

Holy Trinity Newsletter

May 30th 2010 – Trinity Sunday

Today's Services: 10.30 Holy Communion Andrew Graydon; 19.00 Andrew Graydon

Our readings this week

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 Wisdom is presented as partly a person in her own right, partly as an attribute of God, eternally present in his work. There is much in common between Wisdom and the Divine Word of John's gospel, including participating in creation itself. Here we encounter a feminine attribute of God: Wisdom is (without question) a woman.

Romans 5:1–5 Paul points us towards the united work of the three Persons of the Trinity. Through Christ we have peace with the Father; through the Holy Spirit, present in our lives, we experience his love. Paul also points to the hope that, through Christ, we may share in the very glory of God. This is a gift that we lay hold of in faith and to which we must hold fast, whatever comes.

John 16:12–15 Notice how the three Persons work together, while being quite distinct, each with their own role. The Spirit will give us the good things of Christ: but since Christ has everything that the Father has, all God's good things are for us. Such is God's love for us that we are drawn right into the very heart of his being, into the interaction of the different Persons of the Trinity. Who could refuse a gift?

Psalm 8 This hymn to the majesty of God expresses our amazement at the status that he gives to humanity. The one who made the universe cares so much for you and me that he places us at the top of the created order. Compare this thoughtfully with the other readings. Drawn into the glory of God, the creation is given into our care. It is certainly not ours to abuse.

Pointers for prayer

- Meditate on the richness and the diversity that God reveals to us in himself as Trinity. He invites me to share his glory. What is my response?
- Creation is for us to care for. The people of God can call on his help through prayer. Where do we need to do that today?
- Pray for all who are blind to the glory, insensitive to the love, cut off from the hope that God offers us.

At the Evening Service tonight, Andrew Graydon concludes the mini-series: "Knowing God", with 'The Divine Community of the Trinity', drawing on Matthew 28:16–20

Our life together

Welcome to Holy Trinity! This weekend is our annual house party. Over 100 regular members of our church are gathering at the La Foresta monastery in Leuven. Our 10.30 a.m. worship at Holy Trinity is led by Canon Dr. Gary Wilton, with Dr. Andrew Graydon preaching. There are no 9 a.m. or 2 p.m. services today.

On Saturday 5th June from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Council is organising a Church Spring Cleaning morning. The chaplain, assistant chaplain, wardens, several members of Council and a team from the evening service will be coming along. Can you join us? Please let the office know at admin@holyltrinity.be if you plan to come so we have an idea of numbers. As a bonus, it would be great if you could bring cleaning equipment. We need feather dusters for high level cobwebs, sponges and buckets for windows and polish for pews, cleaning fluids for the kitchen, estate cars for clearing out the garage. The wardens are supplying glue for sticking down loose panels on the hall floor. This is a great opportunity for practical service. The church is a big area, but remember: many hands make light work!

Also on **Saturday 5th June**, Lucy Fonderson from the 2 p.m. service community will be holding a memorial service in the church from 2 p.m. for her dear elder brother William who passed away recently. All are welcome, and our thoughts and prayers go with her.

The **Destiny Africa Children's Choir** from Kampala will sing at the 2 p.m. service on Sunday 20th June. Everyone is warmly welcome to hear this programme of music and testimony.

The 7 p.m. service community has raised €576.90 to support the mission and ministry of **St Mary and Martha (St M and Ms) in Leuven**. The small community at St M and Ms have expressed their great appreciation for the support we have given them financially and in prayer.

The **Church Office** is seeking a volunteer to help out in the office over the summer months (weekday mornings of July and August) to cover holidays. This is a good opportunity for work experience for a student on holiday from school or university, or for someone looking for nice company for a few hours. Please contact the Church Office on 02/511 71 83 or admin@holyltrinity.be if you can help at all.

Change to car parking arrangement with our neighbours Q Park Please note that there has been a change of management next door and things do not operate as they did before. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience last Sunday. We now understand that that the "free" ticket received in church should be inserted first and then the ticket received when you entered the car park. This way there is no charge.

Holy Trinity cycle stand appeal. Cycling is an increasingly popular way to get to church. Can you help improve our cycle parking provision? We aim to raise €2,000 by end-July to buy and install three new 'cycle tubes'. Donations can be made to Holy Trinity's bank account: 310-1613905-08, IBAN: BE63 3101 6139 0508 with the communication "Cycle appeal," or cash donations can be put in an envelope marked 'cycle appeal' and put in the collection bag or given to an usher, warden or the treasurer. This appeal is part of the Church Council's strategy for a more environmentally-friendly church.

