



Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

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

10:30 – Holy Communion: Heather Roy

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18:00 – Evening Service: Paul Vrolijk

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

Our readings this week

Isaiah 50:4-9a The Lord's servant speaks words that are God's words. He can do this because he is first a listener to God, one instructed by him. He is more impressed by God's truth than by the reaction of men, with the courage to speak the truth even when it brings human wrath. Christians see Jesus' fearless obedience as a fulfillment of this passage.

Psalms 116:1-8 When a child is in trouble, it cries to its mother or father for help. When the person who wrote the psalm cried to God for help, he found that he was rescued from disaster. His cry showed that he was God's child, determined to keep close to God, to be his servant. Who we call on reveals who we really are.

James 3:1-12 James urges us to guard our tongues, for they have great power to work great ill or great good, blessing or cursing. The tongue is like the rudder on a ship, with the power to direct, to make or to unmake our lives. Teachers are warned above all others. Even a small spark of evil from the tongue can work great mischief.

Mark: 8:27-end Jesus asks what people say about him and his question draws forth different responses. Peter's courageous declaration marks a critical stage in Jesus' ministry. But the great apostle, like the rest of us, has a mind that even at its best is only partly submissive to God. He has to learn from the servant of Isaiah, and the psalmist, that obedience to God must go the whole way, even when that leads to rejection by others. Peter and James learned the lesson. So must we.

Pointers for prayer

- What we say reveals us, as much as it affects others. What does my speech disclose about me?
- Are we prepared to be instructed by God and to make the effort of listening to him?
- Pray for God's grace to guard against the malicious or foolish word and to have the courage to utter the word that sustains the weary.
- Pray that Christian teachers and leaders may have the courage to speak God's timely word and may be protected from pitfalls.

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.

Our new Sunday School term has started! Which also means it's time to **register students for the year.** You'll see a registration table in the foyer over the next few weeks - if you're a parent, make sure you stop and fill out a quick form if you didn't do so last week. To help ensure the safety of our kids, after today students must be registered to attend Sunday School. For questions about Sunday School, which class your child should be part of, or anything else child-related, email Natalie (natalie.jones@holytrinity.be).

A big thank you to everyone who came out last Saturday for the **Church Clean up Day.** You may have noticed the new plants and flowers in the courtyard, or perhaps the rearrangement in the lobby with the new welcome table. The deeply cleaned toilets and the dusted and polished pews were also a very welcome sight at our Sunday services. So, once again, thank you all so much for coming out and working together to improve things around the church. If you couldn't make it this time, do not worry -- there will be more opportunities in the future!

You will have spotted that our notice boards in the church lobby have been refreshed and labelled. We ask that you please respect this new arrangement. Thanks!

Last week, **Revd Lea Williams** joined us for a parish placement and will be staying until Sunday 30 September. Lea is a Priest and third-year Curate in the Diocese of Chelmsford. The placement is part of his ongoing training. Please introduce yourselves and make him feel at home. More information is on the notice board.

Calling all bakers & buyers. Due to circumstances the next **Bun Sunday** bake sale won't be till **30 September.**

Our next **'Bring & Share Lunch'** between the 10:00 and 14:00 service will take place next Sunday, 23 September, when we shall be welcoming **Richard Bromley**, Mission Director of the ICS, our landlords and one of our Patrons. Please bring along suitable finger food to share. Water and juice will be provided.

Life Courses. 29 September - 10.00-12.30 - Parenting of young children (infants to 12 years). This will be presented by Vela Palim, mother of four grown children, grandmother of five, who has extensive experience working as a Nanny and is now completing studies in child psychology as a 'crèche teacher'. Location: Church House. Coffee/tea available from 9:30. Open to all interested in the subject. We plan to have helpers in the crèche so parents can attend. Please register by 25 September at admin@holytrinity.be.

Other workshops to follow: **13 October** - afternoon (14-17:30) **'Aspects of Bereavement'**, and **20 October** - afternoon (14-17:30) **'Parenting of teenagers'**, details of both of which will be communicated soon.

Two services of **Choral Evensong** are planned for the Autumn on **Tuesdays 25 September and 23 October at 19:30.** One of the glories of the Anglican tradition, Choral Evensong is a reflective service of readings, hymns, and choral items. It lasts about 45 minutes. Do come along and invite your friends.

