
Holy Trinity Newsletter

June 6th 2010 – Trinity 1

Today's Services: 09.00. Holy Communion James Day; 10.30 Holy Communion James Day; 14.00 Grace West; 19.00 Jonathan Mark

Our readings this week

1 Kings 17:17–end The stories of Elijah often point us to God's power to give and to withhold life. The faith of the widow of Zarephath, who had extended hospitality to Elijah by giving him her last morsel of food, is now challenged by the death of her son. Elijah shows that the Lord has the power to restore the situation beyond her hopes.

Galatians 1:11–end Paul has proclaimed the Christian gospel to the gentiles in a way that is new and challenging. He defends his proclamation on the grounds that he received it, not from men, but from God. This revelation changed him from one struggling to destroy the Christian church to one bringing Christ to the gentiles. Seeing the persecutor now leading the proclamation, the young church recognized the transforming hand of God at work.

Luke 7: 11–17 Jesus' raising of the son of the widow of Nain recalls the story of Elijah and the widow's son. Jesus "gave him to his mother", the very words used in 1 Kings. The people have noticed the parallel between Jesus and Elijah. When John the Baptist sends to ask if Jesus is the one who is to come, part of Jesus' answer is to tell him that "the dead are raised". It is God who has the power to give and to restore life.

Psalms 30 No-one should feel secure in her own strength. If God withdraws his care, dismay and disaster will follow. In the nick of time the psalmist cried to God and he responded. The tears of the night became joy in the morning. This psalm of praise, used at the re-dedication of the Temple after its defilement by Antiochus Epiphanes, and at the presentation of the first fruits, is appropriate for anyone plucked back from the brink of death.

Pointers for prayer

- When is it right to look for our security to God, when to human strength?
- Pray for all those who seem determined to oppose the Christian gospel. God can transform every situation;
- Pray for all who are facing bereavement to know that God's power can be at work in their lives, even beyond death.

At the Evening Service tonight, Jonathan Mark begins a new mini-series: "Letters to the Churches", with 'Ephesus', drawing on Revelation 2:1–7

Our life together

We extend a warm welcome to those worshipping at Holy Trinity today, both regular members and visitors alike. Please do stay for a cup of coffee or a drink from the bar after our 10.30 a.m. service downstairs in the hall. Our honorary Assistant Chaplain, James Day, will be our preacher today at our 10.30 a.m. service. **Robert Innes** is preaching at St Boniface Antwerp this morning where he is licensing Egbert van Groesen as Anglican prison chaplain.

Calling all buyers! Today there will be a small **plant sale** in aid of **Bun Sunday**. Next week, **Sunday 13th June**, will be the normal Bun Sunday with all the baked goodies for sale as well as more plants.

Bookstall – summer sale. Take some Christian reading on holiday with you! There is no bookstall today, but for the next two Sundays (13th and 20th June), many books will be at amazingly low prices (reduced to €10 or even €5!). After that there will be no bookstall until September. So this is your chance to stock up and ensure that you have something worth reading by your side over the summer. Bring a little extra cash and come and browse! Any queries, contact Ann Milton at ann.milton@belgacom.net.

The **Church Council** will meet in Church House at 8 p.m. on Monday 7th June.

The wedding of **Junko Kanno** and **Hiroyuki Yahamoto** will be conducted by Gary Wilton next Saturday 12th June at 10 a.m. for 10.30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

The baptism of **Olga Edwards** will take place next Sunday 13th June during the 10.30 a.m. service.

Members of Holy Trinity's choir will be joining choirs from all over the Arch-Deaconry for the annual **Choral Festival**, which is being held on Saturday 19th June in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. You are invited to go and support them. Details are given on the notice in the porch. Contact David Mitchell at precentor@hollytrinity.be if you are interested.

The **Destiny Africa Children's Choir** from Kampala will sing at the 2 p.m. service on Sunday 20th June. Come and listen as the children, aged between 8 and 16 years, share their dreams through a lively mix of contemporary and traditional African songs, drumming and dances. For more information on the choir, see <http://www.kampalachildren.com>.

Pete, Sarah and **Ella** are back from the Middle East and enjoyed seeing many of you at Holy Trinity two Sundays ago as well as at La Foresta last weekend. They will be giving a short update on their work at today's 10.30 a.m. service, and they hope to have a chance to catch up with others still over the coming month and thank the congregation for continuing to remember them in their prayers. To learn what they have been up to, hear stories of their local friends, find out how they go about their work and what will be happening when they go back out, please see the display board in the entrance hall and/or invite them to your home group. Tel: 0471/72 12 98 or contact Richard Steel on richard.steel@skynet.be.

Last weekend our church enjoyed a wonderful **house party at La Foresta**, which brought together people of all ages. It was both a relaxing and refreshing time together. The ceildh was particularly

appreciated. We warmly thank all those who organised and contributed to the weekend. We will be publishing photos on the web (<http://www.htbrussels.com>) soon.

What better way to end the service than with a nice cup of tea or coffee **in a proper cup!** As part of our drive to reduce waste and be more environmentally responsible, Holy Trinity's Council has recommended that we replace the plastic goblets (which end up in landfill) with the proper tea service that we already have. Not quite Royal Doulton, but a much better cuppa. In order not to add additional burdens on our hard-pressed coffee team – to whom we extend our thanks for sterling service– **we would like to recruit more volunteers to help serve tea and coffee and put cups in the dishwasher.** Any volunteers please make yourselves known at the coffee table on a Sunday morning. *Richard Steel.*

Petty cash box missing. Last week, between Tuesday 25th May and Wednesday 26th May, the petty cash box went missing from Church House. The police are investigating this apparent theft. If you have any information that would help their enquiries please contact David Sayers, the Cathedral Administrator at cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be or contact the police directly at Quartier Toison d'Or, rue du College 1, 1050 Brussels, or 02/515 71 70.

The **Church Office** is seeking volunteers 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@holytrinity.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 recent inconvenience. We now understand that that the "free" ticket received in church should be inserted first, followed by 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.

The 7 p.m. service community has raised €576.90 to support the 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.

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 arriving in Brussels soon and seeking a Christian environment until 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 **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 Reverend 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, Hoornzeelstraat 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 '**High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School**' for children aged 5–11, will set sail every morning from 23rd – 27th August at the International Baptist Church, Wezembeek–Oppem. See poster in porch or visit the website <http://www.ibcbrussels.org> (click 'events').

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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.

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