

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday this year is the 1st March. On that day there will be a Said Mass at 8.30am, then a Sung Mass at 7.30pm. Ash Wednesday is a 'Holy Day of Obligation' - that means it is a day we should come to church and pray together! If you can't make a service here, look at what time services are on near where you work.

There will be resources available from next Sunday to support our Lenten journey. Lent activities will include:

40bags in 40 days—declutter parts of our life during the 40 days

Rosary Prayers —7pm Wednesdays from 8th, before Mass at 7.30.

Lent Retreat—Saturday 1st April from 9.30— 4pm here. There will be focused meditation and reflection as well as much silence. A simple lunch will be provided. Please sign up in church. Cost £5

Stations of the Cross—Sunday 5th March & 2nd April at 5 pm

For our Prayers— Hildegard, John Q, Maggie and John, Huda, Jessie T, Frances, Trish, Cleo, Chief John, Fred, Floret, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, and Ruth **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Sidney Hinks (Priest), Charles Dodd (Priest) and Doris Paterson.



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 19th February 2017

2nd before Lent

HYMNS TODAY - 510, 123, 19 and 435

President Fr Laurence **Preacher** Mo C with Sarah Reynolds

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.

Services during the week 19th February 2017

Monday 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Tuesday 8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel

Wednesday 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel

Thursday 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Friday 10am My Move

Sunday 26th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

Wednesday 1st March—Ash Wednesday

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Today we hear one of the versions of the creation story as recorded in Genesis. It is a beautiful story to listen to, giving a creation rhythm.

1st Reading— Genesis 1: 1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day....thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Our Second reading

We return this week to the letter to the Romans. Chapters 5-8 of Paul's epistle to the Romans are practically a self-contained meditation on the operation of grace. Though many other notes are sounded in these four chapters of the letter, the overriding tone is that of grace.

2nd Reading— Romans 8: 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Our Gospel reading today is Matthew 6: 25-end in which we hear a great deal about putting trust in God and not worrying about tomorrow. Society has changed a great deal since the time of Jesus. Definitions of poverty, wealth, and the good life are much different today than they were then. Jesus is not calling us all to abandon our lives and move to the desert to join a monastery. Rather, he is addressing the basis for excessive worry and anxiety that can result from a life separated from God. The text calls us to a different set of values, different priorities. The life of discipleship is characterized by a life that is singular in its pursuit of God. It does not mean that we will not acquire possessions or need food, clothing etc. Rather, that our priorities are that God affirms—that sustain the life of the community—that bring justice for all. Today we will hear about the needs of those in our local community through the work of **Salusbury World**. Our giving, support and love for our neighbours is part of this God centred life God calls us too. Stop worrying about what might happen and make a difference today in the way you live out your faith is another way of reading Jesus message to his disciples, and to us today! One way to do this is in our support of those whose need is greater than our own.

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 is £2000—this means we a little short each month. If you are new to St Anne's, or have not previously thought about it, 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 or a member of the PCC.

St Anne's Charities 2017

The PCC each year reviews our charitable giving as a church community. Our current charities are:

Laurence's Larder—who we support with donations and volunteers. **St Mungo's**—who we support with gift boxes at Christmas. **Salusbury Gambia Project**—who we support through My Move donations. **Salusbury World**—who we support with funding and also other requests from time to time. **Lent Charity** which in 2017 will be ALMA. From time to time we will also provide information about other projects members of our community are working on. Though we have made a commitment to not ask for any other money, we might provide information of ways to help. **Today we will hear about the work of Salusbury World, how our support helps and ways we might be involved. Huge thank you to Sarah for being with us today.**

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'**.

The Book of Acts: Inter Faith Perspectives

A six week interactive seminar in which we will explore the background and context to the writing of the Book of Acts, and look at some of the key passages in relation to Christian relations with people of other world faiths. Wednesday afternoons 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm—Beginning Wednesday February 15th.

Electoral Roll and APCM

The Church Electoral Roll is really the list of names of people who are members of the parish. Please check you are on it! Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on be 26th March 2017.