

Holy Trinity Newsletter

June 20th 2010 - Trinity 3

Today's Services: 09.00, Holy Communion Robert Innes; 10.30 Holy Communion Robert Innes; 14.00 Augustine Nwaekwe; 19.00 Gary Wilton

Our readings this week

Isaiah 65:1–9 Why has God not come to the aid of his people in exile? God's answer is that they were so self-sufficient, so full of their own answers to their problems, that they would not look to him or seek his help. Still God seeks to redeem his own, for he knows that among those who have no time for him are some who do care. For their sake, God will not abandon his people.

Galatians 3:23–29 Paul pictures life under the law as like children going to school and being punished for every error. The discipline controls them. But now faith has come through Christ. As children of God, we are free. In the Christian family, the harsh discipline has ended and traditional hierarchies have disappeared: we are all one in Christ, the true heirs of the covenant promise given to Abraham.

Luke 8:26–39 Across the lake from Galilee, a man possessed by demons, unclothed, having broken free of all restraint, dwells amongst the unclean tombs of the dead. He is more nearly dead than alive. Jesus distinguishes between the man and the demons. Driving the demons away, he restores the man to life. The local people ask Jesus to leave. He threatens their way – but is theirs a way of life, or a way of death?

Psalms 22:19–28 The first half of the psalm cries with all the pain and loneliness of one who feels abandoned by God. Yet in the second half, the psalmist perceives that God is not far off and pleads that he may come quickly to help. As he does so, he gains confidence. This psalm, which we associate with Jesus on the Cross, urges us to cry to God, to open our hearts to the love that will not let us go. If we do, we will have cause to proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn.

Pointers for prayer

- Is self-sufficiency an obstacle to my receiving the love of God?
- Do I know anyone who is half-dead? Pray that they may find the new, joyful life of Christ;
- Does my life proclaim my personal experience of God's righteousness?

At the Evening Service tonight, Gary Wilton continues the mini-series: "Letters to the Churches", with 'Pergamum', drawing on Revelation 2:12–17

Our life together

A warm welcome to Holy Trinity to visitors and regular members of our church alike! Our 10.30 a.m. service today is one of celebration and renewed commitment. We are especially thanking God and the Brussels civic authorities for the completion of our roof works and the wonderful new church roofs. Also, Guy Milton will be encouraging stewardship commitment. And after the service, weather permitting, we will be gathering in the courtyard for drinks. Home group leaders, and leaders of other ministries, will be taking the opportunity to encourage you to get involved in some aspect of our church's life.

Dr. Andrew Graydon is a United Reformed Church Lay Preacher. His ministry is recognised by our own church under ecumenical agreements. Andrew has already given freely and graciously of his time and energy both to our church and to Anglican churches at Leuven and Charleroi. At our 10.30 a.m. service today, we have the opportunity formally to welcome his ministry.

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Charles Le Jeune**.

Calling all buyers! There are some more **bedding plants** for sale from the table in the courtyard.

Today many books will be at amazingly low prices on the bookstall after the 10.30 a.m. service. After that, there will be no bookstall until September.

This afternoon the **Destiny Africa Children's Choir** from Kampala will sing at the 2 p.m. service. 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, see <http://www.kampalachildren.com>.

This evening (20th June) at 6 p.m., **Canon Ray Jones** celebrates his last service at St. Georges Church Ypres. Ray has been a much loved and respected priest. Over his time in Belgium he has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors to St. George's, from school parties to royalty. Several folk from Holy Trinity will be attending his farewell service.

Goodbye to Markus Kankanpaa. Markus will complete his internship with Gary Wilton this next week. Please pray for him and his finance Nicole as they are married on 10th July before moving to England to serve as a Youth Minister at ChristChurch Lowestoft. Please would you pray also for the appointment of his successor. The interviews are this week.

The chaplain, **Robert Innes**, will be away from Brussels from Friday 25th June to Friday 2nd July. Robert is attending his daughter Ruth's graduation in Cambridge, preaching at his former parish in Durham, and then giving several talks at a clergy conference for the Durham Diocese.

Gary Wilton will be away from Holy Trinity from 26th June to 17th July. He will be preaching at St Andrews Histon before representing Holy Trinity Brussels at the ICS Chaplains Conference. From 4th July to 17th July, the Wilton family will be on holiday.

