

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

Lent starts this year with Ash Wednesday on 14th February. This is during half term week.

PCC meeting

Our Next PCC meeting is Thursday 8th February.



For our Prayers— Ofelia, John, Maurice, Rev. Jane , Gale, Yaa, Estelle, 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 Geoffrey Walter and Bill Webb.

Services during the week 21 January 2017

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| 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 7.00pm Prayers 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 |
| Candlemas | 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School 4.30pm Reflective Service—Candlemas |

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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 21st January 2018

Second of Epiphany

HYMNS TODAY - 14, 34, 669 and 200

President Fr Laurence **Preacher** Mo Christine

during communion we will listen to Ave Dulcissima Maria— Lauridsen

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.

Today's readings vary in the Church of England to the Revised Common Lectionary as we continue to observe epiphany. On the third Sunday we hear the gospel reading of the Wedding at Cana, and as such we are invited to once again consider those manifestations which help us recognise Emmanuel—God with us. This reading obscure reading from Genesis seems almost out of place—but gives context to the image of Christ as the great High Priest—in the order of Melchizedek!

1st Reading— Genesis 14: 17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Our Second reading : As with our first reading this passage from the visions of the apocalypse in Revelation try to help us see the fullness of the vision of Jesus. A testimony which can be held onto and calls us to prayer and praise.

2nd Reading— Revelation 19: 6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Our Gospel reading today is John 2: 1-11 is the first recorded miracle of Jesus ministry as water is turned into wine at the wedding in Cana. What does it, and the other readings we have heard through Epiphany, reveal about who Jesus is and what Jesus will do? We should remember that the miracles Jesus performs in the Fourth Gospel are never called miracles but signs. In other words, the miracle itself is not really what we are supposed to see, as miraculous as it is.

True, water into wine would be quite something, especially on a Sunday afternoon. Rather, the miracles point to a truer revelation about Jesus. This could be an important way to move through the season of Epiphany. Revelation for revelation's sake is really not the point. What deeper reality is Jesus revealing? What are we supposed to see about Jesus?

They are good questions to consider as we prepare for Candlemas next Sunday. What difference does the revelation, the ministry, the incarnation of God amongst make to our lives? How does our faith in Christ anchor our days—in good times and in bad? What do we hold onto.

Each Sunday we come to the table and share in the Eucharist together. It is an act which we share as a community, and hopefully grounds our week. It is a moment in which Jesus is revealed to us afresh each week. As Epiphany draws to a close, may we be challenged to consider how we 'hold onto' what we have learnt in faith.

Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary

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.

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.

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. 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

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 keep observe on Sunday 28th January. At 4.30pm on 28th there will be reflective service during which we will take down the crib.