

Friday 9th December—3.30pm—5pm—Christingle—is a special celebration designed for children to come together and hear the story of Christmas, sing and also to offer their hopes of the world.

Saturday 10th December -10am until 1pm—Christmas Decoration event :Come at 10am to make you own Christmas wreath or table centre piece. Please book with Mo C or Rhona!

We also have Christmas Cards to deliver throughout the parish

Friday 16th December

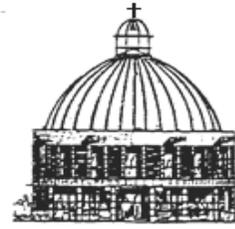
10am— 12noon—My Move Christmas Party. Toddler Christmas party with a visit from Santa!

2.30-4.30pm—Tea and Chat Christmas Party

Older community members Christmas Party (and Santa)

Carols by Candlelight—4.30pm 18th December

For our Prayers— John and Lucia, John, Trish, Liz, Florence, Rev. Jane, Cleo, Chief John, Fred, Floret, Rueben, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, Paula, Alice and Ruth; **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Phyllis Jeffery, Irene Kane, Anthony Judge, Catherine Edmonds, Ethel Beange and Robin Ashton



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 4th December 2016

Advent 2

HYMNS TODAY - 589, 355, 535 and 698

President Fr Laurence **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.

Services during the week 4th December 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 Advent Meditation on the Nativity 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	10am My Moves 3.30pm Christingle
Sunday 11th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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Isaiah 11 begins with the claim that new life will spring forth from an injured stump: “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” It is difficult to say what historical event, if any, lies behind the image of the “stump.” What seems likely is that this image would have been relevant at numerous points in Israel’s history. Whatever the case may be, the text imagines a new beginning for Judah’s monarchy

1st Reading— Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a

little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Our Second reading

Our readings from Romans during the start of Advent provide an image of the beginning and the end coming together as we prepare to celebrate the first arrival of the Messiah, but also look forward to his return. In between, we prepare. And, we strive to live as people of age-to-come. The conjunction of what God has done in the past, what God is doing among us now, and what God promises to do in the future come together to undergird the seminal Christian virtue of hope.

2nd Reading— Romans 15: 4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Gospel reading today is Matthew 3: 1-12 and we hear that John the Baptist arrives in the wilderness proclaiming the need to repent. In traditional theological perspective, the main purposes of Advent are to prepare for remembering (and re-experiencing) the birth of

Jesus at Christmas (the first Advent), and to prepare for the second coming of Jesus (the second Advent, or the Apocalypse) and the final and complete manifestation of the Realm of God (the "Realm of Heaven"). While Christians today have differing viewpoints on when, how, or whether the second Advent will occur, virtually all Christians believe that God is dissatisfied with the world in its present state and seeks to increase love, peace, justice, dignity, freedom, and abundance. In Advent, the church thinks afresh about how to join God in the movement towards a world that is more like the realm of heaven. Of what do we need to repent and change this Advent?

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 is £2000—this means we a little short each month. 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 between 10- 1pm on Wednesdays. We are still asked to bring in a can a week. We have also been asked to consider if we could choose one type of food. We have been asked if we might be the **'tinned fish'** church!

Rev Maggie's farewell

In addition to our Farewell to Maggie last Sunday, there are also two public farewells for Maggie on Sunday 4th December from LIFC at 6pm and 11th December from the URC at 12noon to which we are invited. St Andrew's would like to know how many of us will be coming to lunch on the 11th, could you please add your name to the list if you are planning to come.

Advent Events (Advent Sunday is 27th November)

Advent Reflections (30 minutes) - Meditation on the Nativity each Wednesday evening, starting the 30th November 7pm. This will be followed by usual Mass at 7.30pm.