

Archdeacons Visitation and Church Warden Swearing in

Takes place this Thursday 24th May from 7.30pm at St Catherine's Neasden. This is a public service and it would be lovely to have people from the congregation with us.

LIFC—Seminars “Identity and Meaning in the Modern World” on Wednesday's 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— Eve, Gija, John and Lucia, 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** Pearline Laurencin, Eweton Hawkes, Olga Paskins and Velma Smith.

Services during the week 20th May 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 Sorry no Mass today.
Thursday	8.30am Said Mass Trinity Chapel 7.30pm Archdeacons Visitation—Neasden
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 27th Trinity	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 20th May 2018

Pentecost Sunday

Shared Service with St Andrew's at 10.30am

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 celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit which renews and sustains us. Today we also remember that it is twelve months since we were commissioned as Ambassadors for Christ.

Our first reading.

Our first reading today is read at the start of our service and is the account of the first Pentecost. It places our service in context.

1st Reading— Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both

Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

Our Second reading

Romans 8 is perhaps the greatest chapter on the Spirit in the entire New Testament. It tells of how we become incorporated into the most important story told in scripture: God’s salvation of the cosmos through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It shows us that this is an “incorporation” in the literal sense of that term: we, in our bodies, become part of Christ in his body, so that we can be part of the new humanity that God is forming for the new creation.

2nd Reading— Romans 8: 22-27)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Our Gospel reading today is *John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15* Compared to Acts’ description of the Spirit descending like tongues of fire at Pentecost, today’s reading from John is sadly lacking in drama.

Nevertheless, Jesus’ conversation with his disciples about the Holy Spirit provides an important counterpoint to the Pentecost story. In this passage Jesus outlines the critical role that the Spirit will play both in the Christian community and in the world. In John, Jesus’ preferred term for the Spirit is the Paraclete. Because this word is notoriously difficult to translate without losing key components of its meaning, many commentators avoid the problem altogether and simply transliterate the Greek. The Greek noun Paraclete is related to a verb that means “I call alongside.” The Paraclete, then, is the Spirit of Truth whom Jesus calls to accompany his followers as helper, counsellor, advocate, and guide. Though sent by Jesus, the Spirit goes out from the Father.

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. **We raised £250 for the Bishop’s Lent Appeal for Homelessness.**

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. We celebrate in a Joint Service today. Thank you to all who have helped!

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—Thank you to all who helped with the Garden Clean up Yesterday

Installation of the New Bishop of London

The Rt Revd Sarah Mullally DBE, was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul’s Cathedral last week. Please pray for Bishop Sarah and also for the Diocese as we enter this new phase of ministry within London. You can read her Sermon and see photos at <https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/rt-revd-rt-hon-dame-sarah-mullally-dbe-installed-bishop-london/>

A New Exhibition by Helen Brown The Island of Khyshu and Return. The Opening of Helen’s Exhibit is this Friday 25th May from 6.30—8pm. Please do join us.