

We wish you a blessed and happy Christmas.

It is a joy to have you worship with us over the Christmas period. You would be welcome to come again. Thank you to all who have assisted in our celebration of Christmas, especially our organist Peter Walters and sacristan Kay Anderson, and to all the elves who have helped behind the scenes.



Our regular service times here at St Anne's are:

Sunday

9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday Schools

Sunday to Friday

8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel (downstairs)

Please note there is no morning prayer until 3rd January

Tuesday

8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel (downstairs)

Wednesday

7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel (downstairs)

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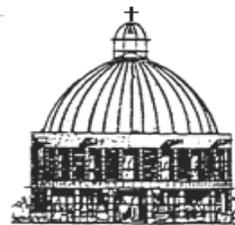
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Christmas Day Mass 2016

A warm welcome to St Anne's today—it is great to have you with us. St Anne's is the local Church of England parish church and we are a very diverse group of people. We hope that you will feel welcome. St Anne's shares this space with St Andrew's United Reformed Church—and so this building is called St Anne's and St Andrew's. It is also the home of the London Inter Faith Centre—a Christian hosted charity encouraging dialogue, learning and shared events between people of different faiths and none. We also rent spaces to a number of other users for children's and adult classes and social groups. We hope that you will feel comfortable to come again.



Mother Christine welcomes us and we stand to sing our opening carol as the bell is rung.

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing**

**Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns
Let us our songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sound in joy**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders and wonders of his love**

Mother Christine greets us

In the name of the + Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit, **Amen**

The Lord be with you
And also with you

*We make our confession for those things which separate
us from God and from one another.*

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing
in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

**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.**

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell..**

**And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell...**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both Pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay. Nowell...**

**Then entered in those Wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Nowell...**

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Nowell...**

**"All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth From heaven to men
Begin and never cease.**

The priest will lead us in a short prayer

God our Father, whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of
faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words
and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.
Amen.

*We hear a brief notices and a chance to share our
Christmas gifts.*

Please stand for the blessing and dismissal

The Lord be with you
And also with you

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the
shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the
obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of
the Christ child be yours this Christmas; 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 carol as the clergy depart.

**The First Nowell, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

We sing together.

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

We are reminded of God's forgiveness.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, (+) pardon and deliver you
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Confident in God's forgiveness we remain standing as we
sing the Gloria*

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and
Father, we worship You we give You thanks,
we praise You for your glory. Refrain:**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God You take away the sin of
the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. Refrain:**

**For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Refrain.**

The opening prayer is sung.

Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas
celebration that our joy in the birth of Christ will
last for ever.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

We are seated for the readings.

We hear a reading from the Old Testament
Isaiah 52:7-10

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Mother Christine will read us a story called the Nativity.

We remain seated as we sing our next carol.

**See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.**

***Chorus: Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

**Say, ye holy shepherds, say
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep? *Chorus***

We are invited to receive communion

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.

We receive communion. If you would receive communion in your own church you are welcome to receive at this altar, or you may like to come forward for a blessing. During communion we sing a carol.

**While shepherds watched Their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around**

**"Fear not," he said, For mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind,**

**"To you in David's Town this day
Is born of David's line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign**

**"The heavenly Babe, You there shall find
To human view displayed
And meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid**

**Thus spake the seraph, And forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song**

**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.**

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.**
We stand together as we are invited to 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, who takes away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the
world, grant us Your peace**

**Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this. *Chorus***

**Teach, O teach us , Holy Child,
By Thy Face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy Sweet humility! *Chorus***

*We hear a reading from the New Testament.
Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12)*

At the end the reader says:
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** 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
John (John 1:1-14)
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***

We sit to listen to the sermon.

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the (+) resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

We kneel or sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community. During the prayers we use the response:

Holy God
Hear our Prayer.

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

The Priest will introduce the peace .

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince 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 carol is announced. We sing the carol during which a collection is taken.

**Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**And through all his wondrous childhood
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew:
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness**

**And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.**

The Priest will offer a prayer over the gifts.

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.
Blessed be 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 the we sing together: