

Teenage Time with Mo C

Sunday 13th October 4.30pm-6pm there will be an event for high school members of our congregation. We will meet at Mo Christine's for Pizza and a chance to chat about faith and life.

London Inter Faith Centre (LIFC)

As many of you will be aware one of the key mission objectives of our parish is our commitment to Inter Faith work. LIFC has always been part of this building and a visible part of our life in the local community. In October the LIFC will begin the process of becoming its own charity (but still part of St Anne's and St Andrew's), with the first meeting of Trustees on the 7th October. Please pray for this new stage in our work.



For our Prayers— Please pray for LIFC and the Joint Council. Also pray for: Ian, Patricia, Albert, Alys, Ruth, Betty and those preparing for baptism and marriage.

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Ernest Reed and Lily Turner.

Services during the week commencing 29th September

Monday 30th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 12noon Midday Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Tuesday 1st	8.30am Said Eucharist in Trinity Chapel 12noon Midday Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Wednesday 2nd	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 12noon Midday Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7.30pm Informal Eucharist followed by social
Thursday 3rd	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 12noon Midday Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday 4th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move Drop In
Sunday 6th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Sunday Schools 5.00pm First Sunday's at 5—Creation and Taize

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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 29th September 2013

St Michael and All Angels

Welcome to St Anne's today—it is great to have you with us. St Anne's is the local Church of England parish church and we are a very diverse group of people. 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. 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 morning tea after the service.

Today is Michaelmas—the Feast Day of Saint Michael, and traditionally also Gabriel, Uriel and Raphael, but has become known as the Feast of ALL Angels. It traditionally marked the end of Harvest Season, which would have started on the 1st August, and often marked the start of winter. Michael is believed to have been one of the principle angels and is referred to in the prophetic writings of Daniel and Revelation. Today there are many traditions within our culture which relate to this festival; within the Church of England, Michaelmas is a time for ordinations.

Our first reading is taken from the Book of Genesis and tells the story of Jacobs ladder.

1st Reading— Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a

ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

The second reading comes from the Revelation of John and is an account of Michael and the angels defeating the powers of evil.

2nd Reading— Revelation 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Our Gospel Reading

Our Gospel reading today is from John 1:47-end. It is a strange passage which talks first of Jesus recognising Nathanael, and then goes on to Jesus describing angels ascending and descending. This may well be a vision of Christ's death and resurrection.

Thought for the week

Angels are a concept which many of us may struggle with, and yet today as we continue our celebration of creation, they remind us of the extent of the wonder of God's creation. God's cosmic design stretches beyond our understanding and into the realms of 'things to come'. What this week should remind us is that in God we may hope for the triumph of goodness, and believe in life everlasting.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Queens Park Day



A HUGE THANK YOU to the **Gardening Group** for all their hard work yesterday. Our next gardening day is Saturday 2nd November. (Though we may need to pick up leaves before then!)

St Paul's Cathedral Forums

During the Autumn St Paul's Cathedral will be running a series of public events entitled 'How to change the world'. There are flyers and a poster available in the Rotunda. Mo Christine is intending to lead a small group to the session on 29th Oct & 19th Nov. Please let her know if you would like to join her.

Harvest Festival is Sunday 6th October



Giving Thanks!

The PCC has agreed that we will be collecting for Brent Food Bank this Harvest. While any dried goods will help, they particularly need: Milk (UHT or powered), sugar, fruit juice, soup, pasta sauce, rice, pasta, sponge pudding (tinned), tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, cereals, tea bags, instant coffee, tinned meat or fish, tinned vegetables, jam and biscuits or snack bars. **Bring your donations on Sunday!**

First Sunday at 5pm

Our first monthly Sunday Evening Service will be next Sunday 6th October at 5pm when we will be exploring God's creation through images, silence, words and Taize chants. The Service will be about 50 minutes long and will take place in the church.

Anglicans in Brent—Monday 7th October 7.30pm-9.30pm

Will welcome our new Archdeacon The Ven Duncan Green who will talk about London Capital Vision 202 and also farewell Rev Felicity Scroggie at St Michael's Church Tokyngton (10mins from Stonebridge Station.) We are all welcome to attend.