



May 31 2020
Pentecost

Holy Trinity Brussels Newsletter

Today's Services and preachers

10:30 – Service of the Word (Zoom): Bishop Robert Innes

14:00 – Culte Dominicale/Sunday Service, in French & English, (available from 10:00 on YouTube): Jean Bosco Turahirwa

18:00 – Evening Service of the Word: Fiona Simon

Links to all our on-line services can be found on page two of this newsletter

Our readings this week

Acts 2:1-21 The Holy Spirit comes when the faithful are gathered in one place. As a result, communication is restored between people of different tongues, reversing the effects of Babel. Further, all who are attentive gain deep insight into God's truth. How tragic it would be to miss such an event. Yet many do, while still more dismiss it as foolishness.

Psalms 104:26-end The psalm celebrates the wonder of creation. Through creation the Spirit made something good out of formless chaos, providing it with life-sustaining springs. On God's providence creation depends. The Spirit did not stop at creation, but is also constantly at work in its renewal, adding to the Lord's glory day by day.

I Corinthians 12:3b-13 Every Christian should expect to receive some form of gift from the Holy Spirit. The significance of each one of us and our gift is revealed in the way in which it enables us to help meet the needs of the whole community. Without each one of us, the community is incomplete; without the community, my gift and I are without purpose. There is a simple test of whether my gift is truly the work of the Holy Spirit: whether it honours Jesus as Lord.]

John 20:19-23 John, like the writer of Acts, makes the point that the Holy Spirit comes when, meeting as the community of Christians, we become aware of what Jesus has done for us. It is a gift given in order to empower us for the work to which Jesus sends us: the task of bringing the forgiveness of sins, won by Jesus, to others. No-one else is given this task. What happens if we do not do it?

Pointers for prayer

- Give thanks to God for the wonder and the beauty of his creation and for our place in it
- The Holy Spirit is a gift to the Christian community. We should expect to experience this power in the church community
- The church is commissioned to a great work. Can we discern our part in it?
- Pray for all those who, instead of seeing God working, can only hear nonsense.

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. Although services are currently suspended by official decree, if you are reading this online, we hope you are keeping well and will be able to join with us as soon as we're allowed to meet again. If you are new to Brussels and would like to be notified of our activities please fill in your email under "subscribe" on the home page or email admin@holytrinity.be.

We are waiting to hear when restrictions on public worship will be lifted, but for a number of weeks we shall continue to meet on-line. We think we shall eventually be able to move to "hybrid worship" from church, with restricted numbers and continued participation for others via the internet, we will of course keep you posted about these developments.

LIVE 10:30 service via Zoom at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82066460580>

If you could log in around 10:15, that would help things to be smoothed out for the service itself. Afterwards, we will have a 'coffee time' in smaller groups. We hope to see you there!

LIVE Godly Play at 11:15

I wonder where you will find yourself in the stories Jesus told? Join us this Sunday at 11:15, as we will continue our parable series in Godly Play. All ages welcome! Please join us at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/237580515>

Le Culte Dominical at 14:00

Le culte a été enregistré et sera disponible sur notre chaîne YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChNpyTYouVaHopv2NT3rSVw>, dimanche à partir de 10h, ainsi que sur notre page Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBrussels/>. Que Dieu vous bénisse!

The Sunday service has been recorded and will be available from 10:00 on Sunday on our YouTube Channel as well as on our Facebook page. May God bless you!

LIVE 18:00 service via Zoom

We continue to meet on Zoom for our 18:00 service. You can join us via this link <https://zoom.us/j/348115714>. Hope to see you there!

HTB sermons also available on Soundcloud, Spotify and Apple Podcasts

Links to Prayer during the week can be found on our website at:

<https://www.holytrinity.be/covid19>

Our colourful and informative **Lockdown Magazine for the month of May** prepared by members of the clergy and pastoral staff is now available online here:

<https://www.holytrinity.be/news/2020/5/25/the-may-edition-of-the-lockdown-magazine>

PRAYER IN THE CHURCH We now have permission from the Bishops to re-open our churches for private prayer. Therefore, next week (and throughout June), you are very welcome to come into church when it is open on either Tuesdays 12:00-14:00, Thursdays 17:00-19:00 or Saturdays 12:00-14:00. There will be someone on hand to welcome you and provide assistance to ensure a safe and hygienic environment is maintained.

Thank you to those who have already taken our Back to church survey. For those who haven't yet, here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R7LFSCS>. The deadline is 1st June – this will help us to understand how we can best meet your needs.

Holy Trinity is hiring a new **Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator**. If you are interested please go here <https://www.holytrinity.be/news/2020/5/12/holy-trinity-brussels-is-hiring> for the job description and detailed info on how to apply. If you have further questions do email Fiona Simon fiona.simon@holytrinity.be.

Do you prefer to keep in touch by WhatsApp rather than email? We have launched an official WhatsApp Group for Holy Trinity. This group is an "Admin Only" group, meaning that only the admins will be able to message on it and should serve as another place to receive direct information from Holy Trinity but without messaging getting out of control. To join this group, please click the following link on a device you use for WhatsApp: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dujbf74U0qMCworeotWmNH>

Community Kitchen News. Last Wednesday we handed out about three hundred food bags at the Quai des Péniches, each containing a spicy vegetable, lentil dahl and rice dish (prepared in our kitchen), some fruit, a bottle of water, flatbreads and muffins donated by our volunteer home bakers. We will be distributing food bags again on Saturday 13 June. So we are continuing our **call for flatbreads**. We are looking to collect 300 more portions of flatbread or tortillas for this next refugee lunch. These flatbreads can be purchased or made at home following a recipe such as the one found here: <https://www.biggerbolderbaking.com/flatbread-recipe-3-ingredients-easy/> Long life packeted breads can be delivered to us any time. Fresh homemade ones can be delivered between 9 and 11 a.m. on 13 June. All donations will be gratefully received!

The Community Kitchen is also there for our own community. If you, your family or anybody you know is in need of food support from the community kitchen at this time, we also produce individually portioned meals for this purpose. Please contact Rev Fiona Simon (Fiona.simon@holytrinity.be) who will coordinate these requests.

We always need muffins! The demand for our muffins is increasing. We are now supplying them to a new partner - Les Cuistots Solidaires – who faithfully distribute food to the homeless in Brussels each week. So almost 1000 muffins are now being handed out every week. And we will also need muffins for our refugee lunches. So keep them coming! We have several other projects underway or starting up, to find out about them why not visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/communitykitchenBXL/> or [sign up for their new email list!](#)

The Treasurer is looking for help with bookkeeping for a few hours each week on a voluntary basis. Knowledge of QuickBooks would be an asset but training will be given. If you feel this could be for you please contact the Treasurer: treasurer@holytrinity.be

ChurchSuite – the church app is now up and running. There's a sign up form and explanatory video on our website at [holytrinity.be/churchsuite](https://www.holytrinity.be/churchsuite). If you have questions about ChurchSuite, please don't hesitate to contact Morgan Buckner (morganmbuckner@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 Carole Ludlow on celudlow@gmail.com.

Daily Hope 0800 804 8044 is a free (for UK residents only) 24 hour phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers ideal for those that are elderly, housebound and not able to use the internet. It is an initiative of the Church of England in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life.

The Wider Church

The FCJ Centre is currently offering parts of its programme online, using ZOOM. Please visit www.fcjcentre.be or www.facebook.com/FCJCentre for further details.

The Church of the Ascension, on Lake Como in Italy, is organizing a **holiday retreat** in October. Full details here: <http://www.churchonlakecomo.com/retreat-october-2020.php>

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