watch on a projected screen and enjoy bring-and-share snacks and soft drinks together (please nothing that requires cutlery). There will also be times of worship and teaching! Join us!

Sunday School. All our children's groups will continue as normal until the end 22 July. In August our hard-working leaders will be taking a well-deserved break. Families will remain together in the main service from 29 July to 26 August, and 3 September will kick off the new term with an All Age Worship service.

And for next year...! **HTB's children need your help!** Our children and youth ministry programmes at every age level desperately need more adults to lend a hand. Why not take this summer to consider whether God might be calling you to this ministry? If you're interested in helping out from September, email Natalie (natalie.jones@holytrinity.be) so she can help you find the best way to plug in and prepare for a great year.

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!

Lloyd Brown has ended his time with us 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? You can 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).

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: 12:45, 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 and don't forget to bring the meat you would like to eat and the drinks you would like to enjoy.

A word from the Treasurer. We've passed the mid-point of the year where traditionally we review our finances to see if we are on track. Holy Trinity would not

function without the generosity of its members. Over recent years we have done more than simply holding our weekly services. We have renovated Church House to make it a more welcoming and friendly work and living space. We have renovated the Walker Hall and the CLJ to keep them fresh and fit for purpose. We look forward to developing the Holy Trinity site even further in the years to come. We have ideas and we continue to need your support. For example, we would love to install solar panels to generate our own electricity. This year our income from giving has fallen behind that of last year by almost €2,000. The year started well with giving in the first quarter ahead of last year but there was a significant drop in May which was partially compensated in June but nevertheless we are currently behind last year.

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. 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 after the 10:30 service 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

The Wider Church

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

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