



Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services 9:00 – Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk
10:30 – Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk
14:00 – Holy Communion: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa
18:00 – Evening Service with Holy Communion: Chris Martin
Every Wednesday lunchtime, there is a service of Holy Communion in the church at 12:30

Our readings this week

For 5 weeks we are looking at John 6, one of the central passages of the gospel, and its teaching about the bread of life.

Ephesians 4:1-16 This passage is about the life of the Christian. It is not just about any one of us, but about how each of us, faithfully doing God's work, enables the whole body of the church to grow, joined to one another and to Christ.

John 6:24-35 We all have to work to earn our bread. Jesus urges us to do his work, so that we earn bread that lasts. This work, God's work, is to believe in Jesus: then God will feed us as he fed Israel in the desert. The bread with which he will feed us is none other than Jesus. When we feast on what God provides, he promises that we will never know hunger or thirst again.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for all those who feel hunger in their lives, that they may be fed more fully than they can imagine;
- The distractions and false promises of life draw us away from Jesus. But what a prospect he offers to those who stay true in their trust of him! Faith is a decision of our own will, but we need to pray for protection from the distractions of the world;
- Feeding on bread from heaven is not something abstract. It is about finding God's strength to live as he calls us. Am I living that life?

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 and join us downstairs and introduce yourself if you are new or visiting Brussels.

Summer holidays are really here, and members of the clergy and church house staff are enjoying their vacations. **John Wilkinson** is away until August 5, and upon his return **Paul Vrolijk** and his family will take their turn away. The **Church Office** is being staffed by volunteers, so please be understanding if your queries and messages are

not responded to as quickly as usual. It will close *completely* the week of August 13-17, as usual there will be an emergency phone number available.

Sunday School is now on holiday! From today until August 26 families will remain together in the main service, although the crèche room remains open for you to use if the tiniest members get too unhappy.

Today's picture for you to colour shows a family collecting manna in the desert, as described in our Old Testament reading. Can you spot something referred to earlier in the Exodus story in the background? Here's a clue: you'll need to leave it white, because it's day-time!

On **September 3** the new term will kick off 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).

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. 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!

Back to school campaign. Our mission partner Protestant Social Centre collects school material in good condition (stationery, glue, rulers, backpacks, ...) to distribute among the families with children that they support and that cannot afford it. If you would like to contribute, there will be a box at the back of the church until Sunday 26th Aug. For more info, please contact Sally Steel (sally.gill.steel@gmail.com) or Jairo Ares (aresjairo@yahoo.com).

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

For your diaries Come one, come all to a big cleaning event on 8 September, starting at 9:30. Coffee and tea will be available from 9:00. We will be cleaning, clearing, organizing, planting, weeding, and making the entire church presentable for the coming year. Please do join us, and bring your lunch along and a pair of work gloves!

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