The next Confirmation Class will be on Saturday 26th June at 2 p.m. Contact Augustine Nwaekwe at augistine.nwaekwe@holyltrinity.be if you are interested in joining this.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the **Church Cleaning day** on 5th June. Some 40 people helped to clean the church walls and pews, corridor walls, brass plates, the entrance hall, outside toilet, main hall and many high level windows. The event was a massive success and

surprisingly good fun. We hope that everyone can see and smell the improvement in the cleanliness of our premises!

In order to be considerate to fellow worshippers, please can you take care to **switch off your mobile phone when you come into church?** Also, we do appreciate that parents find grapes or biscuits a helpful distraction for small children – but we try to discourage food and drink in church, so can we ask you to be discreet?

We are reinstating the **10.30 a.m. prayer ministry** with slightly changed practical arrangements. Members of the prayer team will be available to pray with you after the service, but will not be standing by the side altar. If there is something for which you would like individual prayer, please see one or two of the people in our prayer team, who will be delighted to pray with you. You will find a list of names with photos on the notice board. If you cannot easily identify anyone, please have a word with one of the clergy or ushers. They will link you with one of the prayer team. Additional volunteers would be most welcome. If you would like to volunteer for this important ministry, please have a word with an existing member of the team.

Parking arrangements have changed again!We are sorry to tell you that QPark have decided that the free parking arrangement will only work if you introduce the "free" ticket first and then the access ticket at the exit barrier. Please advise David Sayers if you have problems at 0475/83 92 45 or email cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be.

The **Church Office** is still seeking volunteers to help out in the office over the summer months (weekday mornings of July and August) to cover holidays. Please contact the Church Office on 02/511 71 83 or admin@holytrinity.be if you can help at all.

Holy Trinity's mission focus this month is Pete and Sarah. Together with their baby Ella, they are back from the Middle East. To learn what they have been up to, please see the display board in the entrance hall and/or invite them to your home group. Call 0471/72 12 98 or contact Richard Steel on richard.steel@skynet.be.

At the end of May, the **petty cash box went missing from Church House.** If you have any information that would help the police with their ongoing enquiries, please contact David Sayers at cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be or the police directly at Quartier Toison d'Or, rue du College 1, 1050 Brussels, or 02/515 71 70.

In order **to improve security** we now have new CCTV cameras and 24 hour recording of images. All areas of our site are covered.

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.

Also as part of our drive to be more environmentally responsible, we are replacing the plastic goblets with the proper tea service that we already have. **We are now looking to recruit more**

volunteers to help serve tea and coffee and put the cups in the dishwasher. Any volunteers please make yourselves known at the coffee table on a Sunday morning.

Adrian Dobbs, who worshipped at Holy Trinity in the mid 1990's, would like to tell everyone who remembers him that he is marrying **Gemma Wall** on 24th July at St Mary's Church Woolpit (Suffolk, UK) and would be delighted for anyone to attend. Contact Adrian on a.dobbs@qmul.ac.uk for full details or just to catch up on his news.

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

Exodus Vision is holding a benefit evening on Saturday 3rd July in the Church Hall from 6–9 p.m. For the past three years, Exodus Vision has been helping refugees in camps around Africa. For further information, contact Frieda Mukanyangezi on 0472/44 94 27 or friedamuk@yahoo.fr or Eric Mandela on 0488/47 51 16.

Serve the City wants to give everyone the chance to serve the homeless, asylum seekers, children, the disabled, the elderly and victims of abuse during their big volunteer week on 3–10th July. Sign up at <http://www.servethecity.be>. Please contact Sarah Ironside at 0485/32 36 47 should you wish to host a visiting volunteer for lunch on Sunday 4th July.

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').

This year's weekend away at **Chassepierre** in the Ardennes will take place from **Friday 10th to Sunday 12th September**. This is an opportunity for anyone who wants to relax in beautiful countryside and get to know other members of Holy Trinity better. Various activities will be on offer, such as canoeing and cycling. Registration forms will be available shortly. Contact Libbie Schilz for more information at libbieconroy@hotmail.com.

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Newsletter items: to admin@holytrinity.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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