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

#### **LIFC Seminars**

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.

# **Open Studios and Gardens**

On Sunday 17th June St Anne's will once again be a venue for Open Studios. In addition to an exhibition of Helen's work we will be offering Tea and Cake. Please let Mo C know if you might be able to help on this day.



For our Prayers— John and Lucia, 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, George Atkins, Maurice

O'Connell, Clifford Saunders, Lily Chamberlain and Harry Osbourne.

## Services during the week 15th April 2018

**8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel **Monday 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 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

**10am** Mo Move

2.30pm Tea and Chat

Saturday

**8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel Sunday 22nd 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Easter 4

9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

# Sunday 15th April 2018

# Third Sunday of Easter

**HYMNS TODAY** - 494, 615, 150 and 837 **President** Mo Christine **Preacher** Fr Laurence during communion we will listen to Taize—O Christie Dominie Jesus (O Lord Jesus Christ)

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. Today we are invited to consider "What does an Easter church look like?"

# 1st Reading— Acts 3: 12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his

servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

**Our Second reading**: The closing lines of chapter 2 reminded the readers of Jesus' expected return, and called for a life of righteousness that will allow "boldness" when he comes. The first two verses of chapter 3 root this confident hope in what God has already done. The text begins with the love of God given to us.

# 2nd Reading- 1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**Our Gospel reading today** is Luke 24: 36b-48. In Luke's resurrection account, women go to the tomb on Sunday morning. The stone is rolled back, and two men in dazzling clothes announce that Jesus was raised. The women return and report the news to the disciples and the rest, but their report seemed to be an "idle tale" and was not believed. Peter, however, ran to the tomb and confirmed that it was empty.

On that same day, two from the group of followers of Jesus were going to Emmaus when they encounter, but do not recognize, Jesus. In Luke's account, however, confirming the physical reality of Jesus is not the ultimate goal. Here is where the attention to Scripture is important. Scriptural fulfilment may be interesting and informative, and it may help confirm what we believe about Jesus. What is more significant, however, is how the suffering, death, and resurrection of

Jesus help us understand what God has been accomplishing throughout all human history. In the reality of Jesus, the reality of God's plan is revealed. As important as this is, Jesus' life does not simply help us comprehend ancient Scripture's true meaning, it also moves us forward into the future. Like the first disciples, we have also experienced Jesus' real presence, and so these statements are not just doctrines we affirm but the basis for our calling also to be witnesses of these marvellous things.

# Our Community Life Together / Dates for your Diary

**A huge thank you** to all who helped moving furniture for our spring cleaning during the week!

#### 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!

**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.

# Consent to receive publicity

As many of you will be aware The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will take effect in the UK from 25 May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection regarding how their personal data is used by organisations. One of the implications of the new legislation is that we all now have the right to 'opt-in' rather than 'opt out' of things like mailing lists. We therefore need to ascertain the consent of members of the parish to contact them via mail, email or phone. Can you either complete a paper consent form, or return the email consent to Mo C before the 20th May. After this date we will only send you information if we have your consent. If you change your mind, let us know!