

My Move Christmas Party 10am –12noon on Friday 14th
Tea and Chat Christmas Party 2.30pm—4.30pm on Friday 14th
Vicar's Christmas Drinks -7.30pm on Tuesday 18th December

Giving Tree -

Our Giving Tree will go up on the 14th December. It is a chance to express our charity during this season. There are three ways to participate in this. 1. Use one of the envelopes to give a donation to the work of St Anne's and our mission. 2. Wrap a Box and fill it with items for St Mungo's. 3. Regular Donations for Laurence's Larder.

For our Prayers— Clara, DJ, Alvin, Richard, Lois, Josephine, John and Lucia, Stephen, John Q, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth **and those who have died** including Bryce, Gretchen, Anthea Mannion and Pat **or whose anniversary of death falls at this time including** Phyllis Jeffery, Irene Kane, Anthony Judge, Catherine Edmonds, Ethel



Beange and Robin Ashton.

Services during the week 2nd December 2018

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
	7pm Advent Reflection 1
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
	10am My Move Play group
	2.30pm Tea and Chat
Saturday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Sunday 9th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Advent 2	9.30am Sung Mass

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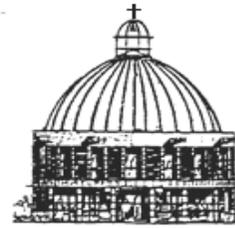
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 2nd December 2018

Advent Sunday

HYMNS TODAY 140, 535 verses 1,3and 5, 19 and 307

President Fr Laurence **Preacher** Mo Christine

During Communion we will listen to Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

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.

Advent starts today! It is also the start of the new Church Year—Year C for those of you who use the Lectionary in daily readings.

Advent is a season of watching and waiting in the darkness. We are caught between joyful expectation and the harsh realities of the present condition while we wait for the promise to be fulfilled. The discipline of this season puts the church at odds with contemporary culture, in which the season consists of bright lights and celebrations and packages tied with neat bows. There is no room for darkness and little patience for prayerful expectation. The prophet Jeremiah speaks to a community that is acutely aware of this tension. Jerusalem has been completely devastated in the Babylonian invasion of 587 BCE, and the inhabitants scattered, and yet they must sit with the question 'where is God in our midst?'

1st Reading— Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in

safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Our Second Reading 1 Thessalonians. This letter seeks to praise the Thessalonians for their faith and to encourage them to remain true even in the face of hardship (1 Thessalonians 2:14). Our text this week provides a glimpse at the earnest longing of the apostle to be with the church again and at his certainty that the God who called the Thessalonian believers is with them, even in the absence of the mission's leaders.

2nd Reading— 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Our Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel reading Luke 21: 25-36. Today's lectionary passage is situated in a longer apocalyptic discourse in which Jesus warns of coming persecutions and foretells the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple. Jesus' description of future cataclysmic events in Luke 21:5-36 (with Synoptic parallels in Mark 13 and Matthew 24-25) is riddled with symbolic themes and imagery from other Jewish apocalyptic texts. As elsewhere in apocalyptic literature, we find here references to the eschatological crises of persecution, famine and war, impending salvation and judgment, and exhortations to specific actions in the midst of suffering. Starting the season of Advent by reading Luke 21:25-36 brings multiple contrasts into view: The "signs" that will prefigure the risen Jesus (21:25), juxtaposed with the "sign" that is the infant Jesus himself (2:12). Power and glory on the one hand (21:27), humility and helplessness on the other (2:7). The Gospel is full of paradox. In Luke, for example, the infant Jesus is more than a baby born in a manger. He's also "a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (2:11). Both infant and Saviour. Advent is full of these images in which we are both watching and waiting for the birth of Christ as well as for the return. Let us not rush to Christmas but rather take time to sit with the challenges of the season. *(extract from Michal Beth Dinkler, Assistant Professor of New Testament, Yale Divinity School)*

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present our we are hitting our target—THANK YOU!!!

Laurence's Larder and Food Bank

The Larder is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-1.30pm. We are still asked to bring in a can a week; while our focus is tuna, at this stage all food is welcome! There is also a need at present for good quality, warm men's clothing.

Commemoration of the War to End All Wars!

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted with work for our exhibition and also in the related activities, it really has been a huge team effort and there has been a great deal of positive feedback. Thank you for the part you played!

Advent Activities

Advent starts Today!! We have cards to deliver throughout the parish, please take a bundle of cards if you are able and deliver to the streets listed. Please sign what you have taken.

There is a display at the back of church which includes different resources that may be of use during this very special season. Please take time to have a look, and take what you need. A £1 donation for printed booklets would be appreciated.

Advent Procession at St Paul's Cathedral

It was lovely to have so many of you join us at the Cathedral last night—I hope enjoyed.

TODAY Sunday 2nd at 5pm Service of Light to mark start of Advent. A short reflective service of meditation to mark the start of Advent.

Advent Reflections—Thursday 6th, 13th 20th December in the Chapel 7pm—8pm concluding with compline at 8pm—*Reflections Aquinas and Advent.*

Saturday 8th December -10am until 1pm—Christmas Decoration event :Come at 10am to make your own Christmas wreath or table centre piece. All materials will be provided but participants will be asked to buy their wreath. There will also be other assorted Christmas crafts to make for all ages.

Carols by Candlelight—4.30pm 16th December with Queen's park Singers; and Christ Church congregation