

Cards we need to distribute to households across the parish. You can collect next Sunday. We need lots of helps please!

News from Helen Brown -Helen is currently in Japan on an artist in residence program. She sends her greetings and you can view her progress at www.helenbrownartist.com

LIFC

National Inter Faith Week continues.....

On **Tuesday** Fr Laurence with host an events with 7 6th Form groups working on issues of Collaboration.

November 19, 2017 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm with A Creative Writing Workshop based on The Light in the Stone. Please book.

Monday November 27, 2017 @ 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm—“They’ll Be Banning Christmas Next!” Myths and realities of Christmas in an Interfaith Context; A talk given by Patrick Morrow



For our Prayers— Lois, Margot, Rev. Jane , Gale, Yaa, Estelle, John Q, Floret, Trish, Cleo, Bob, Marguerite and Ruth **For those who have died recently** George Bruce and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Grace Burrell and Hubert Smith

Services during the week 17th November 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 Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Sunday 26th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Christ the King	9.30am Sung Mass

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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 19th November 2017

Second before Advent

HYMNS TODAY - 547, 24, 205 and 434

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

During communion we listen to

Ave Marie by Gustav Mahler from Adagietto from Symphony No 5.

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. Large Print Service books available.

Our first reading.— In this passage from Zephaniah, the audience is jarred out of its familiar ritual commemoration of the Day of the Lord to find itself in the far more destabilizing reality of God’s actual presence.

1st Reading— Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.’ Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out

like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Our Second reading : The reading for today, with the passage from last week, function together to describe the nature of Christ's longed-for return in the most vivid language possible, to help the recipients of the letter have the sense that they can actually see, hear, and trust the promise they are committed to.

2nd Reading— 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Our Gospel reading today is Matthew 25: 14-30. The end is near! Today is the penultimate Sunday of Year A when we have been reading through the Gospel of Matthew. As we continue in Kingdom Season and move towards advent the Gospel reading we are offered is apocalyptic. The Matthean Jesus named Immanuel, God with us, in Matthew 1 is the same Christ who meets us in troubling texts "until the end of the age." . The end is near in eschatological parables, but it is the same confounding Matthean Parabler who narrates them. Matthew's language is different to that of the other Gospel writers, But Matthew wants to give us something to reflect on. We may not need to accept Matthew's answer, but perhaps we can benefit from working through Matthew's way of portraying the problem! Matthew is much more interested in using ultimate judgment as a future/present, as a way of encouraging an engagement with rather than a burying of talents.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Today Fr Laurence is leading worship, and talking about the work of LIFC at St Barnabas Northolt Park.

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. While all non-perishable goods are welcome, we have agreed to focus as a church on providing '**tinned fish**'

Laurence's Larder Fundraiser—Friday 24th November from 7.30-9.30pm at Christ Church—an evening of Poetry.

Advent Procession



Our next outing is to **St Paul's Cathedral** is for the **Advent Procession on Saturday 2nd** December. We have booked 30 tickets but I will need to confirm numbers with the cathedral by the 15th November, so please check your diary now so you can sign up. We need to be in the cathedral at 5pm on the 2nd. Please sign up! We have also been invited to be part of the procession. If you would like to do this, please let me know as soon as possible.

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present our average congregational giving almost hits this target. With gift aide—in October we did do this. *A huge thank you to all who have revised their giving already!!*

WWI History Project Group

As part of marking 100 hundred years since WW1 we are researching the names from the plaque at the top of the stairs in our church, which originally came from the old St Anne's Church and commemorates 31 men from our parish who died in, or as a result of, the First World War. The task group have found some really interesting information, and we will present findings in 2018.

Christmas Wreath Making

On Saturday 9th December we will be hosting a wreath and table centre making workshop. We will provide all the materials and you will be asked the pay for your wreath before you take it home. We start at 10am. Please sign up on the sheet downstairs

Christmas Card Distribution

During the first week of December we will have 5000 Christmas