

Gambia February 2019—from Steve Haggard

Our link with a rural community in The Gambia has seen various St Anne's people head out to the village of Mbollet Ba over the years. Visitors view life from the perspective of sub-Saharan farmers. In 2019 Liz and David Till's daughter Sarah will be going in January. Coming up there's an organised visit from Feb 15 to 25th, with themes around food and education. Steve and Janina are on that, and all St Anne's folk are welcome to join. Anyone interested should ask Steve for details. It's an experience that changes who we are and how we feel about many things.



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 and Gretchen **or whose anniversary of death falls at this time including** Cecil Nymn, Fredrick Slade, Lionel Patrick Salmon and Nora Sturges.

Services during the week 9th December 2018

Tuesday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
	6pm Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Wednesday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel No Mass tonight—apologies
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7pm Advent Reflection 2
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move Play group 2.30pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 16th Advent 3	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

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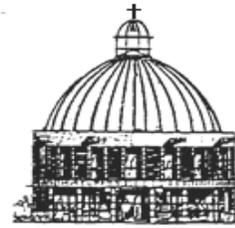
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 9th December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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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.

In our first reading Malachi introduces a figure whom God calls “my messenger.” God’s messenger will clear obstacles to the Lord’s coming (verse 1a). The prophet warns that God’s appearance will take them by surprise.

1st Reading— Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Our Second Reading

The prayer of thanksgiving that opens Philippians describes the

dialogue between present and future that makes Advent such a fruitful time for deep reflection. On the one hand, it draws our attention to the anticipated “day of Jesus Christ” (verse 6, 10; 3:20; 4:5) that sets this season apart (advent = coming). On the other hand, it reminds us that insight and discernment is required so that we may determine how best to engage the present as we journey towards that day (verse 9-11).

2nd Reading— Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Our Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel reading Luke 3: 1-6 we are introduced to the ministry of John the Baptist. Last week's lectionary passage took us nearly to the end of Luke's story (Luke 21). This week, we go back nearly to the beginning (Luke 3), where we find a veritable “who's who” of first-century C.E. ruling officials listed in Luke 3:1-2. Politically, Luke indicates, circumstances have changed; Judea is now ruled by a Roman governor, and the Jewish leaders operate under the Roman emperor Tiberius. At the end of this list of leaders comes “John son of Zechariah.” By this point, Luke's readers have already been introduced to John. We know of his unlikely conception (Zechariah and Elizabeth are “old” and Elizabeth is “barren,” 1:7), and we know that he is related to Jesus. One effect of the leap from the young Jesus to the adult John is to draw attention to the fulfilment of previous prophecies about John's role. The angel Gabriel had told Zechariah.

John has been commissioned to prepare the way not for lord Caesar or any earthly lord, but for the one true Lord. God's glory will be revealed in Jesus. God will come, and has come, to change us and transform us

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

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

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

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 Decem

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.