Waseem Raza is a member of Holy Trinity from Pakistan, and a theology student. Waseem is in need of some help, including the possibility of a part-time job. If you feel you can help Waseem, please make a donation to the Chaplain's discretionary fund BE69 3101 0391 5378 or speak to Nicholas Deliyankis or Gloria Crichlow for more information.

Our next **Soapy Sunday** will take place on 7 October. As previously, we will be collecting health and hygiene items for people using the various social services run by the Salvation Army in Brussels. Of particular need are women's sanitary items, nappies, new underwear, shower/shampoo gels, toothpaste etc but all contributions are welcome. Please bring your contributions on the 7th October and we will then send all our gifts to the Salvation Army. If you have any questions or want a more specific list please contact Heather Roy heather.roy@gmail.com Thank you!

Anglican Religious Education This is the time of year when we think about classes, courses and schools for our children. You might like to know that you can opt for Anglican Religious Education in Flemish state schools (6 to 18 years) throughout Brussels and Flanders. Occasionally we have teaching vacancies, too. Please feel free to contact Birte Marianne Day. Contact: education@anglican.be for more information.

Silence in the city. Did you know that if you wish to retreat and spend time with God you can do so in the midst of busy Brussels? The Good Shepherd Community / Fraternités du Bon Pasteur www.fbp.be in Woluwé-St-Pierre offers two hermitage log cabins in the midst of a park where you can meditate, pray and even stay overnight. They are open all year round, subject to availability. A modest contribution is asked for to support the project. For details contact: Birte Day 0471 87 45 65 and birteday@gmail.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

A date for your diaries As part of our celebrations of 200 years of Anglican worship in Brussels, songwriter and worship leader, **Pete James**, will be with us for the weekend of **26 to 28 October**. His visit will include a workshop for musicians from the bands who lead music in the 6pm service and **Worship Evening** on the Saturday. Please plan to be there. More details soon. If you want to find out more about Pete James, his website is <http://petejames.global/>

A date for the ladies' diaries: The Ladies' pre-Christmas Quiet Day has been arranged for Saturday 1 December.

The Wider Church

The Chapel of the Resurrection, rue Van Maerlant 22-24, 1040 Brussels, write: "It gives us great pleasure to invite you to our Inauguration Ecumenical Prayer on Wednesday 26 September at 19:00, to mark the start of a new year together. Come and join our Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican and Catholic celebrants, accompanied by our own choir 'Gabriel's Band', then come downstairs for a light reception to meet old friends and new acquaintances. We look forward to welcoming you! Full details on poster in the lobby

Edith Cavell exhibition in Ghent. In October 2015 the centenary of Edith Cavell's execution was commemorated at Holy Trinity and several other places in Brussels, and in January 2017 we dedicated the new Edith Cavell chapel in Church House. As part of the commemoration of the end of the First World War the Edith Cavell exhibition is on show in Ghent this September, in St John's Anglican Church in Sint-Elisabethkerk in Begijnhofdries, which is in the Old Beguinage

-There are two more days of public opening: Thursdays 20, 27 September from midday to 18:00

-Graham Keen will be taking a group from Brussels on Wednesday 26th September (and possibly 29th) to visit the exhibition and the béguinage. To join this trip, or for further information, contact him: grahamfranciskeen@gmail.com or 0487 104 341.

For visits on other days contact Jan Glazemakers on 0475 65 37 52.

FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussel is organising the following events: Tuesday 18 September: 19.30-21.00 **Meeting Jesus in scripture through the experience of contemplative prayer.** Saturday 22 September: 10.00-12.30 **Labyrinth Retreat: New Beginnings: Letting go and Welcoming.** Sunday 30 September 14.30-17.30 **Retreat: Inner peace in Divine Love: Remembering Love – First of 4 sessions.** Saturday 20 October AND Saturday 17 November: 10.00-16.30 **Enneagram (2 sessions) Presenter: Mary Leahy FCJ.** The Enneagram is about self-knowledge and transformation. It offers appropriate paths for human and spiritual development and indicates ways in which we can change and grow. For further information, visit www.fcjcentre.be or, email fcj@fcjcentre.be, (GSM 0477 734551).

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Tuesday 9:15 to 16:00

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