

Queens Park Day—Advance notice and collections

Queens Park Day will take place on Sunday 17th September, just after we return from the Summer break. Please start collecting items we can sell especially Paperback books, good quality clothes and toys.

St Paul's Events

There are large number of free events held at St Paul's Cathedral every month as part of their Adult Learning program. The new brochure is now out and available in the foyer downstairs.



For our Prayers— For all affected by acts of Terror; for peace, for the future of our Nation, for who died and all who are living with the effects of the Grenfell Tower disaster. Alice, Karan, Rina, Yaa, Estelle, Jeremy, John Q, Floret, Trish, Cleo, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, and Ruth **For those who have died recently and those**

whose anniversary of death falls at this time Earl Henderson, David O'Hagan, Emily Skears, Ivy Catlin and Arthur Templer.

Services during the week 31st July 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 6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 2.30pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 6th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass

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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury



Sunday 30th July 2017

7th after Trinity

HYMNS TODAY - 243, 652, 690 and 20

President Fr Laurence **Preacher** Mo Christine

During Communion we listen to Agnus Dei by Palestrina

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. Large Print Service books available.

Our first reading.—Continues the story of Jacob, and today we hear how he labours for Rachel to be his wife. After all his misleading of others, Jacob is confronted by the same mischievousness from his father in law Laban!

1st Reading— Genesis 29:15-28

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I

not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Our Second reading is the concluding section of Romans 8. In compelling faith terms, Paul offers Christian believers a solid ground for their confidence in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

2nd Reading— Romans 8: 26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our Gospel reading today is Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52. Jesus ends his teaching unit in Matthew 13 by creating a more descriptive explanation of the kingdom of heaven. He explains it in five brief parables. After two detailed parables about the sower and seed and weeds, it is as if someone said to Jesus: “Tell us more about the kingdom of heaven? How would you describe it?” Jesus concludes his message to the crowd by saying the kingdom of heaven is like: a mustard seed, yeast, hidden treasure, a merchant who searches for



and finds fine pearls, and finally a net. Each of these short descriptions expands our understanding of God’s kingdom. These five parables will have helped Jesus audience understand more fully the Kingdom of heaven. We must seek the kingdom of heaven in order to find it and when we find it, we have found a treasure. This treasure

will bring joy that empowers us to rise above life’s difficult circumstances. We experience the kingdom of God in community -- all are welcome at the table. How do we help us to share in this welcome?

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 June we did do this. *A huge thank you to all who have revised their giving already!!*

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’**.

WW1 History Project

As part of marking 100 hundred years since WW1 we are taking the names from the plaque at the top of the stairs in our church, which originally came from the old St Anne’s Church and commemorates 31 men from our parish who died in, or as a result of, the First World War. We are inviting individuals, families or small groups to take a name and research the person. We currently have completed about two-thirds of the names. If you would like to help researching these folk please speak to Mo C or Steve Crabb. We need to have all the material collated by the end of this year, ready for our displays during May 2018.

Summer at St Anne’s

Over the Summer break we are aware that many of you will be travelling. We pray for your safety and rest. Please do send postcards from the churches you visit on a Sunday, it is a way of us sharing in the wider church community! This period also means some weeks the rota is very thin—if you can help, please let Mo C know.