



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## Sunday 28th January 2018

### Candlemas

**HYMNS TODAY** - 39, 377, 479, 661 and 223  
**President:** Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

*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 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. Our worship style is quite formal, but we hope relaxed—as we come to worship God in our midst. Please do join us for morning tea after the service.*

**Today we mark the end of our Christmas celebration as the baby Jesus is taken by his parents and presented in the temple. Mary presented Jesus to God at the Temple in Jerusalem after observing the traditional 40-day period of purification (of mothers) following the birth of a new baby. We start our service facing the crib, during the service we will move with our candles as we turn our focus from the crib to the cross.**



*The President welcomes us and we stand to sing our opening hymn 39 as the bell is rung.*

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

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

*The President will introduce the service.*

**Rosary Prayers** —7pm Wednesdays from 21st, before Mass  
**Lent Retreat**—Saturday 3rd March from 9.30— 3.30pm here. There will be focused meditation and reflection as well as much silence. A simple lunch will be provided. Please sign up in church. Cost £5

**Stations of the Cross**—Sunday 18th February and 25th March at 5 pm in the chapel

**PCC meeting** is Thursday 8th February.



**For our Prayers**— Ofelia, John, Yaa, John Q, Floret, Trish, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth **For those who have died recently** including Bob Lewis, Renel Smith and Edith Richards **and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Fr Derek New, Charles Gabe,

Bellina Gabe, Anne Crawford, Ralph Keckwick, Ferry Hillman and Geoffrey Killick.

### Services during the week 29 January 2018

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel <b>6pm</b> Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>7pm</b> Quiet Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>7.30pm</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>6pm</b> Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>10am</b> My Move <b>2.30pm</b> Tea and Chat
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>2nd before</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday school
<b>Lent</b>	

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Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. In joyful expectation we sing

**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 Collect**

*The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings a prayer*

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever .

**Amen.**

### **New program for St Paul's**

There are regular public events and talks at St Paul's Cathedral. The new Spring Program is available downstairs; their website is also regularly updated.

### **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!

### **Ambassadors for Christ**

Towards the end of January we are going to relaunch our 2 minute slot. Once again we are looking for people to share some of their experiences outside of Sunday morning. We invite you to reflect on how you spend your week, and how this informs your faith. We are looking for volunteers to share during the coming month.

### **Sharing in our Mission**

During 2017 St Anne's had a commitment to 3 Mission priorities—Laurence's Larder, Salusbury World and Gambia Project. Last Sunday we heard from Stephen Haggard who will provided us with an update on work that has been taking place in Gambia ahead of their next visit in February. This means that all three groups will have shared with us in the past 12 months. More information on what Stephen shared can be seen at [www.ourglobalschool.org](http://www.ourglobalschool.org)

### **News from LIFC—Exploring Scriptures of World Faiths**

New 6 week course started on Wednesday January 10th at 2.00pm looking at the origins, use and interpretation of world scriptures. There course runs for 90 minutes for 6 Wednesday afternoons.

### **Ash Wednesday and Lent**

**Ash Wednesday** this year is the 14th February. On that day there will be a Said Mass at 8.30am, then a Sung Mass at 7.30pm. Ash Wednesday is a 'Holy Day of Obligation' - that means it is a day we should come to church and pray together! If you can't make a service here, look at what time services are on near where you work. There will be resources available from next Sunday to support our Lenten journey. Lent activities will include:

**40bags in 40 days**—declutter parts of our life during the 40 days

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**Help us, who extinguish these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.**

*(all candles are extinguished)*

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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 the remainder of hymn 223 as the clergy depart.*

*Please do join us for morning tea downstairs!*

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### **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 is £2000—this means we are 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.

### **WATCH—Quiet Day—Women and the Church**

Candlemas Quiet Day: A Feast of Light—Saturday 3 February at Christ Church Brondesbury NW6 7YN From 10.30am-4.00pm led by the Rev Dr Julia Candy. See poster for registration details.

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

**Our** first reading comes from Malachi 3:1-5. Malachi is thought to be the last of the prophets. We know little about Malachi but the book describes a time of restless waiting in the history of the people of Judah. Today Malachi describes the patience and endurance that faith requires.

*We hear a reading from the prophet Malachi*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We remain seated as we sing our next hymn— 377*

**The** second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews which uses a collage of images to show who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. Once it becomes clear who Jesus is the early church needs to come to understand the cost and the benefits of this faith.

*We hear a reading from the letter to Hebrews 2: 14-end*

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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. (Luke 2:22-40 )*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ....

**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.*

*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**

*After everyone has received communion, and while priest is clearing the altar—we will light our processional candles.*

*At the end of communion the priest will lead us in a short prayer:*

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

*We sing the first verse of hymn 223—The priest and people will process to the font, and we all turn to face the door.*

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Nunc Dimitis is read*

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace : according to your word. For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; Which You have prepared : before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen**

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life**

*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**

*We are invited to receive communion*  
God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father**

*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 will sing Hymn 661—Sing Lullaby*

**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.*

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light  
and life.

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: look  
in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the  
world: look in mercy on the nations, who long for his  
justice—we especially pray for ..... and all places  
where there is conflict and uncertainty.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became  
poor: look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him. We  
pray for all in need of your healing at this time including  
Ofelia, John, Maurice, Rev. Jane , Gale, Yaa, Estelle, John  
Q, Floret, Trish, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth  
...Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants  
find their peace: look in mercy on the departed, that they  
may see your salvation we particularly remember Bob  
Lewis, Renel Smith and Edith Richards ; as well as those  
whose anniversaries fall at this time including -Fr Derek  
New, Charles Gabe, Bellina Gabe, Anne Crawford, Ralph  
Keckwick, Ferry Hillman and Geoffrey Killick  
Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected: look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna, and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfilment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*We offer our confession*

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

*We receive assurance of God's forgiveness*

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

*The Priest will introduce the peace with suitable words...*

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and 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 Hymn 479 during which a collection is taken.*

*The Priest will offer a prayer of the gifts. We respond with the words:*

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous; accept the gifts we bring before you and grant that Christ may shine in us to the praise and glory of your name **Amen**

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.**

*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.**

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray