

LIFC Seminars—We are starting a new series of seminars “**Identity and Meaning in the Modern World**” on Wednesday 25th April at 2.00pm, exploring the interface between the secular and religious world. **Ongoing** occasional series Food and Festivals in world religions with our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th April at 2.00pm, looking at Sikhism and food.

20th Anniversary of St Anne’s and St Andrew’s— Our building is 20years Old this year. On the Feast of Pentecost **Sunday 20th May at 10.30am** we will share in worship with St Andrew’s to celebrate this 20 years and share in lunch celebration afterwards.



For our Prayers— June, Roger, Stephen, 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** Hugh Berry, Gwynhwyfar Cole, Maude New, Dorothy Wilmont, Elsie Bateman and George Atkins.

Services during the week 8th April 2018

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 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	2.30pm Tea and Chat
Saturday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Sunday 15th Easter 3	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 8th April 2018

Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)

HYMNS TODAY - 387, 61, 75 and 777

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 we continue our Easter Celebration. Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2). In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians. As “Easter people,” we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples.

First Reading during the Easter Season we read every Sunday from the Book of Acts, as we hear the recounts of the early church as it learns how to live with the promise of the Resurrection.

1st Reading— Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the

proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Our Second reading : Early church leaders referred to 1 John as a “catholic epistle” (also known as a “general letter”) because of its formal treatise-like tone and lack of personal address or distinctive audience. The author’s overarching purpose in writing these epistles, therefore, is to root out these splintering notions and urge unity in the community.

2nd Reading— 1 John 1: 1-2:2

So We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Our Gospel reading today is John 20: 19-end . Jesus appears to the disciples who have locked themselves in a room for fear that they will be the next to die; and also fear of what the resurrection might mean. In their midst Jesus appears, in the absence of Thomas of course.

John’s gospel exhibits a pattern in which someone hears about Jesus and needs more -- and then receives what they need to come to their own experience of the life Jesus is embodying in the world. The earliest example is in John 1, when Philip says to Nathaniel, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth” (John 1:45) Nathaniel replies with

scepticism: “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” All Philip can say in reply is, “Come and see.” Thomas replies with the post-resurrection equivalent ! Thomas will not be shamed into believing, or shamed into at least keeping his unbelief to himself. Neither will Thomas ignore what he knows in order to believe something he does not know. Thus Thomas’s journey to faith make his story especially important for the audience of would-be believers (see also John 20:31) for whom John writes.

Thoughts offered by Mary Hinkle Shore, Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Brevard, N.C

Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary

HELP AFTER CHURCH TODAY— we need to move all the furniture out the rotunda today—please help if you can.

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!

Flowers for Easter A huge thank you to Sue and Liz for arranging our flowers. Thank you for all who contributed to our flowers for Easter including Bob Vickers, Pearl Salmon, Lesley Daisley, Rhona Christie, Ron, Richard Brindley, Henrietta Warner, Lee Gordon, Sue Baird, Liz O’Connell, Cecilia Quigley, Alice and Michael Lyon, Jane Clist, Val Keelaghan, Nathalie Pami, Karen Ngo, Tim and Katharine Collett, Pat West. Flowers donated in memory of Gladys and Gus Vickers; Bev Hamilton; Patrick Salmon; Paul Daisley; Rowland Jordan, Ian Christie, John Gordon, Peter and Katherine Gordon, Domingo, Rufira & Jolan Rivera, Joseph Lyon, John and Dee Hudson, Gerry and Simone Clist, Bob Lewis , Tom Keelaghan, Kathy Booth, Violet and Richard Card, June and Ray West, Shelagh, Claire and Con Farrell. And in thanksgiving for All of us at St Anne’s; and for St Anne’s and St Andrew’s.

A huge thank you to all who have contribute to the Bishop’s Lent Appeal, we will let you know total asap!