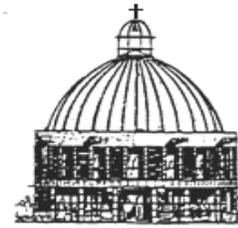
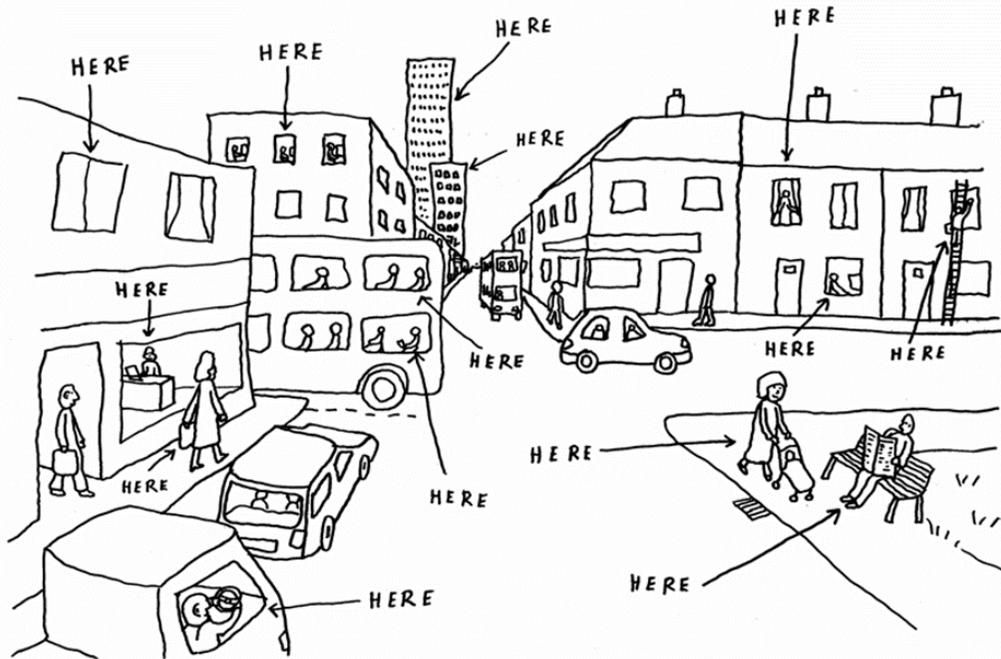


WHERE THE CHURCH IS



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 14th August 2016

12th after Trinity

HYMNS TODAY - 582, 507, 337 and 181.

President: Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome in our worship today. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask and we will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal- but we hope relaxed-as we come to worship God in our midst. Please do join us for coffee after the service. Large Print Service Books available.

For the second Sunday in a row, the lectionary features a poetic text from Isaiah with a strong emphasis on social justice. Today's passage suggests that the establishment of a just society was the single desired outcome of God's relationship with Israel and Judah. By failing to achieve this, they have both angered and grieved God.

1st Reading— Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the

Services during the week 15th August 2016

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| Monday | No prayers |
| Tuesday | 8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel |
| Wednesday | 7.00pm Prayers for the life of the Parish 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel |
| Thursday | 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel |
| Friday 19th | 2.30pm Tea and Chat |
| Sunday 21st August | 8.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Sung Eucharist |

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house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Our Second reading continues our series of readings the letter to the Hebrews. Today we continue to focus on faith. In today's passage the faithful of Israel's past provide the encouragement this congregation needs to keep running their own race of faith.

2nd Reading— Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Our Gospel reading today is Luke 12: 49-56 is a difficult one to hear. With all of the divisiveness present in society these days, it seems like the last thing we need is a gospel text that seemingly encourages more division. On the face of it, Jesus calls for or predicts that very thing. Yet, there are certainly other interpretations .

Situated inside the entire section, there is ample evidence to suggest that Jesus is setting the stage for the eventual outcome of his ministry and what that means for those who follow him.

This particular section can be looked at as having three different parts. The first is a quick summary of his ministry and its eventual end; following this is a discussion of the effects the gospel might have on anyone who follows him, and finally, a warning from Jesus about our willingness to hear and see only what we want to.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. If you use envelopes, or would like envelopes they are currently available for collection.

Laurence's Larder and Soup Kitchen

We are encouraged to bring a can of food each week, we can collectively help a great deal of people! There is a list available at the back of the church. The Larder has changed its serving hours on a Tuesday and a Thursday from 11am till 2pm. We are currently looking for drivers who might collect donated items from the bakery each week.

Transition Town Exhibit in Rotunda

Old Stories for New Times: inspiration for living sustainably was a project developed with older people who lived in the Kilburn, Queens Park and Willesden areas of London during the 1960s, 50s, 40s and 30s. Some of the panels are now hanging in the Rotunda and will be installed until about the 19th August.

Summer Services

From the 1st August until 1st September there will be **No Morning Prayer** on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. There will still be a **Said Mass at 8.30am on Tuesday's and 7.30pm on Wednesday's**. And we will have **Morning Prayer on Thursday 8.30am**.

Today Fr Laurence is preaching in Ealing.

For our Prayers— Peter, Trish, Viola, Liz and Lionel, Jean, Jane, Cleo, Yvonne, John, Rueben, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, Paula, Alice and Ruth; **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time**— Lionel Gubbins, Fredrick Grant , Marjorie Bray , Melvina Akers and Theodora Gordon

