

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you for all your contributions for Harvest Festival today, and throughout the year to Laurence's Larder—it really is appreciated. Thanks too, for those who help collect bread and other items from the Bakery each week.

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. 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 Josephine Kennedy, Dolly Martin, Victor Chapman, Rowena Griffiths and Margaret Heath.

Services during the week 1st October 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
Sunday 8 Oct 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
9.30am Sung Mass

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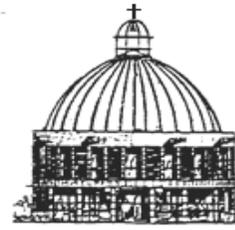
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 1st October 2017

16th after Trinity

HYMNS TODAY - 150, 507, 556 and 638

President Fr Laurence Preacher Fr Laurence

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.— Today we hear the anguish of those who cannot see the evidence of God as they suffer in a difficult environment. It is a question that many of us may have asked at different points in our lives—where is God in this?

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 : In this passage, Paul's rhetorical purpose is primarily to give a pattern of thinking and living for believers in Philippi -- one grounded in the way of Jesus.

2nd Reading— Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Our Gospel reading today is Matthew 21: 23-32. Matthew highlights Jesus' authority as a central, albeit contested issue throughout the Gospel (for example, Matthew 7:28-29, 9:32-34, 12:24, 28:18).

Matthew is not content, however, with the simple claim that Jesus possesses divine power, nor even that his power surpasses that of worldly leaders. Matthew focuses instead on the nature, source, and consequences of Jesus' power. He aims to demonstrate not only that Jesus is more powerful than his the world's powers, but that his power is of a different kind, a power that produces healing and reconciliation rather than alienation and violence.

Apparently, "believing" entails making a decision about what kind of power is legitimate, Jesus' power or that of the Judean leaders. Only Jesus manifests a form of power that requires us to change our minds about the source, nature, and fruit of true power. Can we discern the nature and source of the powers that hold us in thrall? Can we distinguish the fruit of divine power in the midst of all that the powers of this world promise us? (*Thought today taken from Stanley Saunders, Associate Professor of New Testament Columbia Theological Seminary, Atlanta*)

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

Mother Christine will be on Annual Leave from 24th September until 13th October. For pastoral matters during this time please speak to Fr Laurence. For issues relating to the building please speak to Lesley in the office.

Changes in weekday services over next few weeks

While Mo C is on leave there will be no Evening Prayer. There will also be no morning prayer on a Friday.

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 August we did do this. *A huge thank you to all who have revised their giving already!!*

Confirmation at St Paul's Cathedral

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. They have also been asked to speak with members of the congregation about why they come to church.

WWI History Project Group

As part of marking 100 hundred years since WW1 we are researching the names from the plaque at the top of the stairs in our church, which originally came from the old St Anne's Church and commemorates 31 men from our parish who died in, or as a result of, the First World War. We currently have completed about two-thirds of the names. If you would like to help researching these folk please speak to Mo C or Steve Crabb. There will be a meeting for those involved in this project on **Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm** here in the Rotunda.

Queens Park Day

A Huge thank you to everyone who helped on Queen's Park Day, and those who donated items. A special thanks to Stall Leaders. We made just over £1700 which was a great success. Thanks too for all who came and helped tidy up at the end.

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.