

## Retirement of the Bishop of London

Bishop Richard will retire at Candlemas. To mark his retirement we are asked to participate in 2 ways:

1. We are all invited to **attend a special service at Candlemas** – at St Paul's Cathedral on Candlemas, 2 February 2017. The Cathedral will be open from 1700 and everyone is asked to be seated by 1745. The Bishop has asked that each parish is represented. Seats will not be allocated, so just line up!
2. A **Special Fund—The Richard Chartres Fund** to invest in initiatives that will grow the church, provide buildings that are fit for purpose for communities, support young people and invest in education and innovation; aligned with Capital Vision 2020 objectives. There will be a retiring offering after each service during January if you would like to contribute to this fund in honour of Bishop Richard.

**For our Prayers**— John and Lucia, John, Trish, Liz, Florence, Rev. Jane, Cleo, Chief John, Fred, Floret, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, Paula, Alice and Ruth; **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Sidney Hinks and Don Hawkes



### Services during the week 1 January 2017

<b>Monday</b>	<i>No Services</i>
<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>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 Move <b>2.30pm</b> Tea and Chat
<b>Sunday 8 Epiphany</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School

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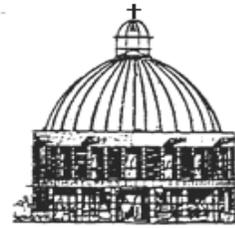
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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 1st January 2017**

## Naming of Jesus

**HYMNS TODAY** - 409, 782, 39 and 2

**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.*

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

**Our** first reading comes from the book of Numbers and is a promise—that is a blessing. The year begins with a benediction! This familiar benediction has long been used by the church (and Jewish communities) to conclude services of worship. But it is wise to remember that this blessing stands at both the beginning and end of our life with God and in the world. That this text is chosen for the "name of Jesus" Sunday is especially appropriate. In Jesus Christ, the "name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9), the Christian community encounters the gracious face of God in an unsurpassable way. This benediction is a deeply appropriate way to being the service of Christian worship in God's name to a gathered conclusion.

### 1st Reading— Numbers 6: 22-end

*The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.*

## **Our Second reading**

The second reading is from the letter to the Galatians. The choice of this text as a reading for during the on-going celebration of Christmas is appropriate. In four verses, Paul describes in succinct prose the salvific design of the Christ event. The second phrase that is of interest is found in Galatians 4:5. The Incarnation occurred “in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.” One is tempted here to assume that Paul is referring to Jews when he refers to “those who were under the law.” Many interpreters do. The problem, however, is that Paul is writing to Gentiles. The “we” here must at least include Gentiles. There is a richness of inclusion in this text which is often overlooked and misquoted!

### **2nd Reading— Galatians 4: 4-7**

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.*

**Our Gospel reading today** is from Luke 2: 15-21—Jesus is named. The angel has named Jesus as the one who accomplishes the glory of God. Jesus is of the house of David; he is Saviour; he is Messiah; and he is Lord. Mary accepts this name and so this will be the message proclaimed for generations to follow. More than the sign of the promise of peace, God's salvation is made available to all humankind. The heritage of Israel, the one who restores wholeness to all the world, the long-expected anointed one who demonstrates the present in-breaking of the reign of God. Indeed a child has been born, found in the very place to which the shepherds were sent. The promises of the messenger Gabriel are unfolding as announced. The credibility of his words lends credibility to his declaration that the one born will be Ancient Israel's awaited Messiah. Born as promised, his identification can be accepted. Naming God as faithful, the shepherds depart. Still the ministry and its fulfilment are yet anticipated. Such was the miracle of Christmas. Familiar anticipation paralleled with signs of doubt, fear, and wonder. The agent of God is born in Bethlehem, the House of David, the Shepherd-King. "His name shall stand forever. That name to us is love."

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

### **Happy New Year**

Welcome on this first Sunday of the New Year. May God bless each of us in the coming year and in our life as a parish together.



### **A Huge Thank you!!**

A huge thank you to everyone for all your help in making a Advent and Christmas celebrations such a success. For everyone who arranged and cleaned, delivered leaflets, cooked and served food and drink, helped in services, welcomed our guests and those who encouraged us. It really was team effort and we should be very proud of what we achieved. Thank you—you were amazing. In the 24hours of Christmas over 130 adults and 40 children worshiped with us—and that is something to celebrate.

### **And Thank you...**

Mo Christine and Fr Laurence would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas. We pray that 2014 will bring you hope . We would like to express our thanks for the cards and wishes we have received.

### **Giving Tree**

A huge thank you to all who made contributions under the giving tree—both to St Mungo's and also to St Anne's. We were very generous as a community and it will assist us in our further mission during 2017.

### **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.

### **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 between 10– 1pm on Wednesdays. 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. We have been asked if we might be the **'tinned fish'** church!