

## Christian Aid Week (Month)

Christian Aid Week 2016 runs from 14– 20 May—*A week to love every neighbour*. We will be collecting as St Anne's and St Andrew's with retiring offerings over the next few weeks. Please take an envelop and return in the coming weeks.

## LIFC Seminars

Beginning April 26th, on the theme of "Christians reading the scriptures of World Religions; How do we encounter The Other through sacred texts?". Time 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Each week, with a variety of presenters, we will introduce the scriptures of a different world religion. (*not on this week 17th May*)



**For our Prayers**— Estelle, Jeremy, Hildegard, John Q, Jessie T, Frances, Trish, Cleo, Fred, Floret, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, and Ruth **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** Priscilla Morton, Pearline Laurencin, Jermaine Morris, Walter Clark and Eweton Hawkes

### Services during the week 7th May 2017

*Note: no morning prayer this week on Monday.*

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| <b>Tuesday</b>     | <b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel<br><b>6pm</b> Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel<br><b>7pm</b> Silent Prayer in Trinity Chapel<br><b>7.30pm</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel |
| <b>Thursday</b>    | <b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel<br><b>6pm</b> Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel   |
| <b>Friday</b>      | <b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel<br><b>10am</b> My Move<br><b>2.30pm</b> Tea and Chat  |
| <b>Sunday 14th</b> | <b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel<br><b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School  |

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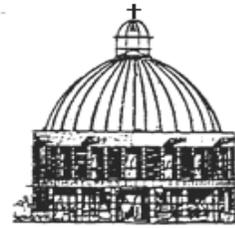
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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 14th May 2017**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**HYMNS TODAY** - 96, 634, 777 and 97

**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.*

### Our first reading.

Throughout the Easter season we here from the Book of Acts. Acts 6-7 functions as a pivot point in Acts. Before these chapters, the church is centered in Jerusalem. After them, the church moves out of Judea led by the Hellenistic Jews chosen as deacons in Acts 6. Stephen is one of these; and this is the story of Stephen's martyrdom.

### 1st Reading— Acts 7: 55-end

*But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.*

### Our Second reading

This week as we continue our reading from first Peter, we hear another exaltation from Peter—to desire what will bring about their growth, especially the Lord Jesus himself. Peter wants them to reshape themselves in the new identity of faith.



## **2nd Reading— 1 Peter 2: 2-10**

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

**Our Gospel reading today** is John 14:1-14 and is the promise of the hope of resurrection. The setting is Jesus’ farewell address at his last supper with his disciples. Jesus has washed his disciples’ feet and has explained to them what this means (13:1-20). He has foretold his betrayal by Judas, and Judas has slipped out into the night (13:21-30). He has told his disciples that he will be with them only a little while longer, and that where he is going, they cannot come (13:33). He has also foretold Peter’s imminent denial (13:36-38). No wonder the disciples are troubled. Their beloved teacher is leaving them, one of their own has turned against them, and the stalwart leader among the disciples is said to be on the cusp of a great failure of loyalty. It is as though the ground is shifting beneath their feet. Jesus responds to the anxiety of his disciples by saying, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me” (14:1). Jesus calls them back to this fundamental relationship of trust and assures them that he is not abandoning them. Jesus promises to be with us through the power of the Spirit, to work in and through us to accomplish his purposes in the world. This does not necessarily happen in easily visible, spectacular ways. Yet wherever there is healing, reconciling, life-giving work happening, this is the work of God. Wherever there is life in abundance, this is Jesus’ presence in our midst.

## **Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary**

### **Finance—St Anne’s**

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present our average congregational giving continues to be £2000—this means we are a little short each month. Please consider setting up a Standing Order to manage your giving. Forms and information are available in the entrance, or you can speak with Michael .

*A huge thank you to all who have revised their giving already!!*

### **Laurence’s Larder and Food Bank**

The Larder is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-1.30pm. Volunteers are also to help with preparation and Asylum Seekers between 10– 1pm on Wednesdays. We are still asked to bring in a can a week—and while everything is welcome we particularly need **‘tinned fish’**.

### **Thy Kingdom Come**

Is a Global time of prayer led by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to pray in the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. This year there are lots of resources available to help us prayer during this period. There are links to these on the parish website. In Brent we are advertising different prayer events in coming weeks. Here at St Anne’s we will have a special event on Wednesday 31st May. Chapel will be open for prayer from 3pm, with prayer stations, then there will be a focused mediation from 6pm to the start of Mass at 7.30pm. We will focus these 5 hours on praying for God’s Kingdom—a kingdom of peace and justice for all.

### **Annual ‘Tea/Pimms with the Vicar’ Garden afternoon**

Save the date—Sunday 4th June from 2pm—5pm come and enjoy the Vicarage Garden and some tea & scones; or maybe even a glass of Pimms!

### **Open Society Under Threat? A Warning from History**

Conversation at St Paul’s Cathedral on Tuesday 16th May from 6.30– 8pm, register for tickets at [opensociety.eventbrite.com](https://www.opensociety.eventbrite.com) Speakers include Dr Rowan Williams, Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss GBE, Professor Kurt Barling, Professor Maiken Umbach with a response from Professor Lord Stern.

### **Adult Learning at St Paul’s Cathedral**

*The God who Speaks: the Bible and Holy Spirit today*—Who is the Holy Spirit, and what happens if we take the Spirit’s presence in our lives seriously? With Kate Coleman and Paula Gooder Tuesday 6 June 6.30 - 8pm FREE but guarantee your seat by booking.

**Fr Laurence is on leave until 21st May.**