

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday this year is the 1st March. On that day there will be a Said Mass at 8.30am, then a Sung Mass at 7.30pm. Ash Wednesday is a 'Holy Day of Obligation' - that means it is a day we should come to church and pray together! If you can't make a service here, look at what time services are on near where you work.

There will be resources available from next Sunday to support our Lenten journey. Lent activities will include:

40bags in 40 days—declutter parts of our life during the 40 days

Rosary Prayers —7pm Wednesdays from 8th, before Mass at 7.30.

Lent Retreat—Saturday 1st April from 9.30— 4pm here. There will be focused meditation and reflection as well as much silence. A simple lunch will be provided. Please sign up in church. Cost £5

Stations of the Cross—Sunday 5th March & 2nd April at 5 pm

For our Prayers— Hildegard, John Q, Maggie and John, Huda, Jessie T, Frances, Trish, Cleo, Chief John, 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 George Faul, Florence Hicks and Henry Russell



Services during the week 26th February 2017

Monday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Tuesday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Wednesday	8.30am Said Mass with Imposition of Ashes 7.30pm Sung Mass with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move 2.30pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 5th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School 5pm Stations of the Cross

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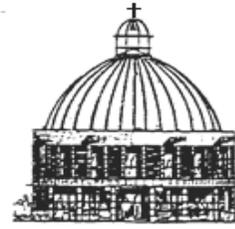
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 26th February 2017

Last before Lent

HYMNS TODAY - 349, 498, 62 and 275

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

During Communion we will listen to a track from John Saxby album Memories, Dreams & Incantations

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 we hear from the Book of Exodus. The talk this week in the lectionary readings is about mountaintops—in our reading from Hebrew Scriptures we hear about Moses journey up Mount Sinai.

1st Reading— Exodus 24: 12 - end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Our Second reading

This week we turn to one of Peter's letters. This one of only two passages we hear from 2nd Peter in the lectionary—and in this letter Paul is addressing the sceptics—those who think the resurrection, and even the transfiguration are made up!

2nd Reading— 2 Peter 1: 16-end

IFor we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Our Gospel reading today is Matthew 17: 1-9. The story we hear today is always told on the last Sunday before Lent. The story of Jesus transfiguration. Moses and Elijah appear and then strangely disappear. Peter is perplexed. James and John are anonymous. God quotes Godself. The disciples are overcome with awe. Jesus tells them to say nothing about what has happened! Mystery and divine presence are pervasive.

As we prepare for the coming of Lent this reading draws us in to the questions of Jesus humanity and divinity and of all that is possible within the Kingdom of God.

This transfiguration passage functions, then, in part as a plot summary in anticipating these events in Jerusalem. It also sets out a theological scheme that sanctions Jesus' crucifixion and eschatological return in glory to establish God's empire in God's purposes. Moreover, it provides divine sanction for Jesus' tough teaching for disciples. The pressure is on his followers to be faithful in challenging circumstances. In the days and weeks ahead we will deal with a range of challenges, and God invites us to consider all that is revealed in Christ as we approach this questions.

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 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.

St Anne's Charities 2017

The PCC each year reviews our charitable giving as a church community. Our current charities are:

Laurence's Larder—who we support with donations and volunteers. **St Mungo's**—who we support with gift boxes at Christmas. **Salisbury Gambia Project**—who we support through My Move donations. **Salisbury World**—who we support with funding and also other requests from time to time. **Lent Charity** which in 2017 will be ALMA. From time to time we will also provide information about other projects members of our community are working on. Though we have made a commitment to not ask for any other money, we might provide information of ways to help. **Last Sunday we heard about the work of Salisbury World, how our support helps and ways we might be involved.**

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'**.

Electoral Roll and APCM

The Church Electoral Roll is really the list of names of people who are members of the parish. Please check you are on it! Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on be 26th March 2017.

LIFC News

The Book of Acts: Inter Faith Perspectives—each Wednesday afternoon from 2 –3.30pm.

Inter Faith Book Group - 21st March from 12.30—2pm will be reflecting on Helen Dunmore's Book—The Siege.

Silence for Peace Tuesday 21st March; 5-6pm in the Rotunda.