



## 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: Heather Roy

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

### Our readings this week

**Job 23:1-9, 16-17** Job feels that his suffering is unjust. Like so many in times of trouble, he longs to reason his situation with God, to understand. Yet he also senses his own insignificance before God. In this moment of Job's crisis, God seems absent and no sense of meaning is forthcoming. This leads Job to another familiar human reaction to trouble: the longing for escape.

**Psalms 90** The psalmist has found his place in God himself. From there, he sees how transitory are all human works. What we need is a heart of wisdom. Such wisdom shows him that only in God's unfailing love do we have anything secure to hold on to. It is only by God graciously giving our lives a place in his service that they and our works can have meaning that endures.

**Hebrews 4:12-16** God's word cuts us to the quick, showing us up for what we really are. Nothing about us is hidden from God. How important, then, to hold firmly to Jesus, who understands our weakness and is ready to act in our support. With him, we can seek God's gracious forgiveness – and be sure to obtain it.

**Mark 10:17-31** Who can get into the kingdom? Linking with the previous passage in the gospel, it is easier for someone with childlike simplicity than for the wealthy and powerful. It is not by conformity with the law, but by total self-giving to Christ that we can enter the kingdom. Wealth can form such a barrier, for we may be more attached to it than to God. Yet it is worth giving up anything for Christ. Those who commit to him will get back many times over what they have surrendered.

### Pointers for prayer

- Where does my heart lie: with Jesus, or with my worldly goods? Dare I put my all at the disposal of Christ? Could I even take a step on that path?
- Pray for all who are in positions of authority, not to be led astray by the temptations of wealth and control;
- We long to leave something of value to our children and to our grandchildren. What could it be?

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.

Please pray for John Wilkinson who will be preaching this evening at Choral Evensong at Corpus Christi College in Cambridge, UK.

**Bishop Robert** will be with us for a **Confirmation Service** at 14:00 *next* Sunday, 21 October. Please pray for **Hannah, Davita, Zosia, Amanda, Sean, John, Ernestina, Claire and Isobel** who are preparing to take this important step in their lives of faith.

**Life Courses: 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](mailto: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.

A huge THANK YOU once again for the fantastic number of gifts received for this months' Soapy Sunday. The Salvation Army is delighted with our contributions and they are already being given to some of our most destitute neighbours in Brussels.

Our next Soapy Sunday will be on November 18th so please note that in your diaries! If you would like a list of suitable health and hygiene items to donate please ask Heather Roy [heather.roy@gmail.com](mailto:heather.roy@gmail.com) *thank you!*

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. There will also be **Evening of Worship and Praise** on **Saturday 27 October at 20h**. Please plan to be there. There will be an offering taken at the evening event to cover cost. If you want to find out more about Pete James, his website is <http://petejames.global/>, or contact John Wilkinson. ([john.wilkinson@holytrinity.be](mailto:john.wilkinson@holytrinity.be)) Flyers are available.

The **Autumn Tea Party** for senior members of our congregation will be held at Pam Clements house in Wezembeek-Oppem on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) or [pamclements@outlook.com](mailto:pamclements@outlook.com) if you would like to join us, either to 'come to tea', or as a helper. (This could be by driving those who will need help with transport, making cakes or scones, or helping to serve tea).

**The Men's Retreat 2018** will take place from 18:00 on Friday 23 November to 15:00 on Sunday 25 November at St Andrew's Abbey, Zevenkerken. It's being called '**...with a Little Help from my Friends**'. Men's lives in late-modern capitalism are

often marked by rivalry and competition. Yet, for us as social beings, healthy relationships are one of the most important sources of identity, meaning and happiness. In the unique setting of St Andrew's Abbey (Sint-Andriesabdij) in Zevenkerken, the Men's Retreat 2018 will explore the significance of friendship for contemporary Christian men. Led by Revd Chris Martin and Vikar Armin Kummer, activities will feature workshops, video, bible study and group discussion. Away from our daily work environments, we hope to find peace, enjoy a sense of fellowship, and grow in our faith. Participants will also have the chance to join the Benedictine monks for meals and during their prayers. Brochures are available on the church lobby table. To register please send an email to [arthur.dyevre@kuleuven.be](mailto:arthur.dyevre@kuleuven.be) and transfer the EUR 120 fee to 'Friends of Holy Trinity' account, IBAN number BE51 3635 2047 5162. Please write 'Men's Retreat 2018' and 'your name' in the communication box. Places will be allocated on a 'first paid-first booked' basis. Your place will be confirmed once your payment reaches the bank account above.

**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.

**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](mailto:petermagoola@yahoo.co.uk) or [petermagoola@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Janine.vrolijk@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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.

**African Enterprise** is hosting a **Fund-raising Ladies Afternoon Tea** on Saturday October 20 between 14:00 and 17:00. Full details on the poster in the lobby.

**FCJ Centre of Spirituality** 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels is organising the following events: 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](http://www.fcjcentre.be) or, email [fcj@fcjcentre.be](mailto:fcj@fcjcentre.be), (GSM 0477 734551).

A young student from Paris who stayed in our guest room at Church House over the Summer is again looking for a room here in Brussels with easy access to Place Stephanie for the period November 5 to December 22 to complete her internship. Our guest room is occupied but if you can help please contact her directly: **Margot Degaichia** [margot.degaichia@gmail.com](mailto:margot.degaichia@gmail.com)

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Tuesday 9:15 to 16:00

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**Assistant Curate:** The Revd Jean Bosco Turahirwa

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**Reader:** Ms Heather Roy **Intern:** Mr Mark Van Eker

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