

St Anne's Day

This year we will celebrate St Anne's Day on Sunday 17th July with our regular service at 9.30am which will be followed brunch in the vicarage garden. We will have some BBQ sausages, chicken, vege options and bread, and Pimms, but please bring other items to share for a Brunch . Donation for other items requested.

Baptisms

Next Sunday we will baptise Alannah and Alexander into the family of God. We will be praying for them, and their family in the lead up to this special day.



For our Prayers— Victims of natural disasters, All refugees, the Middle East, Jane, Cleo, Yvonne, Lisa, Jean, John, Rueben, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, Paula, Alice and Ruth; **For those who have died recently** O'Neil Watson **and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time**— Vic Marshall, Edward Saunders,

Isabella Capie and Gloria Rodgers.

Services during the week 3rd July 2016

Monday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Tuesday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Wednesday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7.00pm Prayers for the life of the Parish 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move Drop In 2.30pm Tea and Chat (in vicarage garden)
Sunday 3rd July	8.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Sung Eucharist

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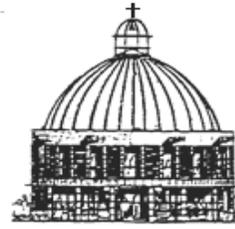
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 3rd July 2016

Thomas the Apostle

HYMNS TODAY - 14, 302, 772 and 581

during communion we will hear Enya—Paint the Sky with Stars

President: Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

5pm—First Sunday—Pilgrimage (open from 4pm)

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.

Today we remember Thomas the Apostle— who was also called "Didymus" (Greek for "twin"). He is often referred to as 'Doubting Thomas' because being absent from Jesus first appearance after the resurrection, he demands a sign. This is a pity, as Thomas is also recorded in the Gospels as great man of faith, when Jesus announced His intention of going to the Jerusalem area, brushing aside the protests of His disciples that His life was in danger there, at which Thomas said to the others: "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:7,8,16) St. Thomas was one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. He introduced Christianity in India. According to tradition, St. Thomas attained martyrdom at St. Thomas Mount in Chennai, India and is buried on the site of San Thome Basilica. He is the Patron Saint of India and of Architects and Builders. His Feast (Dukrana) is celebrated on July 3rd.

Our first reading is from the writings of the Prophet Habakkuk—one of the small minor prophets. The message of Habakkuk can be summed up in the confession of faith that culminates this week's lesson: "the righteous live by their faith" (2:4).

1st Reading— Habakkuk 2:1-4

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Our Second reading comes for the letter to the Ephesians, and the section we hear comes at the end of Paul addressing the Ephesians about circumcision. Citizenship was highly valued across the Empire, so much so that among the foreign peoples conquered by Rome, some would pay great sums for citizenship. This short passage confirms our citizenship as Paul's see it within God's Kingdom.

2nd Reading— Ephesians 2: 19-end

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Our Gospel reading today is John 20: 19-31, which tells the familiar story of Jesus appearance while Thomas is absent, then Jesus appearing again and Thomas being invited to feel the wounds. We can too quickly criticise Thomas for his disbelief—but he had good reason for his questions. Their lives were in danger and fear was driving them, in their grief for the death of their friend and of their hope. Jesus' response to Thomas (20:29) is not a rebuke, but rather a blessing for all those who will come to believe without having had the benefit of a flesh-and-blood encounter with Jesus. The natural thing to do when we are feeling anxious or threatened is to hunker down and lock the doors, to become focused on our own security rather than the risky mission to which we are called. The promise of this text is that Jesus cannot be stopped by our locked doors. Jesus comes to us as he came to the first disciples, right in the midst of our fear, pain, doubt, and confusion. He comes speaking peace, breathing into our anxious lives the breath of the Holy Spirit.

Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. Please do consider, if you haven't already, reviewing your giving to St Anne's. It really does help in what we are able to do ?

Laurence's Larder and Soup Kitchen

We are encouraged to bring a can of food each week, we can collectively help a great deal of people! There is a list available at the back of the church. The Larder has changed its serving hours on a Tuesday and a Thursday from 11am till 2pm.

Anglicans in (Brent) Deanery Synod - Old Oak and Park Royal Development You are warmly invited to our next Anglicans in Brent (Deanery Synod) meeting at which Colin Lovell (Diocesan Programme Management Officer) will help us to think about the mission opportunities this will bring. **Thursday 14th July 2016, 7.30pm (for refreshments), 8pm start** at All Souls Church, Station Road, Harlesden NW10 4UJ. It is an open meeting. All are welcome.

Day Trip to Hastings

We have now booked a community transport bus for our daytrip to Hastings on Saturday 9th July —at a cost of £15 per ticket. We will leave at 9am and return by 7pm. Please book asap with Mo C!

Pilgrimage Exhibit—Helen Brown

There are 3 remaining open sessions to view Helen's work. **Today—** Sunday 3rd July exhibit open from 4-6pm with worship using paintings for reflection at 5pm. **Friday 15th July** exhibit open from 12.30- 2pm. **Saturday 16th July** exhibit open from 10am—12noon

Tea with the Vicar

Thank you to all who attended yesterday.

Alfresco Quiz Night

We will host a Quiz night in the Vicarage Garden on Friday 15th July from 7pm. There will be space for 6-7 teams (tables of up to 8 people). The cost of the evening will be £10 which will include a portion of Fish and Chips. You are asked to bring your own drinks, though Pimms and some soft drinks will be available to purchase. Why not invite some friends and form a team! Please sign up as soon as possible.

London Inter Faith Centre Events—

The Roots of Modern Islamic identity; A talk given by John Parry Sunday 10th July 6-7.30pm