

Lent Activities

40bags in 40 days—It is a process which allows us to reflect on what is necessary in our lives.- challenge yourself to declutter, simplify, and get rid of things you don't need—making time to prayer and live in the process.

Rosary Prayers —7pm Wednesdays from 8th, before Mass at 7.30.

Lent Retreat—Saturday 1st April from 9.30— 4pm here. There will be focused meditation and reflection as well as much silence. A simple lunch will be provided. Please sign up in church. Cost £5

Stations of the Cross—Sunday 5th March & 2nd April at 5 pm



For our Prayers— Jeremy, Hildegard, John Q, 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 Reg Holder, George Shipman, Margaret Gayler, Charles Lee,

Anna White and Max O'Connell

Services during the week 5th March 2017

Monday 8.30am No Morning Prayer today (just this week)

Tuesday 8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Wednesday 8.30am No Morning Prayer today (just this week)
7pm Rosary is Said
7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel

Thursday 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Friday 8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
10am My Move

6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Sunday 5th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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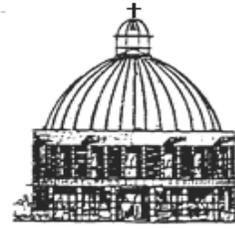
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 5th March 2017

Lent 1

HYMNS TODAY - 202, 43, 811, 174 and 556(tune 2)

President Mo Christine **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.

Today we hear the story of the temptation of Adam and Eve by the Serpent—it is a story we will think we know. Scripture continually challenges our presumptions about the Creator and creation alike. Every time we think we have a story figured out, something new will jump out. Try to listen to this story with fresh ears and hearts. The Bible is not a collection of facts. It is a collection of stories, poems, songs, prayers, and remembrances. It invites us to dwell over its details, revel in its beauty, and reflect on its difficult questions.

1st Reading— Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1- 7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman,

'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Our Second reading

This week the paradox that Paul maintains is that although we can't escape sin since we are connected to Adam ("sin came into the world through one man," verse 12a), we are also each our own Adam or Eve, very willingly turning away from God. We have to take responsibility for our actions.

2nd Reading— Romans 5: 12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Our Gospel reading today is Matthew 4: 1-11 in which we hear the story of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. Throughout the scriptures, the wilderness represents a place of preparation, a place of waiting for God's next move, a place of learning to trust in God's

mercy. For forty days and nights Jesus remains in the wilderness, without food, getting ready for what comes next. The promise of the gospel is that the one who is "with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt 28:20) has already gone ahead of his followers, even to the most forsaken places of the wilderness; he meets them in the most difficult tests of their own lives. No place is so desolate, so distant, or so challenging that Jesus has not already been there. How then do we live out our lives of faith in this reality?

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 are 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 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'**.

Electoral Roll and APCM

The Church Electoral Roll is really the list of names of people who are members of the parish. Please check you are on it, if not, please complete the forms downstairs!

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on be 26th March 2017. We will need to elect members of the Church Council, as well as appoint those who assist on a Sunday morning. It is also your chance to hear about the work of the parish in the past year. If you can, please do come. The meeting takes place after church, starting at 11am, and usually takes about 1 hour.

LIFC News

The Book of Acts: Inter Faith Perspectives—each Wednesday afternoon from 2 –3.30pm.

Inter Faith Book Group - 21st March from 12.30—2pm will be reflecting on Helen Dunmore's Book—The Siege.

Silence for Peace Tuesday 21st March; 5-6pm in the Rotunda.