

Monday June 18th at 10.30pm, there is a special session of Scriptural Reasoning at Al Khoei Foundation, Chevening Road, looking at the importance of Religious leaders. At this event there will be the opportunity to visit the Al Khoei Foundation.

Open Studios and Gardens

On Sunday 17th June St Anne's will once again be a venue for Open Studios. We need lots of help on this day from 1pm—6pm welcoming guests, serving tea & cake and offering hospitality. Please let Mo C know if you can help. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for those who can assist.



For our Prayers— Peter, Josephine, 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** Annie Freeman, Mary Saunders and Heather O'Hagan.

Services during the week 3rd June 2018

Monday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Tuesday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel <i>No Evening Prayer today</i>
Wednesday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7.00pm Silent Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move 2.30pm Tea and Chat
Saturday	8.30am No Service today
Sunday 10th Trinity 2	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 3rd June 2018

Corpus Christi

HYMNS TODAY - 11, 670, 684 and 579

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Fr Laurence

during communion we will listen to O Magnum Mysterium

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 Corpus Christi—the gift of our Communion in Christ. As part of our service today we will have a commentary of what is going on during the service, The aim of which is to help us understand what we are doing each week. The service of the Eucharist of Mass is about our relationship with God and with each other. Much is about what we receive from God and there are strong symbols to support this.

Our First reading is from the book of Genesis. It is a very short reading! In this vignette, we hear the outcome after Abram has been to rescue the captive Lot. After the battle, Melchizedek brings forward refreshment to Abram in the form of bread and wine and prays for the blessing of Abram.

1st Reading— Genesis 14: 18-20

And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

In this passage from the first letter to the Corinthians.

Throughout 1 Corinthians, Paul is dealing with fractured communal unity caused by the attitudes and actions of various groups within the Corinthian congregation. Today Paul is explaining clearly to the knew Christian community the purpose of the Eucharist. You will not that the words do not vary with those that we use today.

2nd Reading— 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Our Gospel Reading Our Gospel reading today is John 6: 51-58, in which we hear that Jesus is the bread of life. How do we relate this to the Eucharist? Do we relate it to the Eucharist? Jesus promises that whoever eats the flesh and drinks the blood of Jesus, the Son of Humanity, has eternal life now and will be raised up on the last day. Jesus promises to provide food for the life of the world, his flesh and blood. In, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion, which is nothing other than Christ's body and blood, Jesus nourishes faith, forgives sin, and empowers us to be witnesses to the Gospel. In essence we are nurtured by the gift of Christ.

A note on the theology of receiving communion

Our Gospel reminds us that Christ is a gift. We receive communion because it is a gift from God. There is a great deal of symbolism in this. It is one of the reasons in our tradition that others 'give us' communion—we receive it as a gift, rather than take it. It is a symbolic expression of our understanding of what God is offering us. This means 3 things in practice. 1. We are all welcome to receive—because it is God's gift to us and we do not need to be worthy to receive, we just need to accept the gift. 2. We hold out our hands to receive the bread, because we are accepting the gift. 3. We receive the cup, we don't dip (instinct) because we are receiving rather than taking.

The Church of England strongly discourages the dipping (intincting) of bread into the chalice for two reasons, firstly because of our theology above about receiving, and secondly it is much less hygienic than

drinking from the cup. We are each invited to consider how we receive communion, however no one will be refused this gift.

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!

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.

A New Bishop for London: Sarah Mullally in Conversation

with David Ison Monday **4th June from 6.30pm—8pm**. Tickets are free but you do need to book on the St Paul's website.

A New Exhibition by Helen Brown The Island of Khyshu and Return. The Opening of Helen's Exhibit last week, and it has been received well. Do take time to have a good look at the paintings in the coming weeks.

LIFC News—

Wednesday June 6th at 2.00pm, we have a talk by Yousif Al Khoei about Food and Fasting in Islam, linked with Ramadan.

Wednesday 13th and 20th June, at 2.00pm, there will be two talks given by Dr Megan Dent about Benjamin Disraeli and his attitudes to Race, Religion and the Holy Land.