

The season of Epiphany

We are currently in the season of Epiphany and our crib remains until the Feast of Candlemas on the 2nd February which we observe on Sunday 28th January.

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. The course runs for 90 minutes for 6 Wednesday afternoons.

Used Christmas Cards and Wreaths

You can bring your old Christmas cards and used Christmas wreaths here to be recycled! Please bring either in for collection here!



For our Prayers— Ofelia, Maurice, Rev. Jane , Gale, Yaa, Estelle, John Q, Floret, Trish, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth
For those who have died recently including Bob Lewis and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Bert Gotobed, Joseph Lyon and James Dunn.

Services during the week 14 January 2017

Monday	8.30am Said Mass 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 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 10am My Move 2.30pm Tea and Chat
Saturday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Sunday 21	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Epiphany 3	9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 14th January 2018

Second of Epiphany

HYMNS TODAY - 33 , 61, 352 and 453

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

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.— The opening chapters of 1 Samuel provide background for the institution of Israel's monarchy. After a narrative on the Hannah's unlikely pregnancy (1 Samuel 1) and her accompanying prayer (1 Samuel 2), 1 Samuel 3 describes the call narrative for the Israelite leader.

1st Reading— 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your

servant is listening.” ’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

Our Second reading : Revelation's throne room scene continues with a vision of God holding a scroll in his hand. The scroll presumably expresses the will of God, and the question of who is worthy to make God's will known.

2nd Reading— Revelation 5: 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’ Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.’

Our Gospel reading today is John 1: 43-end. This text tells how it works: The Christian faith is passed from person to person. That’s how it started with Jesus, and that’s how it’s been for 2,000-plus years. What was it about Jesus that caused people to believe in him and follow him with no evidence? There was something about him that drew people to him. Had Philip and Nathanael known him before? The text doesn’t say. It only says that Philip followed Jesus straightaway. What is it that causes us to follow Jesus and to live out our faith? Today as we listen to the work of the Gambia project maybe we can consider what inspire us to follow? What inspires others? What do we learn from others about following?

Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary

Happy New Year

May God bless each of us in the coming year and in our life as a parish together.

A Huge Thank you!!

A huge thank you to everyone for all your help in making a Advent and Christmas celebrations such a success. **And Thank you...** Mo Christine and Fr Laurence would like to express our thanks for the cards and wishes we have received during the Christmas Season.

Giving Tree

A huge thank you to all who made contributions under the giving tree— to St Mungo’s, Laurence’s Larder and also to St Anne’s.

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.

Finance—St Anne’s

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present we are hitting our target 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!

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. Today we hear from Stephen Haggard who will provide 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.