

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

APCM—This is the annual congregational meeting and will take place on the 18th March after our morning service. Please plan to attend.

For our Prayers— Roger, Stephen Yaa, Floret, John Q, Floret, Trish, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth **For those who have died recently** including John Gordon and Ofelia **and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including William Brown, Sidney Hinks (Priest), Charles Dodd (Priest) and Doris Paterson



Services during the week 18 February 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 The Rosary is Said 7.30pm Sung Mass with imposition of Ashes
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 25	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Lent 2	9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 18th February 2018

Lent 1

HYMNS TODAY - 202, 237 , 556 (tune 2) 669

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

During communion we listen to Deep Peace by Ashana

Today 5pm—Stations of the Cross in the chapel

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 from a story of covenant. Reading Genesis 9 on its own terms raises the question of humanity's partnership with God in caring for and conserving the earth. What is our role? This text doesn't provide specifics. Perhaps the Iron Age writers and their readers could not have imagined the state of the world in our times, nor would they have believed it. The covenant is striking in its inclusivity. The welfare of the earth is a matter for all of humanity.

1st Reading— Genesis 9: 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant

that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Our Second reading : As is the case with much of the New Testament, when reading First Peter we find ourselves reading other people's mail.

First Peter is a letter addressed to the "exiles of the dispersion." It is not clear to what extent the audience is suffering -- persecutions, physical or psychological, ongoing or sporadic. However, it is apparent that the audience is identified as outsiders of some sort. The writer sets out to affirm their identity as God's people and to provide guidance for how to live during difficult times.

2nd Reading— 1 Peter 3: 18-end

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Our Gospel reading today is Mark 1: 9-15; and it comprises three episodes: Jesus' baptism (Mark 1:9-11), his temptation (1:12-13), and his inaugural preaching (1:14-15). There is, however, a certain drama in the brevity itself. In a few swift strokes of the pen Mark sets the stage for all that is to come. Our attention is focused precisely on the man Jesus and the message he brings. This clearing away of extraneous detail, this forcing our attention on Jesus is just what Lent can be about for believers who are too absorbed in their own projects to focus for themselves. Mark's opening verses invite us to re-focus in Lent. As an invitation to re-focus our attention, these verses echo Jesus' own message, "repent and believe in the gospel." We might translate these familiar words "re-focus and trust the good news." Mark leaves us in no doubt about the good news that Jesus calls upon his hearers to trust. What might God be calling to us to refocus and

trust in this Lent? (*reflection is an exert from Sarah Henrich, Professor Emeritus of New Testament Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN*)

Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present our average congregational giving is £2150 —this means we 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 .

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! Having said this any non perishable; easily edible food would be very welcome at this point!

A huge Thank you to Bob who has been doing a lot of work at the Larder while Stephen Chamberlain has been unwell.

We are also in need of a couple of replacement drivers for Monday pick of items from Bakery on Kilburn High Road. We have a rota and it takes about 30mins at around 7pm to collect left over bread etc and deliver to Christ Church.

Ambassadors for Christ

We are looking forward to hearing more stories this year in the 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.

News from LIFC

Food and Festivals in Religious Traditions: Lent and Fasting at London Inter Faith Centre Feb 21 @ 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm.

An Evening with Rumi in Words and Music, presented by Esbe Esbe and Kiril Boshikyov. Feb 27 @ 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Lent

There are resources available at the back for church to support our Lenten journey. Lent activities will include:

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