

Adult Learning at St Paul's Cathedral

The God who Speaks: the Bible and Holy Spirit today—Who is the Holy Spirit, and what happens if we take the Spirit's presence in our lives seriously? With Kate Coleman and Paula Gooder Tuesday 6 June 6.30 - 8pm FREE but guarantee your seat by booking.

LIFC Seminars

Beginning April 26th, on the theme of "Christians reading the scriptures of World Religions; How do we encounter The Other through sacred texts?". Time 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Each week, with a variety of presenters, we will introduce the scriptures of a different world religion.



For our Prayers— Estelle, Jeremy, Hildegard, John Q, Jessie T, Frances, Trish, Cleo, Fred, Floret, Bob and Marguerite, Lois, and Ruth **For those who have died recently** Hugh Berry and Gwynhwyfar Cole **and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** Ted

(Fredrick) Wilson, Bill Clements and Alice Goode

Services during the week 1st May 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 Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move 2.30pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 14th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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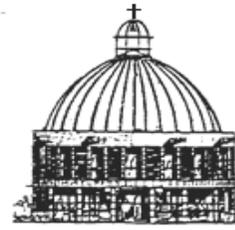
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 7th May 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

HYMNS TODAY - 747, 273, 340, (*We have seen the resurrection*) & 321

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Fr Laurence

5pm today—First Sunday Reflective service in Chapel

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.



Our first reading.

Throughout the Easter season we here from the Book of Acts. Acts, as the New Testament's only book of ancient historiography, records Luke's retelling of the earliest days of the church. For Luke, the early church is an idyllic society marked by shared meals and prayers, awe or reverence, portents and signs, communal sharing and redistributive economics, ritual faithfulness, joy, good will, and growth. Whether or not this is a strictly historical portrait, there are strong catechetical reasons for Luke to portray the church in this way. Such a portrait points to Luke's ideals of what a church community ought to be.

1st Reading— Acts 2: 42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with

glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Our Second reading

This week as we continue our reading from first Peter, we receive a compelling commendation to Christians to do what is right even if it brings suffering. We need to hear it in its first-century context; when it would have been read aloud to small, house-church communities scattered across Asia Minor. Peter has a specific audience in mind.

2nd Reading— 1 Peter 2: 19-end

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Our Gospel reading today is John 10: 1-10. We arrive once again at “Good Shepherd Sunday,” the fourth Sunday of Easter. The focus of this portion of John 10, however, is on Jesus as the door or gate of the sheepfold. The function of the gate is to keep the sheep together in the sheepfold during the night, safe from thieves and predators. During the day the gate is opened so that the sheep can go out, following their shepherd, to find pasture. The gate and the shepherd work together for the well-being of the sheep, so that the flock thrives. Jesus is both the gate and the shepherd at the same time; he guards and protects his sheep from danger, and he provides for their nourishment, for their life in abundance. “Life” or “eternal life” in John’s Gospel is not just about life after death. It is life that begins here and now; it is knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ whom God has sent. It is knowing the voice of the good shepherd who truly cares for us. It is life in community, finding security and nourishment as part of his flock. It is life that abounds in meaning and value and endures even beyond death. How are we responding to this? In what ways do we embrace God’s nourishment? In what ways are we living life in all its abundance, and working with others to do the same?

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 continues to be £2000—this means we are a little short each month. 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 .

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’**.

PCC—The PCC met on Tuesday evening, we discussed finance, safe guarding and agreements. Please pray for our parish and the PCC.

Church Wardens Swearing in and Visitation

The Archdeacon visits every Deanery once a year to ‘swear in’ the churchwardens and hear about the life of the deanery. This is a public service on Tuesday 9th May from 7.30pm at All Souls Harlesden. You are all welcome to attend—it would be lovely if a few people came to support Lee and Alice.

Thy Kingdom Come

Is a Global time of prayer led by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to pray in the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. This year there are lots of resources available to help us prayer during this period. There are links to these on the parish website. In Brent we are advertising different prayer events in coming weeks. Here at St Anne’s we will have a special event on Wednesday 31st May. Chapel will be open for prayer from 3pm, with prayer stations, then there will be a focused meditation from 6pm to the start of Mass at 7.30pm. We will focus these 5 hours on praying for God’s Kingdom—a kingdom of peace and justice for all.

Annual ‘Tea/Pimms with the Vicar’ Garden afternoon

Save the date—Sunday 4th June from 2pm—5pm come and enjoy the Vicarage Garden and some tea & scones; or maybe even a glass of Pimms!

Open Society Under Threat? A Warning from History

Conversation at St Paul’s Cathedral on Tuesday 16th May from 6.30– 8pm, register for tickets at opensociety.eventbrite.com Speakers include Dr Rowan Williams, Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss GBE, Professor Kurt Barling, Professor Maiken Umbach with a response from Professor Lord Stern.