

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—During the first week of the School Holidays (from 2nd April) 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** including Chief John **and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including George Burrell.

Services during the week 26th March 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 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
Saturday	9.30am Quiet Day
Sunday 2nd	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Passion	9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School
Sunday	5pm Stations of the Cross

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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 26th March 2017

Mothering Sunday—Lent 4

HYMNS TODAY - 26, 506, 467, 328 and 692

President Mo Christine **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.

Today is Mothering or Refreshment Sunday which

falls on the 4th Sunday in Lent, and is a day of joy and celebration in our Lenten journey. Many of the traditions we observe today began during the sixteenth century, when people returned to their mother church, the main church or cathedral of the area, for worship. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. Children and young people who were "in service" were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families (or, originally, return to their "mother" church). The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into that of Mothering Sunday. **So today let us give thanks for Mothers, for Mother Church and for all who nurture our faith!**



1st Reading— Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Our Second reading

Paul's writing in second Corinthians is often unclear, though as we see today amidst the complex phrasing he seeks to reassure a community who are struggling to find consolation and hope in God.

2nd Reading— 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Our Gospel reading today is Luke 2: 33-38 which is an excerpt from the story of Jesus presentation in the temple. Our text focuses on the experience of Mary and Anna—strong women who also knew

grieve as a result of the love that they had offered. Mothering Sunday is meant to be a time of joy and thanksgiving, but like Mary and Anna—for many it holds painful memories of what could have been. In our Lenten journey we are reminded that life's journey involves both pain and joy, but that whatever our experience God's love is constant if we only choose to accept it.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**— in February we hit our target—THANKYOU! 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.

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'**.

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place TODAY after our service. Please do stay if you can.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is traditionally a series of meditations which follow through the story of the last hours of Jesus life. Using images and prayers. Meditation on the stations: **2nd April at 5 pm**

Praying the Rosary as we consider the story of the Passion

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, starting on the 8th March we will say the from 7pm—7.25pm, prior to Mass.

Lent Retreat

This year on Saturday 1st April we will have a Quiet Day/ retreat at St Anne's. There will be focused meditation and reflection as well as much silence. We will start at 9.30—4pm. A simple lunch will be provided. Please sign up **Today**. Cost £5

40 bags in 40 days—allows us to reflect on what is necessary in our lives. Allow what you choose to inform your prayer life—what does our clutter tell us about our relationship with God?

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