

St Andrew's and LIFC News

The Rev'd Dr John Parry has been appointed as the New Minister for St Andrew's and will also be Co-Director of London Inter Faith Centre with Fr Laurence. John's appointment is 'House for Duty' which means he will only be here part-time, roughly 2 days a week, and 2 Sunday's a month. This is different to the arrangement with Rev Maggie who was full time.

Rev John's Welcome Service will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th October here at St Anne's and St Andrew's. It would be great to have a good congregation on that evening, so if you were able to attend that would be great. We will also be looking for a few helpers to assist in serving refreshments afterwards.

Religion and the Nation; a six week course looking at how Religion is interacting with Politics and Society in the UK - commencing 4th October.



For our Prayers— Lois, Rev. Jane, Gale, Yaa, Estelle, Jeremy, John Q, Floret, Trish, Cleo, Bob, Marguerite and Ruth **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Eddie Wright.

Services during the week 17th September 2017

Monday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Tuesday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel 6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Wednesday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7pm Quiet Prayer 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Sunday 24th Harvest	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass

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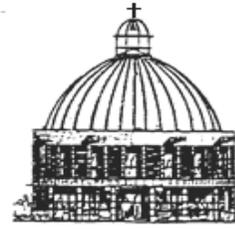
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 17th September 2017

14th after Trinity

HYMNS TODAY - 334, 237, 623, 413 and 422

President Fr Laurence **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.

Our first reading.— After the plagues finally the Israelites leave Egypt with Moses. Today we hear one of the most famous stories of Exodus.

1st Reading— Exodus 14: 19-end

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at

dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Our Second reading : As Paul continues to outline the virtues of Christian living he today reminds us not to judge one another.

2nd Reading— Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Our Gospel reading today is Matthew 18: 21-35. What might the practice of limitless forgiveness look like in a modern capitalist economy? Is it even possible? The economy of forgiveness Jesus announces is congruent neither with the values and assumptions that govern human economies nor the relentless pursuit of power and privilege that drives our daily social relationships. Matthew's Jesus seems to tell us that God's forgiveness has necessary limits, but perhaps these are the limits we set. The unforgiving slave brings judgment on himself by treating his own forgiveness as a license to execute judgment

on others. He thus transforms a merciful king into a vengeful judge. The problem lies not with the king, or even by analogy with God, but with the world the slave insists on constructing for himself, under which terms his fate is now set. With whom, and to what systems, do we bind ourselves each day?

**Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary
Clergy Update**

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present our average congregational giving almost hits this target. With gift aide—in July we did do this. *A huge thank you to all who have revised their giving already!!*

Confirmation at St Paul's Cathedral

Twice a year there is opportunity for parishes to present candidates for confirmation at St Paul's Cathedral. This semester this will take place on **Saturday 4th November at 5pm**. Classes have commenced. Please pray for Eryk, Jayda and Elianna as they prepare for this sacrament. You are all welcome to come to the Cathedral.

PCC meeting

will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th September. Please pray for our deliberations.

WWI History Project Group

Those work on researching WWI will meet on Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm here at the church.

Queens Park Day—TODAY

You are all welcome to come over to the park—especially towards the end when people are tired and we have to tidy up. Also, do come along and purchase something from our stall—& bring your friends!

Gardening Group

We have allowed our gardening team to wind down, but we need to have a 'big prune and tidy' once the Autumn begins. We will have a garden morning on Saturday 14th October from 10am—noon. Please if you are able—come and help!! No experience required. If you have them, please bring your own gloves.

Harvest Festival

We will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th September, please start bringing in non-perishable items, especially meals in a can, tuna, long life milk, coffee, tea bags, toiletries which we can use for harvest display and then will go to Laurence's Larder. If you have other Harvest Goods you would like to bring on the day that's great !