



Holy Trinity Brussels
Newsletter

Today's Services 9:00 – Holy Communion: Fiona Simon

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14:00 – Holy Communion: Grace West

18:00 – Evening Service: Natalie Jones

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

Our readings this week

Isaiah 25:6-9 Isaiah has much to say about the failures of God's people, which are leading them to judgment. But he has no doubt of the ultimate victory of God's overwhelming love, that will establish for his people a world made new, where death, grief and disgrace will be no more. This is his promise to those who trust him.

Revelation 21:1-6a The climactic vision of Revelation is of the new city of God, compared with which the cities of men are as nothing. What marks this city is the presence of God in the midst of his people, showing his infinite care for them in a world made new. Creation began with God and culminates in the fullest possible relationship with him.

John 11:1, 3, 32-44 The visions of Isaiah and Revelation look to the future. The raising of Lazarus, however, gives a taste here and now of how much God longs to save his people. Although Lazarus must have died again later, his raising points us to God's ultimate victory over death – a victory fixed in our faith by Jesus' triumph, won in the worst of circumstances.

Psalms 24 As we approach the mountain of the Lord, we should pause to reflect on our relation to God. First, creation is his. He is its maker. Second, our desire to draw near to him calls for the devotion that shows itself in purity. Third, those who approach him in this way will find themselves blessed, their greatest desire fulfilled. As the psalm breaks into its great hymn of praise, we are reminded of what that blessing is. It is to find ourselves welcome at the triumph of the King of Glory.

Pointers for prayer

- This is above all the time to remember and give thanks for those who, by word and example, have shown us how to live the life of faith;
- It is also a time to pray for all those who do not know the Christian hope, and have no trust in the love of God;
- Meditate on the rich blessings promised to us in Scripture. How can we best respond to these promises?

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.

We are holding a **Bring & Share Lunch** today between our 10:30 and 14:00 services. We hope you have brought a dish to share. Water and juice will be provided. The Bar might also be open. We aim to start at 12:30 and finish by 14:00.

Paul has been visiting various churches in the Netherlands last week. He will preach and preside in All Saints Maastricht today. Please pray for good visits and safe travels.

Our next **Council meeting** will take place on **Monday, November 5** at **20:00**. The agenda can be found on the notice board in the main hall. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office: admin@holytrinity.be If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

Remembrance Sunday, 11 November. This year the Royal British Legion is holding its Service for the centenary of the end of World War I at 10:30 in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Bierbeekpleindreef, Heverlee, near Leuven. Consequently, unlike in previous years, our services that day will be as normal, with Holy Communion at 10:30. Nonetheless, the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** will be selling standard poppies as well as wristbands, bracelets, enamel pins and self-adhesive poppies around the Remembrance period.

Advent Meditations Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of our Saviour as a baby. The book of Advent meditations/thought for the day is based on the Daily Lectionary and is produced as an aid to spiritual preparations for Christmas. Please contact David or Jane Brown jmdjbrown@gmail.com if you would like to write a meditation/thought for the day on an assigned passage.

Next Saturday, 10 November from 14:00 to 16:00, a group will be meeting at the Brussels Beer Project for its monthly '**Theology on Tap**.' This event is open to any and all, and it might be a good chance to invite someone who wouldn't normally walk into a church or who may be a bit uncomfortable with church but is still curious about faith. This month's topic is Christianity and Climate Change, with a particular focus on animal welfare and our responsibilities as Christians to steward all life on the planet. For more information, you can email Jeremy at jeremy.heuslein@holytrinity.be

Our next **Soapy Sunday** will be on 18 November 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 *thank you!*

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 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. There is also the possibility to pay by card. Please see the Treasurer, David Sayers, to make your payment this way. Places will be allocated on a 'first paid-first booked' basis. Your place will be confirmed once your payment reaches the bank account above.

Have a Heart campaign During the last few years we have provided **presents for children** in a local children's home and in a centre for victimised women in Brussels. These presents are distributed on **December 6th, the Feast of St Nicholas**, so we need to buy and wrap them during the month of November. The red 'hearts' will be available from **Sunday Nov 11** and on each heart there is the name of a child with a suggestion of a suitable gift which the child would love to receive 'from St Nicholas'. Please will you be as generous as you have been in past years - take a heart, buy a present / presents (total value maximum €20) and return the wrapped, labelled present(s) to church on the following Sunday or at the very latest on Sunday Dec 2. For more information contact : anitaverdoes@yahoo.com

On **1 December** from 9:00 (for coffee and doughnuts) to 15:00, we will be **cleaning the church** for Christmas. All ages are welcome and will have something to do, so do come along! Coffee and some sort of breakfast pastries will be available from 9:00 with projects commencing around 9:45. Please bring your own work gloves and lunch. For more information, you can email Jeremy at jeremy.heuslein@holyltrinity.be

The Anglican Churches in Belgium are supporting a Syrian refugee family under the Belgian "**Humanitaire Corridor**" scheme. We have found a nice flat for them in Ghent. The furniture for this is being stored here at Holy Trinity and we are looking for a few strong people to help load the removal van here. The move will probably take place next Saturday 10 November; if you are free and willing to help, please email Geert Vromans, Project Manager at secretary@anglican.be and he will fill you in with the details.

Bruxelles Propreté recently ruled that Holy Trinity should be considered a business rather than a domestic organisation, and consequently we must now put out 'residual' (non-recyclable) rubbish in pink sacks rather than white ones. This leaves us with a large stock of **standard 60L white rubbish sacks** which we have paid for but cannot use. These cost us, as they would cost you in the supermarket, €2.50 for a roll of 15 sacks. We are offering them for sale for €2 a roll, but if you wish to completely reimburse us and pay the same as you would normally do we won't refuse! They will be available after the services.

The Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on Janine.vrolijk@gmail.com

Ladies Quiet Day is on Saturday 1st December 9:30 gathering for 10am start, finish at 4pm. The day will be based on Revelation 22:1-7 -The Healing Tree, one of the readings from the lectionary for that day. Lunch will be bring and share and there will be a voluntary donation to the FJC (211 Ave Winston Churchill, Uccle 1180) for their time and space. To register email Jane Brown jbrown19203@gmail.com or Jane McBride jemcbride99@gmail.com or contact Jane Brown 0471 06 07 11.

The Wider Church

FCJ Centre of Spirituality 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels announces the following events: Tuesday 13 November: 19:30-21:00: **Meeting Jesus in Scripture through the experience of Contemplative Prayer.** Saturday 17 November: 10.00-16.30 **Enneagram** (Session 2) presenter Mary Leahy FCJ. Open to all who already have some knowledge of the Enneagram. 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 , email fcj@fcjcentre.be ,or phone GSM 0477 734551.

The **ETF** in Leuven is looking for a **Flemish speaking buildings maintenance manager (m / f)** for 32 / 38h per week. Start date preferably 1 December 2018. This is a remunerated position. Applications must be received by 19 November 2018 at the latest. For more information contact Julie Gelling: julie.gelling@etf.edu

The Mission to Seafarers in Antwerp is holding a **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday 1 December between 11:00 and 16:00 in the Antwerp Harbour Hotel. Full details on poster in the lobby.

The Brussels International Singers are holding their **Christmas Carols** concert on Saturday the 8th December at 19:30 at the Conservatoire Royal de Musique de Bruxelles. Further details and ticket information are on the poster in the church lobby.

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