

## Joint Brent Pentecost Celebration

The Brent Borough Deans host an ecumenical Pentecost Celebration, Friday 2nd June 7pm at Park Lane Methodist Church HA9 7SG.

### 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**— For Manchester and for peace, for the future of our Nation, Lisa, 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** David Evans, Jonathan Peter Sharp, Gladys Vickers and O'Neil Watson



### Services during the week 28th May 2017

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel <b>6pm</b> Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>7pm</b> Silent Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>7.30pm</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel <b>6pm</b> Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>No Services Today</b>
<b>Sunday 4th Pentecost</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School

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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury



## Sunday 28th May 2017

### Ascension

**HYMNS TODAY** - 33, 498 (sung twice), 150 and 52 (vrs 1,2,5 and 6)

**President** Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

*During Communion we listen to..*

*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.

Our first reading today is read at the start of our service and is the account of the Ascension of Jesus. It places our service in context.

### 1st Reading— Acts of the Apostles (1.1-11)

*In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

*So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by At the end the reader says his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up,*

*and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

### **Our Second reading**

This week we hear from the letter to the Ephesians. Ephesians 1:15-23 are one long sentence in Greek. The subject of the sentence shifts seamlessly from thanksgiving for the faith of the Ephesian church to a prayer for their continued enlightenment (v. 16) to a confession of the authority and power God has given to Christ (vv. 19-23).

### **2nd Reading— Ephesians 1: 15-end**

*I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

**Our Gospel reading today** is Our Gospel reading today is Luke 24: 44 – end and is Luke's version of Jesus Ascension into heaven.

Luke's account is more subtle than some of the others. Jesus' disciples must have felt the earth slipping beneath their feet at the thought of being left alone. Our Gospel reading may be divided into three movements, each with a distinctive theme. **The past:** The necessity of these things (vv. 44-47); **The promise:** The call to be witnesses (vv. 48-49) and **"While You Wait":** The call in the meantime (vv. 50-53)

They might well be themes for us as well. Luke concludes his gospel with Jesus giving guidance to how his followers are to live: worshiping God, waiting on Jesus' promises, and doing so "with great joy". The challenge of this Feast day is for us to do the same.

### **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 aid—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 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.

### **Christian Aid Week (Month)**

Christian Aid Week 2016 runs from 14– 20 May—*A week to love every neighbour*. We will be collecting at 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.