

Bishops Lent Appeal

Out Lent Charity this year is the Bishop of London's Lent Appeal which this year is for Homelessness. There will be a retiring offering during Holy Week and Easter for those who would like to contribute to this appeal.

Holy week begins next Sunday with Palm Sunday. We will bring our service in the rotunda (or in the vicarage driveway if weather permits) promptly at 9.30am. There will be services each day during Holy Week.



For our Prayers— June, Roger, Stephen, Gale, 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 John Freeman, Peggy Randall, Charles Patrick Follett and George Burrell

Services during the week 18th March 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 25th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Palm Sunday	9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School 5pm Stations of the Cross

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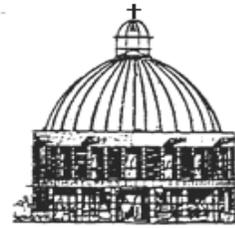
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

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Sunday 18 March 2018

5th Sunday of Lent—Passiontide begins

HYMNS TODAY - 3, 317, - 820 and 556 (*omit starred verses, tune 2*)

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 refreshments after the service.

Today Passiontide begins. Until 1959, the fifth Sunday of Lent was known as Passion Sunday. It marked the beginning of a two-week-long period known as Passiontide, which began with the reading of the Passion story (which we will hear read on Palm Sunday). While it was abolished in 1960, the name has stuck and also from tomorrow our readings will reflect our turning towards the cross. The other tradition which remains in Passiontide is that of veiling images and crosses within the church. This practice came from John 8:59 when Christ hid himself, so now he is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of his passion. The second reason is that it focuses our worship so that we are single minded in our worship in this most holy season.

In our first reading from Jeremiah, the book of consolation, a time that looks forward here to the coming day of hope.

1st Reading— Jeremiah 31: 31-34

In The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by

the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Our Second reading : There are many images of Jesus that have captured our imaginations -- Jesus as a baby, a shepherd, a carpenter, and a teacher. Here in Hebrews 5, Jesus is described as a priest, a high priest in the order of Melchizedek. God appoints him into a priesthood that endures forever.

2nd Reading— Hebrews 5: 5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; as he says also in another place, You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Our Gospel reading today is John 12:20-33. Greeks arrive on the scene, find Philip, and make one of the most extraordinary requests of the entire Gospel, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Jesus’ discourse that follows is, in part, a response to this request. If you wish to see Jesus, then this is what you will and must see—experiencing death to encounter resurrection. This in many ways is the heart of the Gospel of John—the message which we are all drawn too—we all come that we might see Jesus! The very real presence of Jesus that needs to be experienced by any or all of our human senses. In this passage this revelation of Jesus also helps us to prepare for his death and resurrection in the coming weeks. We will experience Jesus in many ways during Passiontide, and we must prepare for the encounters that are before us. It all also invites us to ponder how we might reflect on God in the coming weeks—what are we looking for; how we will we know when we have found it?

Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary

Father Laurence 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 **TODAY** after church. Please do stay as we reflect on the past year, and prepare for the year ahead.

Lent at St Anne’s

Rosary Prayers —On Wednesday evenings during Lent we will pray the Rosary using the ‘Sorrowful Mysteries’ as a focus for our prayers and meditations, prior to Mass on a Wednesday evening at 7pm before Mass

Stations of the Cross— Stations of the Cross is traditionally a series of meditations which follow through the story of the last hours of Jesus life. The 14 stations follow Jesus journey generally focusing on images, as well as listening to the story. Each station ends with a prayer. Meditation on the stations will take place on Sunday 25th March at 5 pm.

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!!

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.