

**News from LIFC**—Second talk in our occasional series on Food and Festivals in world faiths, on Wednesday March 14th at 2.00pm, when Rabbi Rachel Benjamin will speak about Food and Judaism with special reference to Pesach (Passover).

**Easter Publicity**—We have flyers advertising Holy Week and Easter Services which need to be distributed in the coming weeks. If you could help, please take the flyers and indicate on the sheet provided what you have delivered.



**For our Prayers**— Roger, Stephen, Stephen, Yaa, Floret, John Q, Trish, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Reg Holder, George Shipman, Margaret Gayler, Charles Lee, Anna White and Max O'Connell.

**Services during the week 11th March 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Morning Prayer today</b>
<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> The Rosary is Said <b>7.30pm</b> Sung Mass with imposition of Ashes
<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> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Passiontide</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School
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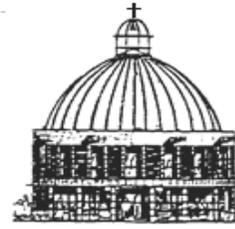
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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 11 March 2018**

## **Mothering Sunday**

**HYMNS TODAY** - 491 (tune 2), 120, 223, 499 and 425

**President** Fr Laurence **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 refreshments after the service.*

**Today is Mothering or Refreshment Sunday** which falls on the 4th Sunday in Lent, and is a day of joy and celebration in our Lenten journey. Many of the traditions we observe today began during the sixteenth century, when people returned to their mother church, the main church or cathedral of the area, for worship. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. Children and young people who were "in service" were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families (or, originally, return to their "mother" church). The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into that of Mothering Sunday. **So today let us give thanks for Mothers, for Mother Church and for all who nurture our faith!**



## **1st Reading— 1 Samuel 1: 20-end**

*In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.*

**Our Second reading** : The Letter to the Colossians combines large segments of theological/doctrinal and practical/ethical materials.

## **2nd Reading— Colossians 3: 12-17**

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**Our Gospel reading today** is John 19: 25b -27. In this brief section, Jesus shows concern for his mother. Note the manner in which Jesus addresses his mother, "Woman" (see also John 2:4). This would not have been seen as disrespectful then as it is today. As her oldest adult male relative, Jesus was both her protector and provider and could speak to her in this manner. This is a cultural norm and not a theological one.

John identifies four women at the cross as Jesus dies (slowly). Two are relatives and two are disciples. By being there, they have risked being identified with him and opening themselves to arrest. Their presence connoted their fidelity to, affection for, and piety toward Jesus. Much could be read into these verses; but maybe we are invited to sit with their vulnerability and the expression of love.

## **Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary**

*Mother Christine is leading worship at Christ Church today as Fr Stephen is on leave.*

### **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. Please consider setting up a Standing Order to manage your giving.

### **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! 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.

### **Annual General Meeting and Electoral Roll**

Our Annual General meeting will take place on 18th March after church in preparation of this meeting we need to up date our Electoral roll which entitles you to vote as a member of the parish. Please check that your name is on the list, if it isn't please complete a application form. We also need have vacancies for a Church Warden, PCC Secretary and PCC members. We also elect Sidespeople, who are those who welcome people to church each Sunday morning. Please complete speak to Mo C or Alice if you are interested.

### **Lent at St Anne's**

**Rosary Prayers** —7pm Wednesdays before Mass

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

**Flowers for Easter**—We are also collection donations for flowers for Easter day which can be offered in thanksgiving of a person or an event. Sign up today!!