

**Thy Kingdom Come**—From 25 May to 4 June, Christians up and down the country, and across the world, will be praying in an event called Thy Kingdom Come. More details to come.

**LIFC**—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. Save the date!



**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 29th April 2018**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel <b>6pm</b> No Evening Prayer today
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>7.30pm</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>6pm</b> No Evening Prayer today
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>10am</b> Mo Move <b>2.30pm</b> Tea and Chat
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Sunday 6th Easter 6</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School

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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 29th April 2018**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**HYMNS TODAY** - 364 , 430 (sung twice) , 491 (tune 2) and 349  
**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.*

**Our First Reading** continues our Easter Season reading from Acts. Today we read of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch.

**1st Reading— Acts 8:26-end**

*Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about*

someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea

**Our Second reading** : This section of 1 John is centred on the theme of “love” (agape) and “loving” (agapan) .

**2nd Reading— 1 John 4: 7-end**

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.*

*God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, ‘I love God’, and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*

**Our Gospel reading today** is John 15: 1-8 . The main theme of this section is abiding in Jesus, the true vine. It is not a parable nor an allegory but a mashal, a Semitic form that includes an image and its application to real life. The vine was a common image used in the

Hebrew Bible to speak of Israel as God’s people and conveyed the ideas of divine love and divine judgment. The primary meaning of the vine in John is Christological: Jesus is the true vine (John 15:1), a word used in this gospel to speak of God. John plays masterfully with the symbolism of this image. The vinegrower is still God but the vine is not Israel. Now it is Jesus. And the branches are part of the vine, that is, part of Jesus’ mystical body. The secret to a productive branch is its attachment to the vine, its relationship to Jesus and his community, a theme expressed by the idea of abiding, remaining, or residing. The word appears 9 times in verses 1-8, which shows its centrality in the evangelist’s argument.

**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. Please complete a consent form.

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