

**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. All materials will be provided but please book with Mo C or Rhona!

*We will also have Christmas Cards to deliver to every house in the parish—we will need everyone to help! Please make sure you write down what you are delivering.*



**For our Prayers**— John and Lucia, Patrick, 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 Grace Burrell and Hubert Smith.

#### Services during the week 27th November 2016

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| <b>Monday</b>                 | <b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer 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<br><b>7.00pm</b> Meditation on the Nativity<br><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<br><b>10am</b> My Move Drop In  |
| <b>Sunday 4th</b><br>Advent 2 | <b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer<br><b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist<br><b>6pm</b> LIFC evening of music and prose event to mark the retirement of Reverend Maggie Hindley |

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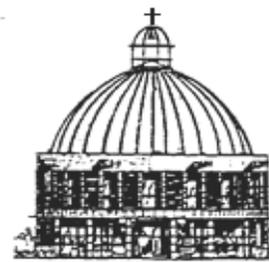
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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 27th November 2016**

## Advent Sunday

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

**HYMNS TODAY** - 140, 120 (tune 1), 449, 491( tune 2) and 699

*Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome. 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 baptise Orla Graydon Stannus into the family of Christ. We welcome her family and friends who join us on this special day. Please pray for Orla, and for Rufus, as they grow in faith in the coming years.**

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*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 140 – Come thou long expected Jesus** as the Clergy enter.*

### The Gathering

We meet in the name of the (+) Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Mo Christine will introduce the service.*

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in  
thought and word and deed, through negligence, through  
weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly  
sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and  
grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory  
of your name. Amen.**

*We sing together.*

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

***We turn to the Advent Wreath***

*A prayer is said at the end of which we say together*

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ  
today and for ever. Amen.**

*We light the first candle of Advent for the Patriarchs (purple) and then  
sing (Hymn 452)*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,**

**light for the world to see.**

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.***

***Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

***The Collect is sung***

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Our Community Life Together /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!

**Advent Procession**

It was great to see so many of you last evening and we hope you enjoyed the event.

**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.

**LIFC news**

There are 2 remaining events for 2016:

Monday 28th November at 7.00pm, Jeremy Rodell of the British Humanist Association is speaking on the theme of Humanism and Inter Faith.

Sunday December 4th at 6.00pm we have a music and prose event to mark the retirement of Reverend Maggie Hindley.

**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.

*We receive communion. If you would receive communion in your own church you are welcome to receive at this altar. You may also like to come forward for a blessing. During communion we sing **Hymn 491 (tune 2) – Love Divine, all love excelling**. At the end of communion the priest will lead us in a period of silence, and then a short prayer at the end of which we say:*

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,  
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;  
as Christ receives us on earth,  
so may he guide us through the trials of this world,  
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,  
where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

*We listen to the notices about our community life.*

#### THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*Orla are given a lighted candle, and Rufus relights his candle, symbolic of the light of Christ*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father**

#### **The Dismissal** *(please stand)*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the (+) Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing our final **Hymn 699 – The Advent of our king** during which the clergy depart.*

*Please do join us for morning tea downstairs!*

#### **Liturgy of the Word** *(please sit)*

**Our first reading from Isaiah 2:1-5.** *Christians share a common theological conviction with the authors of Isaiah 2:1-5: Our most precious promises are attached to tangible realities like land, mountains, temples ... bread, water, and wine.*

#### *A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We remain seated as we sing our Gradual **Hymn 120 (tune 1) – Come Down O love divine***

**Our second reading is Romans 13: 11-end.** *Today we start the season of Advent. Romans 13:11 begins with the exhortation, "Know what time it is!" (NRSV). The time Paul has in mind is the pregnant eschatological moment that began its gestation with Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and will have its full birth at his return. It turns our minds to our advent focus.*

*A Reading from the letter to the Romans*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel is processed to the middle of the Church as we sing **Alleluia (Hymn 29 verse 1)**, please stand.*

*The Gospel is announced.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
( *Matthew 24: 36-44* )

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*At the end.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Gospel is carried back to the Altar as we sing **Alleluia (Hymn 29 verse 1)**.*

*We sit to listen to the sermon*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The baptismal candidates and family move to the font and are introduced to the congregation.*

*After the Consecration*

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we sing **Amen***

*Silence is kept for a moment as the children re-join us and we join in the prayer that Jesus taught his friends to say.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

We break this bread to share  
in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all  
share in one bread.**

*We sing the Agnus Dei.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us (repeat)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Grant us peace.**

*The Elevation*

This is Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord (+) I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the  
word and I shall be healed.**

**Liturgy of the Sacrament** (please stand)

*The peace is shared.*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light  
to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those around us until the offertory Hymn  
is announced. We sing the offertory 449 –Lo, he comes with  
clouds* during which a collection is taken.

*Prayer over the gifts.*

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made  
one, so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine; she  
has set her table.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The preface continues until we sing.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven  
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The priest addresses the whole congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to His people. In baptism the Lord is  
adding to our number those whom He is calling. People of God,  
will you welcome Orla and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The priest then says to the parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Orla with joy.  
Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray  
for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith  
and walk with her in the way of Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Orla begins her journey in faith. You speak for her  
today. Will you care for her and help her to take her place  
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**

THE DECISION

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into His marvellous  
light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life  
with Him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and  
neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

## THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Orla with Holy Oil saying*

+ Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of His cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of His glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OVER THE WATER

*The priest begins the prayer of blessing over the water of baptism saying*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps His promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Prayer continues at the end of which we say **Amen***

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The priest then addresses the congregation*

Let us affirm, our common faith in Jesus Christ.  
Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ  
known in the world?

**I believe and trust in Him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The priest baptises saying  
(Orla Graydon Stannus)*

I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ. As many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ.

May God, who has received you by baptism into His Church, pour upon you the riches of His grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by His anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession are offered. We join in with the response:*

Your name be hallowed.

**Your kingdom come.**

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord  
**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace **And rise in Glory**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE WELCOME AND PEACE

*Please stand, the priest says*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you. (applause)**