

**National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor**  
 Will take place on Saturday 15th October. We are invited to walk to Westminster and participate in the Festival Eucharist at 11:30. Further details will follow, but day includes opportunities for foot washing on arrival as well as lecturers. Make sure the date is in your diary. I think we will need to leave at about 8.30am.

**LIFC events**

**Shared Meditation Series**—continues on **TODAY** at 6pm looking at the tradition developed by Thomas Keating, *Centering Prayer*. This session is presented by our very own Cathy Hillman.

**Sunday October 9th** at 4.00pm, we have a visit from a peacemaking group from the Holy Land, The Abrahamic Reunion.



**For our Prayers**— for all starting University this week, Peter, Trish, Viola, Liz and Lionel, Jean, Jane, Cleo, 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**—

Eddie Wright and Betty Dass.

**Services during the week 18th September 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>7pm</b> Prayers for the Parish in Trinity Chapel <b>7.30pm</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>10am</b> My Moves
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer
<b>September</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist

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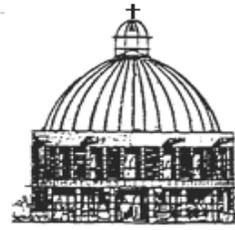
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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 18th September 2016**

**17th after Trinity**

**HYMNS TODAY** - 677 , 6, 687 and 201

**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.*

Today we continue to hear from the prophet Jeremiah. In this week's passage, Jeremiah exhibits a confidence in his relationship with God. Often as Christians, we edit our prayers to God. We speak frankly to friends, advisors, and paid professionals, but we don't speak frankly to God. Jeremiah holds nothing back from God and models a prayer life of both praise and lament.

**1st Reading— Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1**

*My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?') 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!*

**Our Second reading** from the first letter to Timothy consists of two units. First, the author requests prayer for those in leadership positions. Second, the author makes the theological statement that there is only one God, and that Jesus Christ is a mediator and saved humans through his atoning death. Last week, the author of 1 Timothy drew upon Paul's call as an introduction to the letter. Now, he will once again draw upon Paul's story to conclude a point rather than introduce it. In addition, 1 Timothy draws us to the heights of power in a world dominated by Roman imperial might to see what true power looks like and to observe how the powerful and the lowly are wrapped up together in God's embrace.

### **2nd Reading— 1 Timothy 2: 1-7**

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.*

**Our Gospel reading today** is Luke 16: 1-13. In today's gospel Jesus says you can serve either God or Mammon, but not both. Mammon serves as a personification for the acquisition of wealth, the "most common god on earth," according to Martin Luther. We sometimes forget that charging interest on loans was forbidden in the Bible because it exploited the vulnerable poor. We pray in the Lord's Prayer "Forgive us our debts." But when we encounter a debt collector who actually reduces poor people's debts by 20% to 50% -- namely, reducing their debts to what was probably the original amount borrowed, without hidden interest charges -- our first instincts are to judge him. Today's Gospel in many ways is a lesson in first century accounting. It is also a hard Gospel for us on a day when we will spend the remainder of our time selling on the Lord's Day to allow our church to survive. In Luke, the joy of the Gospel is the joy of God's healing of relationships, including economic relationships. Jesus repeatedly warns that we cannot be disciples while accumulating wealth at the expense of the poor. It is not wrong for us to raise funds—but we must use these funds to bring justice!

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

***We ask God's blessing on today—and on Queens Park Day!***

### **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**

With a big thank you for all the time, energy and support you have given to Saint Laurence's Larder and Open Kitchen - Without your donations we certainly couldn't have been able to feed over 3000 people in just 10 months!!! The Larder re-opened on Thursday 8th September with new opening hours of 10am-1.30pm.

We are still asked to bring in a can a week. We have also been asked to consider if we could choose one type of food—for example one church is bringing only long-life milk. We have been asked if we might be the **'tinned fish'** church!

Thank you too, to Ruth, Bob, Simon and Rhona who are going to collect bread on our behalf and deliver to the Larder. If you also offered please do tell Mo C.

### **Harvest Festival**

We will celebrate Harvest Festival on **Sunday 2nd October** with a Joint Service with St Andrew's at **10.30am**. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch!! Please plan to stay for lunch. We also will be collecting for Laurence's Larder—so please start bringing item which we can donate and also be part of our display.



**Queens Park Day is TODAY!!** We need lots of help. Working on stalls, relieving others, helping to take things over or bring them back. Just turn up and say 'I'm here to help!'

### **St Paul's Cathedral Forums**

St Paul's new booklet of Adult Learning events has arrived and is available. There are some great events coming up. There is poster and flyers available in the Rotunda. The next event is The Beauty and the Horror: Searching for God in a Suffering World on Tuesday 11 October 2016 | 6.30 - 8pm. Tickets are free but need to be booked online.