



Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services 9:00 – Holy Communion: Paul Vrolijk
10:30 – Holy Communion: David Fieldsend
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18:00 – Holy Communion: David Fieldsend
Every Wednesday lunchtime, there is a service of Holy Communion in the church at 12:30

Our readings this week

Proverbs 8:4-11 This is a hymn to Wisdom, the (female) personification of the power of God at creation. Wisdom calls out to each one of us, ready to instruct us, and to instil in us the fear of the Lord and hatred of what is evil. She comes to us from God, not as something that we can acquire on our own. She is the guide to all who would have insight and good advice. She is more precious than silver, gold or jewels.

2 Timothy 3:12-end In his charge to Timothy, Paul reminds him (from his experience) that the active Christian cannot avoid persecution. The key is to keep developing our belief from its core, using scripture as an asset. Paul is here referring to the Hebrew scriptures, but we may read it more widely, as pointing us to the whole of scripture as the resource with which to build and to equip our Christian lives.

John 17:6-8, 14-19 In his great high-priestly prayer before he suffers, Jesus prays for his disciples, present and future. He has taught them to understand that what they have received from him is from God. Because any disciple of Jesus is different from all others in the world, Jesus knows that they will be hated. He therefore prays first for their protection, second for them to gain ever-greater knowledge of the truth, third that they may be united, as he and the Father are united, as one.]

Pointers for prayer

- We have an immense resource in God's word and wisdom. Do we use it?
- Pray for a mind and a heart open to being challenged, taught and guided by God;
- Give thanks to the loving, caring God who reveals himself to us.

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.

Today, we are saying “farewell” to **David and Anne Fieldsend**. They have been associated with Holy Trinity over a period of 17 years; David, as one of our Readers and in recent years as the Attaché to the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Representative to the European Institutions (in other words, David has been working closely with Bishop Robert) and Anne most prominently, as one of the leaders of the Prayer Chain and as one of the wardens of our Evening service. David is preaching at three of today’s services.

Today is **Stewardship Sunday**, when we try to prayerfully reflect on God’s generosity to us and how we should show our practical response in both money and time.

Bishop Robert will be with us for a **Confirmation Service** at 14:00 on Sunday, 21 October. Please pray for the dozen or so amongst our congregations who are preparing to take this important step in their lives of faith.

Life Courses: 13 October – 14.00-17.30: ‘Speaking of Bereavement’. Presented by our Lay Pastoral Assistant Mrs Janet Sayers, this workshop will consider various aspects of bereavement. Please register by *this* Tuesday 9 October at admin@holytrinity.be.

20 October - 14.00 - 17.30 ‘PARENTEEN - Parenting your teens!’ Animated presentations and lively discussions for parents of teenagers or parents of children closely approaching teenage will take place at the Church House. These discussions will be led by Laura and Tom Buckner who are leaders of the Scout Movement and have many years’ experience working with young people and who themselves have raised children beyond their teenage years! Please register at admin@holytrinity.be by 16th October.

Our second service of **Choral Evensong** planned for the Autumn will take place on **Tuesday 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.

Ambassadors of Christ youth group is inviting all the university or college students of HTB to a mini-retreat on Saturday, 13th October from 9.30am till 5pm. Students for Christ Belgium will be offering different workshops like time-management, relationships, finance and a talk on how to BOOST your faith. The event will be in French and English. Free entrance + lunch will be provided. RSVP to Eric at 0486 96 15 67 or esibomana@hotmail.com

Today is **Soapy Sunday**. We are 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 gel/shampoo, toothpaste etc. but all contributions are welcome. Please put your contributions in the boxes at the back of church, 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!

Notice Boards. You will have spotted that our notice boards in the church lobby have been refreshed and labelled. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Robson in the office on diane.robson@holytrinity.be

Fiona Simon needs a simple mobile phone for use on Holy Trinity business – it only needs to be suitable for calls and texts (her personal one is UK based so incurs higher charges for those calling her). If anyone can offer one they no longer require please could they contact the church office at admin@holytrinity.be.

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.

On Monday 1st October, **Hugh Prior**, a member of Holy Trinity, launched an online crowdfunding campaign with the aim of bringing free quality language education to the world. For more information please visit <https://lingopolo.org/htb>

Peter Magoola, a long-standing member of the congregation, is looking for somewhere to stay from 15 November while he looks for somewhere more permanent to stay until 1 January. He will be away between now and mid-November but can be contacted either on petermagoola@yahoo.co.uk or petermagoola@gmail.com

The Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on Janine.vrolijk@gmail.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 **International Association of Christian Women (IACW)**, would like to invite you to their 3rd **Prayer Coffee** of the year on Tuesday, 16 October from 9:45 - 11:30 at the home of Pam Clements, Avenue Léopold III 31, 1970 - Wezembeek-Oppem. This will be followed by a short Committee Meeting to start planning the Christmas Brunch. RSVP by Sunday, October 14th, by emailing Carol Piquemal at icwcb.brussels@gmail.com or phoning her at 02 346 88 81. If you are unable to attend but have a prayer request, please feel free to send it to her or with a friend you know is coming.

FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels is organising the following events: Sunday 14 October 14.30:17.30 **Retreat: Inner peace in Divine Love: Living in Love – second of 4 sessions.** Tuesday 16 October: 19.30:21.00 **Meeting Jesus in scripture through the experience of Contemplative Prayer.** 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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