

Flowers for Easter—We are collecting donations for flowers for Easter day which can be offered in thanksgiving of a person or an event. Sign up today!!

Easter Publicity—We have flyers advertising Holy Week and Easter Services which need to be distributed in the coming weeks. If you could help, please take the flyers and indicate on the sheet provided what you have delivered.



Help Needed—This we need some assistance with the parishes '40bags' as we clear our rubbish and replace the toy shed. If you could help please speak to Mo C.

For our Prayers— all who died and were injured at Westminster, for our neighbours; for peace in this city and throughout the world, Estelle, Jeremy, Hildegard, John Q, Jessie T, Frances, Trish, Cleo, 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 Kathleen Heckford

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Services during the week 2nd April 2017	
Monday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Tuesday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel 6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Wednesday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7pm Rosary is Said in Trinity Chapel 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move 2.30pm Tea and Chat 6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Sunday 9th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Palm Sunday	9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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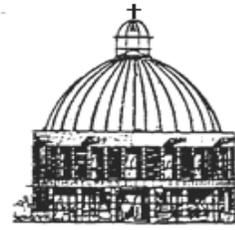
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

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Sunday 2nd April 2017

Lent 5—Passiontide begins

HYMNS TODAY - 87, 743, 205 and 556 (tune 2)

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

Today 5pm—Stations of the Cross

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 Passiontide begins. Until 1959, the fifth Sunday of Lent was known as Passion Sunday. It marked the beginning of a two-week-long period known as Passiontide, which began with the reading of the Passion story (which we will hear read on Palm Sunday). While it was abolished in 1960, the name has stuck and also from tomorrow our readings will reflect our turning towards the cross. The other tradition which remains in Passiontide is that of veiling images and crosses within the church. This practice came from John 8:59 when Christ hid himself, so now he is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of his passion. The second reason is that it focuses our worship so that we are single minded in our worship in this most holy season. In our first reading from Ezekiel we hear of the hope of resurrection!

1st Reading— Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Now The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of

the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely. “Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

Our Second reading

Paul’s writing in the letter to the Romans also focuses on the hope of life in the spirit of God.

2nd Reading— Romans 8: 6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Our Gospel reading today is John 11: 1-45, the story of the raising of Lazarus. Stories of Jesus raising the dead appear in all the Gospels, but John alone includes the story of the raising of Lazarus.

As a story, it supplies a basic pivot point in the overall narrative:

Jesus’ enemies shift from generalized opposition to a formal decision to have him killed. In that sense, then, the story signals the beginning of the end of Jesus’ teachings and signs. Often when we are fearful of things, rather than addressing questions to why we fear we lash out at those who challenge us. Jesus actions are a testament to the call to love which is upon us, not only of those who are easy to love, but also to those people and situations we fear. It is a poignant message in the age we live in.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary 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’**.

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Thank you to all who stayed for our Annual Meeting last Sunday. It was a great time to celebrate the life of our parish. At our meeting Alice Lyon and Lee Gordon were elected as church wardens. We also elected 7 members to our PCC – Maggie Gibb, Michael Lyon, Bob Vickers, Richard Brindley, Lindsay O’Hagan, Rhona Christie and Tim Collett. We received reports for all the project areas of the church and we also gave thanks for the contributions that so many people make. We noted that our financial position is stable and we are working for a continued improvement. We recognise that we have some challenges, but we are working creatively to address them. We offered thanks to our wardens for their continuing hard work, to our PCC for their engagement and work, and to Lee Gordon and her team for their work in the garden. To Liz Morrison and Fr Laurence for their work with LIFC, Michael and Simon for their work on the accounts. Thank you to Helen and all who make lovely cakes, and offering hospitality; to Maggie, Alice and all the Sunday school team; to Henri and the My Moves team; to all who assist with Tea and Chat; to the Queens Park Day Team of volunteers; to all who help in different ways with our worship on Sunday morning; to our server and sacristan Kay Anderson and to our organist – Peter Walters – for leading our music. It is particularly good to be able to record thanks to all those who assist in small and sometimes unnoticed ways – from rubbish that disappears to sound systems which now work. We are a community together – and without all your contributions we could not continue as effective as we do.