

Summer at St Anne's

Over the Summer break we are aware that many of you will be travelling. We pray for your safety and rest. Please do send postcards from the churches you visit on a Sunday!

Queens Park Day—Advance notice and collections

Queens Park Day will take place on Sunday 17th September, just after we return from the Summer break. Please start collecting items we can sell especially paperback books, good quality clothes and toys.

Advance Notice

We will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th September, please start bringing in non-perishable items, especially meals in a can, tuna, long life milk, coffee, tea bags, toiletries which we can use for harvest display and then will go to Laurence's Larder.

 **For our Prayers**— All who are living with the effects of the Grenfell Tower fire, Jane, Gale, Yaa, Estelle, Jeremy, John Q, Floret, Trish, Cleo, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, and Ruth **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** Beverley Ramsey, Lionel Gubbins, Fredrick Grant, Marjorie Bray, Melvina Akers and Theodora Gordon.

Services during the week 20th August 2017 (cleaning week)	
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 No Evening Services as floors will be drying!
Thursday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel 6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Sunday 27th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass

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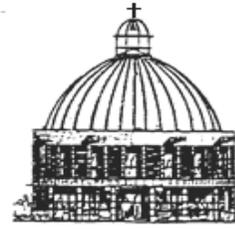
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 20th August 2017

10th after Trinity

HYMNS TODAY - 243, 73, 36 and 425

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 jump ahead in the story of Joseph and his brothers. Joseph has now been in Egypt a number of years and finds time to reveal to his brothers who he is!

1st Reading— Genesis 45: 1-15

'Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of

all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Our Second reading : This week's passage is difficult in that it jumps from the question, to the tail end of the answer without giving us much context as to who Paul is speaking of, or to. Regardless of the complexities of understanding the presence in creation of sin and death, Paul joins the consistent testimony of scripture with respect to both of them. We do not live in an amoral, purposeless universe set into motion by a neutral God who idly watches to see what happens; Rather we are created by God who seeks justice and mercy.

2nd Reading— Romans 11: 1-2a,29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Our Gospel reading today is Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28 . Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman is unsettling. Jesus is less than eager to help this woman, explaining that his mission is first to the house of Israel. However, Jesus is the one who has left Jewish territory and invaded this woman's world. Furthermore, this Canaanite woman -- an unclean, outsider -- demonstrates that she has a better grasp of Jesus' identity than the hand-selected disciples do at this point in the narrative. Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman unsettles boundaries and calls into question definitions of clean and unclean. Jesus praises her faith. This woman seems to understand what the members of the household of Israel have yet to grasp. Jesus is not just hope for Israel, but hope for the world. Reading Jesus' encounter with

the Canaanite woman reminds the church that God is constantly entering new territory and breaking boundaries. This God is in the unsettling business of meeting outsiders and granting them not just a crumb, but a place at the table.

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

Today Mo Christine is leading worship at St Gabriels' in Cricklewood as their minister is unwell. Please pray for Rev Jane and for their parish at this difficult time.

Fr Laurence will be on annual leave from the end of this week until 17th September, please pray for him too.

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

Deep Cleaning this week

During this week we are deep cleaning much of the complex—with carpets and hard floors, steamed and polished. If you are a keyholder, please check before entering the building as some floors will need to dry before they can be walked on!!

Also we will need to move furniture several times, a few extra people to lift things, especially on Thursday and Saturday would be really helpful—please let Mo C know.

Confirmation at St Paul's Cathedral

Twice a year there is opportunity for parishes to present candidates for confirmation at St Paul's Cathedral. This semester this will take place on **Saturday 4th November at 5pm**. Those who would like to be confirmed need to let Mo C know as soon as possible. Classes will take place on Sunday 10th September, after church (around 11:15am) till about 1pm; then Sunday 15th, 22nd and 29th October again after church till about 1pm.

Laurence's Larder and Food Bank

The Larder will run a shorter service over August. During this time that will still be serving a hot meal between 11am—1pm on Tuesday and Thursday, with a 'take away' evening meal. Please do please bring in items for the larder, tinned fish—or any meals in a can, tea, coffee, biscuits that might be eaten by those who have no cooking facilities.