

Christian Aid Week (Month)

Christian Aid Week 2016 runs from 14– 20 May—*A week to love every neighbour*. We will be collecting as St Anne's and St Andrew's with retiring offerings over the next few weeks. Please take an envelop and return in the coming weeks.

LIFC News

Two talks on Monday evenings, at 7.30pm, in June. **June 5th**, Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith is speaking on the theme of "My Journey to the Jordan River" Working for Peace and Water Justice in the Middle East. **June 26th**, Canon Dr Andrew Wingate is speaking on the theme of 'Contemporary challenges in Hindu-Christian relations - India and UK.'



For our Prayers— Estelle, Jeremy, Hildegard, John Q, Jessie T, Frances, Trish, Cleo, Floret, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, and Ruth **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time**

Olga Paskins and Velma Smith.

Services during the week 21st May 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 Silent Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Thursday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<i>Ascension</i>	6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move 2.30pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 28th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Ascension	9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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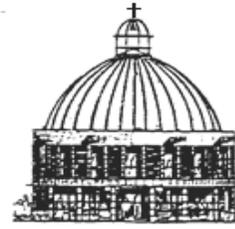
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 21st May 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

HYMNS TODAY - 19, 743, 494, 337 and 491

President Fr Laurence **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.

Our first reading.

Throughout the Easter season we here from the Book of Acts. Today's text occurs in Athens. Paul has been brought here to escape violent opposition. He then addresses the crowd, connecting their theologies.

1st Reading— Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere



to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Our Second reading

This week as we continue our reading from first Peter, which focuses like much of the chapter on suffering. Peter has been bringing both words of hope and caution to his readers in the first chapters of the letter.—but today the reflection is more on living within the pain.

2nd Reading— 1 Peter 3: 13-end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Our Gospel reading today is John 14: 15-21, and we hear the remainder of Jesus address to the disciples during the last supper. In this second part of the passage, Jesus introduces the idea of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will come and guide them after his death. Now the spirit of truth is ever present not only to bring us to knowledge that we can be reconciled to God through Jesus, but that we will be able to discern values of justice, mercy and peace to which we should adhere with the discernment process that only the spirit of truth can provide us. The Holy Spirit, unrestrained by ethnicity, gender, class and sexuality, guides us to places beyond the physical and psychic limitations imposed by our bodies, experiences and historical realities. Jesus, is ever present with each and every human being as we walk through this journey of life. This same spirit would

not allow for the exclusion of a woman who was a Samaritan from the blessings of the Kingdom, as the Spirit will not allow for the exclusion of any among us today.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary 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 April we did do this. *A huge thank you to all who have revised their giving already!!*

A huge thank you to all who gave to our Lent Appeal for ALMA—we raised £330!

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'**.

Thy Kingdom Come

Is a Global time of prayer led by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to pray in the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. This year there are lots of resources available to help us prayer during this period. There are links to these on the parish website. In Brent we are advertising different prayer events in coming weeks. Here at St Anne's we will have a special event on Wednesday 31st May. Chapel will be open for prayer from 3pm, with prayer stations, then there will be a focused mediation from 6pm to the start of Mass at 7.30pm. We will focus these 5 hours on praying for God's Kingdom—a kingdom of peace and justice for all.

Annual 'Tea/Pimms with the Vicar' Garden afternoon

Save the date—Sunday 4th June from 2pm—5pm come and enjoy the Vicarage Garden and some tea & scones; or maybe even a glass of Pimms!

Photographic Exhibition

Local photograph, Elainea Emmott has an exhibition of local people and places hanging in the rotunda and chapel. Please do take time to look at the photo's, and maybe even use the photo's to inform your prayers.

Adult Learning at St Paul's Cathedral

The God who Speaks: the Bible and Holy Spirit today—Who is the Holy Spirit, and what happens if we take the Spirit's presence in our lives seriously? With Kate Coleman and Paula Gooder Tuesday 6 June 6.30 - 8pm FREE but guarantee your seat by booking.