

## Lent Retreat

This year on Saturday 1st April we will have a Quiet Day/ retreat at St Anne's. There will be focused meditation and reflection as well as much silence. We will start at 9.30—4pm. A simple lunch will be provided. Please sign up in church. Cost £5

**40 bags in 40 days**—allows us to reflect on what is necessary in our lives. Allow what you choose to inform your prayer life—what does our clutter tell us about our relationship with God? How might God inform our living in the days ahead?



**For our Prayers**— Estelle, Jane, Jeremy, Hildegard, John Q, Huda, Jessie T, Frances, Trish, Cleo, Fred, Floret, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, and Ruth **For those who have died recently** including Chief John **and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including John Freeman, Peggy Randall and Charles Patrick Follett.

### Services during the week 19th March 2017

<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>6pm</b> No Evening Prayer today due to other events
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>7pm</b> Rosary is Said <b>7.30pm</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>6pm</b> Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel <b>10am</b> My Move <b>6pm</b> Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Mothering</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11am</b> APCM

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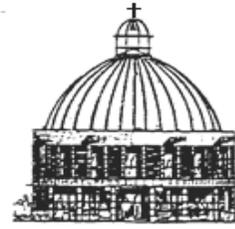
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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 19th March 2017**

## Lent 3

**HYMNS TODAY** - 223, 715, 275 and 425

**President** Mo Christine **Preacher** Fr Laurence

*During Communion we listen to When All Is Forgiven (Ashana)*

*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.*

**Today** we journey to Exodus. Exodus begins with the Israelites living as slaves in Egypt. The story says God saw their suffering, and sent Moses to bring them out of Egypt with much fanfare, over the Red Sea, and into the desert. The desert stories tend to be critical toward the Israelites, emphasizing their disagreeableness and anger, their bitterness toward Moses, and yet they are under immense stress as they move home with no employment, and in a sense are a displaced people.

### 1st Reading— Exodus 17: 1-7

*From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said*

*to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'*

### **Our Second reading**

Paul is writing to a disparate collection of churches that he had not visited rather than churches he founded. He wrote to encourage and hold people to faith in Christ. Paul wanted them to recognize, as he did, that there is one God and one Lord.

### **2nd Reading— Romans 5: 1-11**

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

*For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

**Our Gospel reading today** is John 4: 5-42. John 4 represents the founding narrative for the presence of a considerable number of Samaritans in the Johannine community. It points to the diversity among the early Christian communities, and it legitimizes the discipleship of women. It is presented in the form of a dialogue between Jesus and a woman of Samaria. Both are embedded in two different ethnic and religious groups, which provide the backdrop for

their conversation. These two groups are the disciples and the Samaritan villagers. In this story, Jesus overcomes exclusiveness and builds community through inclusiveness. What might this story say to our Lenten pilgrimage, and the issues we encounter this week?

### **Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary Finance—St Anne's**

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**— in February we hit our target—THANKYOU! 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.

### **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'**.

### **APCM**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on be 26th March 2017. We will need to elect members of the Church Council, as well as appoint those who assist on a Sunday morning. It is also your chance to hear about the work of the parish in the past year. If you can, please do come. The meeting takes place after church, starting at 11am, and usually takes about 1 hour. **Nominations form are now available for those wishing to stand!**

### **LIFC News**

**Inter Faith Book Group** - 21st March from 12.30—2pm will be reflecting on Helen Dunmore's Book—The Siege.

**Silence for Peace** Tuesday 21st March; 5-6pm in the Rotunda.

**Marylebone Scriptural Reasoning**—March 21st from 6.30pm—9pm. Come and join Jews, Christians and Muslims as we discuss texts from the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament and the Quran on the subject of Betrayal.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Meditation on the stations: **2nd April at 5 pm**

### **Praying the Rosary as we consider the story of the Passion**

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, starting on the 8th March we will say the from 7pm—7.25pm, prior to Mass.