



Holy Trinity Brussels  
Newsletter

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

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14:00 – Holy Communion: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

18:00 – Holy Communion: John Wilkinson

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

**Our readings this week**

**Jonah 3:1-5** Jonah finds himself charged with a major and unexpected task – to proclaim God's word to Ninevah. The audience is vast and probably hostile. These are the people whose armies had conquered Israel. Jonah obeys (he has learned a lesson!) and, to his surprise, his message is well received. One man's committed obedience to God can have extraordinary consequences.

**Psalms 62** This psalm tells us of the experience gained by one who has been through hard times and has learned to rely on God. Although his opponents seek his overthrow, with the help of treachery and deceit, the psalmist sees that men and their ill-gotten wealth are of little significance. There is only one reliable source of strength: God. The psalmist commends to others this truth that he has learned through experience: that true rest comes only through trusting the strong and loving God.

**Hebrews 9:24-28** What Jesus has done for us goes far beyond the useful things done by worthy people on our behalf down the years. He has gone right to the heart of things and has appeared on our behalf, before God, in the court of heaven. By his self-giving, he has done away with sin forever.

**Mark 1:14-20** Here we have Jesus' basic message. The kingdom of God, the ruling of God in our lives, is at hand. This is the moment for action. Repentance is about turning, turning away from the world towards God. Simon, Andrew, James and John understand Jesus' call in just this way. They turn from their worldly preoccupations with their fishing business, to follow Jesus. Where will this lead them?

**Pointers for prayer**

- Remember before God, with thanksgiving, all those who have courageously answered his call;
- Are our lives focused on the world, or on the kingdom of God? The readings are clear that focus on the world is misplaced. Is it time to turn?
- Pray for all those who receive God's call to have the courage to respond. Is he calling me and, if so, to what?
- Pray for all those who suffer under the tyranny of sin that the liberating action of Jesus may set them free.

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.** Today is **Remembrance Sunday** when we remember in prayer those who have died and continue to suffer through armed. It is one hundred years, to the very day and hour, since the guns of the First World War fell silent throughout Europe. The **Royal British Legion** is holding its Service in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Bierbeekpleindreef, Heverlee, near Leuven. However, **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** standard poppies as well as wristbands, bracelets, enamel pins and self-adhesive poppies are for sale at the back of the church today.

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.

Paul is leading the Armistice Centenary Service in Ieper this morning. Please pray for a good day of remembrance and for safe travels for all who have travelled there for the weekend.

**Church Office** will be closed *tomorrow* for the Remembrance public holiday.

Our next **Soapy Sunday** will be next Sunday, 18 November so please remember to bring your donations in then! 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!*

**The Bun Sunday monthly bake sale** will be held on the **18 November**. Please note this date in your diaries and either bake or buy something in support of smaller charities. We will be taking very limited orders for Christmas baked goodies (mince pies, cakes and puddings) to be collected at the December Bun Sunday bake sale on the **9 December**.

**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](mailto:jmdjbrown@gmail.com) if you would like to write a meditation/thought for the day on an assigned passage.

**The Men's Retreat 2018** will take place from Friday 23 to Sunday 25 November at St Andrew's Abbey, Zevenkerken. It's being called '**...with a Little Help from my Friends**'. It will be led by Revd Chris Martin and Vikar Armin Kummer.

Brochures are available on the church lobby table. More information is in the brochure at the back of the church, on the website or from [arthur.dyevre@kuleuven.be](mailto:arthur.dyevre@kuleuven.be)

**Ladies Quiet Day** is on Saturday 1 December 9:30 gathering for 10am start, and finishing 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](mailto:jbrown19203@gmail.com) or Jane McBride [jemcbride99@gmail.com](mailto:jemcbride99@gmail.com) or contact Jane Brown 0471 06 07 11.

This year's **Have a Heart campaign** begins **today!** In the entrance-hall after the 10:30 service and at the back of church after the 6pm service you will find the red hearts with the name of a child, the age and a suggestion of a suitable gift which the child would love to receive 'from St Nicholas' on 6<sup>th</sup> December. These children are living in a local children's home (Les Cailloux) or in a centre for victimised women (Chèvrefeuille). Please 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 by **December 2** at the very latest. **Please make sure that we**

**have made a note of the heart you have taken, with your name and phone number!** For further details, contact Anita Verdoes, 0484775939 or [anitaverdoes@yahoo.com](mailto: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@holytrinity.be](mailto:jeremy.heuslein@holytrinity.be)

**Solar Panel Project.** The Church of England, of which we are part, is divesting from fossil fuels in an effort to fulfill God's vision of humanity stewarding well the Earth and its resources. Recently, our diocese, the Diocese in Europe, voted to become an "Eco-Diocese". Here at Holy Trinity we have been thinking about how we can participate in this effort. Our first project is to install solar panels on the church roof in order to generate our own "green" electricity. An installation of 112 panels will cost €44,000 and save several thousands of euros on our energy bill, as well as reducing our carbon footprint. This would allow us to generate all our own needs and have an excess to feed back into the grid. Our architect has already obtained the green light from the commune of Ixelles and now we would like to raise the finance to allow us to install all these panels. As each panel costs €400 installed, the Building Fund can support 56 panels. So, we are now inviting donations for the remaining 56 panels in order to have a complete installation. If you are ready to invest in this project, please send your donation to the account of The Friends of Holy Trinity asbl. IBAN BE 14 3101 9409 6783, with the message "Solar Panel Project". You may also pay by credit or debit card using our new card reader. If you would like to know more before investing and / or you wish to pay by card, please contact the Treasurer ([treasurer@holytrinity.be](mailto:treasurer@holytrinity.be)).

**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](mailto:Janine.vrolijk@gmail.com)

### **The Wider Church**

**Serve the City** is looking for Project Leaders for a week of volunteering with the European Commission from 19-23 November. Some projects are daily and others are on one morning or afternoon in the week. Project leaders need to be available for training on Monday evening 12 November. If you could offer to be a project leader, please contact Shannon Deal ( [shannon@servethecity.net](mailto:shannon@servethecity.net)).

**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](http://www.fcjcentre.be), email [fcj@fcjcentre.be](mailto:fcj@fcjcentre.be), or phone GSM 0477 734551.

The **International Association of Christian Women (IACW)** would like to invite you to their 4<sup>th</sup> **Prayer Coffee** of the year on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 - 11:30 at the home of Aline Dunachie, Edelweisslaan 59, 3080 - Tervuren. This will be followed by a short Committee Meeting to start planning the Christmas Brunch. RSVP by Sunday, , 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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