

Holy Trinity Newsletter

April 18th 2010 – Easter 3

Today's Services: 09.00 Holy Communion James Day; 10.30 Holy Communion Robert Innes; 14.00 Holy Communion Robert Innes; 19.00 Heather Roy

Our readings this week

Acts 9:1–6 Paul knew the beliefs of the young church, and opposed them. But his encounter with Jesus reversed all that. Although we are used to thinking of Paul's conversion as coming in a moment, it took longer for Paul to fully grasp what had happened to him. He saw the light, his eyes were opened, but he remained unable to see for some time.

Revelation 5:11–end In heaven Jesus is worshipped in terms that show him as equal with God himself. The cause for that eternal worship is that his self-giving has enabled the new era to begin. In the confusion of human life, we sometimes struggle to grasp the lasting importance of the Easter events, but in the heavenly court of John's vision, where there are no mistakes, all is clear. Hence the response.

John 21:1–19 The gospel shows us a representative group of 7 disciples unexpectedly encountering Jesus in a way that transforms their work beyond all expectation. We also see the disciples meeting with Jesus over a meal that recalls his earlier feeding of the multitude. Peter, in a private encounter with Jesus, finds that Jesus scrutinizes the very core of his being, accepts him for who he is and challenges him for the future. Are these disciples any different from you and me?

Psalms 30 For the psalmist, death has given way to life in joyful fullness, and he recognizes that it is God who has worked the change. Easter teaches us how Jesus was brought from death to new life and how this led Peter, Paul and beyond them all disciples of Jesus, to share with him in the same experience. Like the psalmist, we have cause to sing joyful hymns to God.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for those who seem far from Christ, that they may encounter him in unexpected ways;
- How deep is my love for Jesus? His love for me starts from where I am. If I will let it, it may lead me to unexpected places;
- A new era has dawned, death has given way to life. Let us praise the one who won that transformation for us.

At the Evening Service tonight, Heather Roy continues the mini-series: Easter, looking at the Resurrection with new eyes with 'The Resurrection through Mary's eyes', drawing on John 20:

10–18

Our life together

A warm welcome to church today. We trust that those returning from holiday have had a refreshing time away. The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Sara van Slooten and Arttu Makipaa which took place yesterday .

The Church Annual General Meeting (AGM) follows today immediately after our 10.30 a.m. service. All members of our congregations are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please note that only those whose names are on the electoral roll are entitled to speak or vote at this meeting, which is set to begin at 12 noon in the Walker

The bookstall (usually open in the hall after the 10.30 a.m. service) is closed this week because of the AGM It re-opens next week (Sunday 25th April) under the direction of Ann Milton, who takes over from Denzil Walton. We thank Denzil for all his work for us in the past few years, and extend a warm welcome to Ann and wish her all the best in this important new role for her.

Today is a Global Day of Prayer for Turkey. Please take a few minutes to read the notices about this in the church lobby, or visit <http://www.prayforturkey.com>.

Assistant Chaplain Augustine Nwaekwe will be away in Nigeria from 12th April to 3rd May. During this time, he will be meeting with the newly elected bishop of his "home" Diocese of Mbaise to discuss the future of the Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind which the Diocese runs, which has received support from Holy Trinity's Bun Sunday. Augustine goes in the company of Alexander Koistinen from our 2p.m. congregation. Please pray for their time away.

We are still looking for an **accompanist** for the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) exams on Saturday 22nd May. Can you play the piano? If so, please contact David Mitchell at precentor@holyltrinity.be.

Holy Trinity's **La Foresta weekend away** will be on 28–30th May. Bookings have got off to a good start. We have already filled about a third of our room allocation. And the children's workers are meeting this coming week to begin planning a fun-packed programme for our 3s–13s. The main speaker will be Professor Ted van der Ende, who will be helping us to think about 'biblical travel stories'. Please return your La Foresta booking forms as soon as possible and make your payment well before 3 May, after which time the prices rise!

Congratulations to our 7 p.m. service who raised some €500 as a special gift to the Anglican church of St. Martha and St. Mary Leuven. Fondly known as St. "M and Ms", this church was originally founded by Holy Trinity. Its congregation is composed mainly of people involved in the university life of the city. Whilst it is currently quite small, we hope and expect that it will see significant growth in the future.

Use of the pigeonholes at the back of the church is being reviewed with the aim of improvement. If you already have a personal pigeonhole and wish to keep it, or if you would like

us to set up a personal pigeonhole, please contact Catherine in the church office at admin@holyltrinity.be.

White (not yellowed) cotton or real lace is now needed for communion linen. Contact Paulina Robbins van Rijn (paulinaemma@scarlet.be) if you can help.

A limited supply of '**Holy Trinity crosses**' in solid silver, 3_ by 2_ cm are available from Paulina Robbins van Rijn for €60. For more information, contact paulinaemma@scarlet.be.

The Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please pass your request to Mary-Jo Nimmons – tel 02/640 50 18, or Anne Fieldsend – tel: 02/735 19 97.

For your diaries

The Wednesday Club, an English-speaking social club for older men and women, will start on Wednesday 21st April in All Saints' Church, Braine-l'Alleud (see <http://www.allsaints.be>). This secular club will provide a caring environment for members from 2-4.30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Membership is open to residents and "grannies and grandpas" of visiting families. Light refreshments will be provided. The premises are wheelchair-accessible and the club is recruiting volunteer drivers for those without transport. Email voIs@the-wednesday-club.org or info@the-wednesday-club.org for details.

Churches Together is holding a meeting with **Professor John Bowen** of Wycliffe College, Toronto, on "**The Man who invented Narnia**" – a discussion on the work of C.S. Lewis. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th May at St Paul's Church Centre (Hoornezelstraat 24, 3080 Tervuren) as of 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost €10 or €15 for a family. Information from Gilbert Dunachie (02-767-9772, dunachie@skynet.be) or Sue Bird (0476/41 08 75).

Sue Bird will be repeating her **workshop on Christians and work** on Thursday 27th May, to be held in Church House starting at 8 p.m. When all of us spend so much time "at work", this is a topical subject to take a closer look at. We hope you will support this initiative.

Exodus Vision will make a visit to Malawi on 1st –14th August. Would you like to join the party with Frieda Mukanyangezi, her brother Faustin Uzabakiliho and his group of six from California on this visit to give pastoral training and evangelistic outreach? They will be visiting the refugee camp "Dzaleka" which houses people from many African countries. If you are interested, please contact Frieda on 0472/44 94 27.

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