

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’.

### **The Book of Acts: Inter Faith Perspectives**

A six week interactive seminar in which we will explore the background and context to the writing of the Book of Acts, and look at some of the key passages in relation to Christian relations with people of other world faiths. Wednesday afternoons 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm—Beginning Wednesday February 15th.

### **Electoral Roll**

The Church Electoral Roll is really the list of names of people who are members of the parish. Please check you are on it!

**PCC meet this Tuesday 7th**—please pray for them.



**For our Prayers**— Maggie and John, Huda, Jessie T, Frances, Trish, Cleo, Chief John, Fred, Floret, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, and Ruth **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Alfred Turner, Joyce Bennett and Cedric Dean.

### **Services during the week 5th February 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>7.30pm</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>10am</b> My Move
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School

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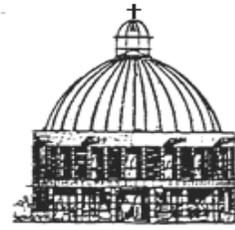
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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 5th February 2017**

## **4th before Lent**

**HYMNS TODAY** - 33, 79, 91 and 556 -(Tune 2) Verses 1, 4 and 5

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

*During communion we listen to Rachmaninov—Bless the Lord my Soul*

**First Sunday @ 5pm today**

*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.*

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**Our** first from the Prophet Isaiah. Among the many things darkness may symbolize in the Bible, one of them is the silence of God. In the absence of God answering prayer, darkness is his only companion. Darkness pervades over the audience Isaiah addresses in Isaiah 58 for the very same reason. Their prayers have gone unanswered; God has been silent. Darkness is their only friend.

### **1st Reading— Isaiah 58: 1-9a**

*Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I*

*choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,*

### **Our Second reading**

In this letter to the Corinthians Paul continues to explore the paradox of the gospel message. As he describes the gospel message, his own ministry, and the wisdom of God, Paul surprises the Corinthians, and us, by the way in which each helps interpret the other.

### **2nd Reading— 1 Corinthians 2: 1 -12**

*When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.*

*Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.*

**Our Gospel reading today** is Matthew 5: 13-20. In this passage we hear “You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.”

These are great and holy attributes and promises of discipleship. But Jesus does not stop there. With this blessing comes responsibility. It's one thing to know and to claim your identity. It's another thing entirely to live it. But, we have to. Why? For the sake of the kingdom of heaven coming to pass here and now and not just in our future. Matthew sets high expectations for our discipleship. Learning and embodying the demands of discipleship are best known up front, and Matthew reminds us that we need to be dedicated to this call.

### **Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary**

*Fr Laurence is leading worship at St Gabriel's Cricklewood today. Please pray for St Gabriel's and for Rev Jane as she continues to recover.*

### **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.

### **St Anne's Charities 2017**

The PCC each year reviews our charitable giving as a church community. Our current charities are: **Laurence's Larder**—who we support with donations and volunteers. **St Mungo's**—who we support with gift boxes at Christmas. **Salisbury Gambia Project**—who we support through My Move donations.

**Salisbury World**—who we support with funding and also other requests from time to time. **Lent Charity** which in 2017 will be ALMA. From time to time we will also provide information about other projects members of our community are working on. Though we have made a commitment to not ask for any other money, we might provide information of ways to help.

We will also try to keep you updated. In February Sarah from Salisbury World will visit us and speak during Mass.

### **Laurence's Larder and Food Bank**

The Larder is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-1.30pm.