

Christmas Card Distribution

During the first week of December we will have 5000 Christmas Cards we need to distribute to households across the parish. You can collect next Sunday. We need lots of helps please!

Giving Tree

Our Christmas Trees will go up in Advent 2, which will give you an opportunity to consider your charity giving this Christmas.

1. Gift Box for St Mungo's—Fill a shoe box with items that would be useful for a homeless man. Warm socks, hats, gloves, toiletries, tea bags, cup of soups. Wrap the box and place under the tree.
2. Gift to St Anne's for its ministry -This Christmas you are invited to give a gift to St Anne's. We invite you to simply place your gift to St Anne's in the envelope provided, and post it under the tree.



For our Prayers—Margot, Rev. Jane, Gale, Yaa, Estelle, John Q, Floret, Trish, Cleo, Bob, Marguerite and Ruth
For those who have died recently Lois Romain **and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Phyllis Jeffery, Irene Kane, Anthony Judge, Catherine Edmonds, Ethel Beange and Robin Ashton.

Services during the week 3rd December 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
Saturday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Sunday 10th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass

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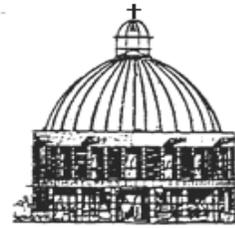
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 3rd December 2017

Advent Sunday

HYMNS TODAY - 11, 377, 449 and 535

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Fr Laurence

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.

Advent starts today! It is also the start of the new Church Year—Year B for those of you who use the Lectionary in daily readings.

Our first reading.— These verses are part of a larger psalm of communal lament (Isaiah 63:7-64:12) that begins with a praise-filled account of God's mighty acts of deliverance throughout Israel's history. God's actions on behalf of Israel ("my people"; 63:8) are described as expressions of God's steadfast love, mercy and compassion.

1st Reading— Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have

delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Our Second reading : As in most of his letters, Paul begins 1 Corinthians with an expression of thanksgiving. Paul's regular opening thanksgivings serve at least two purposes: here he signals the concerns he has for his addressees and seeks to influence their behaviour and self-understanding.

2nd Reading— 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Gospel reading today is Mark 13: 24-end. This passage represents the second half of the single longest speech by Jesus in the Gospel. The significance of this must be noted. Toward the end of a sixteen-chapter narrative about Jesus, early first-century Jesus suddenly begins addressing his late first-century hearers, in the second-person and often in the imperative mood. This is why many commentators on Mark see this particular part of the Gospel as most closely corresponding to the situation for which the Gospel was written. Jesus lived, was crucified, and was proclaimed resurrected in the first third of the first century. But the event of the Temple's destruction, and the very long apocalyptic speech about it here in Mark 13, reflect the situation of the final third of that century. The so-called "little apocalypse" of Mark 13 is probably best understood as crisis literature, spoken in the voice of Jesus, but to a context forty years or so after the narrated events of the Gospel of Mark itself. The purpose of Jesus' apocalyptic discourse in Mark is not scary Nostradamus-like timetables or garish National Enquirer headlines, but a promising call to a praxis of wakefulness to keep on keeping on in the face of a "gathering" theophany. It challenges us in our context to watch for the new thing God is doing in Advent. *(Reflection is an exert on this passage written by David Schnasa Jacobsen , Professor at Boston University School of Theology*

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Lois Romain

Long term member of our congregation Lois Romain past away peaceful on 19th November. Please pray for her family at this sad time for them. A service of thanksgiving for her life will take place here at St Anne's on Saturday 3rd December at 3.30pm.

Finance—St Anne's

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

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'**

Advent Procession



Over 35 people from our parish attend the Advent Service at St Paul's last evening including a number of our young people who participated in the Procession. It was a wonderful evening, and one that has become an annual way for us to mark the starting of the Advent Season.

Advent Activities starting today—3rd December

Advent Resources are available at the back of church.

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

My Move Christmas Party

Friday 15th December from 10am—12noon in the Rotunda.

Tea and Chat Christmas Party

Friday 15th December from 2.30-4.30pm in the Rotunda.

If you know members of our community who would enjoy this, please do invite them.

Vicar's Christmas Drinks – 15th December from 7.30pm to 10pm.

This is an invitation to members of the parish to come and join in a glass of mulled wine and share a nibble. Pop in for a little all while, or come for the evening. Please do come if you are able.