

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** Janet Harris, Edith Bowden, Barny Joel, Rufina Rivera and Joyce Wilson

Services during the week 22nd April 2018

Monday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Tuesday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel 6pm No Evening Prayer today
Wednesday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 6pm No Evening Prayer today
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 29th Easter 5	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 22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

HYMNS TODAY - 96 , 4, 352 , 723 and 340

President Fr Laurence **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.

Our First Reading continues our Easter Season reading from Acts. Acts suggests that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is an extended confrontation: God acts in Jesus through signs and wonders and miracles, the people reject God’s testimony, but God once more acts, and decisively, in raising Jesus from the dead and enthroning him at God’s right hand

1st Reading— Acts 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who

were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Our Second reading : In 1 John 3:16-24, then, our preacher continues his encouragement by reminding the children of God how their identity should be revealed in their own daily lives.

2nd Reading— 1 John 3: 16-end

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Our Gospel reading today is John 10: 11-18. On this Fourth Sunday of Easter the gospel lesson shifts from historical recounting of the events following to resurrection to Christological reflection. The goal is to assist us as we, like Mary and the disciples, seek to understand what happened and is happening to us, the flock of the good shepherd. In the years, decades, and centuries, to our own time, the followers of Jesus have sought for ways to express, in words and images, who was and who is this person Jesus Christ. John, for example, opened his gospel account with the grand vision of the one who was before all time and through whom all things came into being. Jesus was the very Word of God made flesh. And they turned to the images Jesus had

taught them about himself. He told them that he was the vine and they were the branches. He told them that he was the bread of life and living water that would quench their thirst forever. And he taught them that he was their shepherd; they were his flock. So often we try to condense our faith into a single idea or statement; but in doing so the richness and wonder of all that God is offering can be lost. How do we celebrate the richness of the resurrection?

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. 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!

GARDEN CLEAN UP—Saturday 19th May from 10am—please do come and help us be ready for the Summer and celebrations!