During Augustine Nwaekwe's recent trip to Nigeria, he led his home bishop's delegation to the Christoffel Blinden Mission in Abuja on 17th April. He visited the Akpodim Blind Centre in the company of Alexander Koistinen and made a presentation of the Bun Sunday donation (see photos in the lobby). On Sunday 25th, he preached at All Saints Cathedral in Port Harcourt. On Tuesday 27th, he led a seminar on "Aspects of pastoral care for people with special needs" for a group of 400 theology students at Trinity College Umuahia. He finally preached on May 2nd at the Anglican Chapel of the Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Owerri to around 1,800 students. This working holiday was very rewarding and fulfilling, and he gives many thanks for prayers and support while he was away.

David and Evelyn Baines left Brussels last month for Dallas, Texas to continue their software development work for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Holy Trinity was able to help fund their final expenses as they set out on the next phase of their journey in missionary service. You can find an important newsletter from the Baines on the church notice board. They ask us to pray especially for grace and stamina as they do lots of travelling and living out of suitcases this year, and that they would find a place to call 'home'.

Update on the roof works Final work is being carried out on the slate roofs and new ridge tiles. Improved access into the roof space is now substantially in place. The top of the masonry arch between nave and choir, where the cross hangs, has been consolidated. The flat roofs have also progressed. Whilst the bulk of the work is nearly done, some will continue until a Practical Completion meeting on Wednesday 2nd June.

The **St Gilles Home Group** will meet on Wednesdays leading up to the summer, initially studying "Plan Be" (about the Beatitudes), and then "Sex God" (about marriage within the Christian context in today's world of different types of union between people). Meetings will be held at Richard and Sally Steel's home from 8 p.m. Contact Sue Bird (0476/41 08 75) or Richard Steel (02/538 74 80) if you are interested.

Copies of Holy Trinity's new summer programme 2010 covering May to August are now available in the church lobby. Please take a copy and let Catherine in the church office know at admin@holytrinity.be if you find any additions or modifications. More copies will be printed as and when required.

Accommodation, modestly priced, wanted for young man with excellent references. Contact the Sansons on 02/733 03 90 if you can help.

Accommodation is also sought for a young single man, 27 years old, non-smoker, non-drinker, arriving in Brussels soon and seeking a Christian environment for a short while till he can establish himself. Please contact William Sedef on 0033/6 05 40 96 19 or william.sedef@gmail.com if you can help.

Dora Demaertelaere is looking for volunteers to help her sort out the secondhand book shop during the week. Please contact her on 0473/52 79 77 if you would like to help.

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 FCJ is organising an **Ignatian Individually Guided Retreat** from Friday 4th June at 8 p.m. –Sunday 6th June at 4 p.m. at La Pairelle Retreat Centre SJ, Wépion, Namur. Space for peace and quiet with God. Further information and on-line booking at <http://www.fcjcentre.be> or by email to fcj@fcjcentre.be or 0477/73 45 51.

The Korean Church of Brussels is holding their Annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday 5th June from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. The bazaar will feature various Korean foods, as well as second hand clothes, books and toys. See <http://www.koreanchurch.be> for more details.

The **International Christian Women's Cub of Brussels** invites you to a Garden Party "FANTasia" on Tuesday 8th June from 9.45 a.m. to 12 p.m. Details on the poster in the porch, or visit the web page <http://www.icwcb.org>.

A free prayer ministry workshop entitled "**Training on How to Pray for People**" led by Revd Charlie Newcombe (new Assistant Chaplain at the Link) will be held on Saturday 12th June from 8.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. at St Pauls Church Centre, Hoorneelstraat 24, Tervuren .For more information and bookings, please contact admin@stpaulstervuren.be

Teresa White of the FCJ is holding a session on **the book of Ruth on Saturday 12th June** from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. to reflect, study and discuss. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Donation of €20 suggested. Book by email to fcj@fcjcentre.be.

St Anthony's Parish Summer Fayre is taking place on Sunday 13th June from 1 p.m. until dusk. See poster in the porch for more details.

An afternoon of Circle Dancing led by Teresa White of the FCJ will be held on Sunday 20th June from 2.30–4.30 p.m. Donation of €7 suggested. Book by email to fcj@fcjcentre.be.

The Latymer School Chamber Orchestra and Choir from London will give a free concert at Holy Trinity at 8 p.m. on Saturday 24th July. More details will be provided shortly.

The **Vacation Bible School 2010**, for children aged 5–11, organised by IBC Brussels and St Paul's Tervuren from 23rd–27th August seeks volunteers. Contact Martina Wallace at martina.wallace@skynet.be if you would like to get involved.

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Newsletter items: to admin@holyltrinity.be by 9 a.m. on Tuesday..

Chaplain: Canon Dr. Robert Innes. **Associate Chaplain:** Canon Dr. Gary Wilton. **Assistant Chaplain:** The Revd. Augustine Nwaekwe. **Hon. Assistant Chaplain:** The Revd. Prof. James Day. **Pastoral Assistant:** Mrs. Janet Sayers.

Gift account for pledges and gifts to HTB, the **Clergy and Friends of HTB** is 310-0344153-83. **IBAN:** BE14 3100 3441 5383 **BIC:** BBRUBEBB