

LIFC news –As part of its work with Brent Multi Faith Forum, the LIFC (supported by St Anne’s) will be hosting a conversation group for women in starting in January for 12 weeks The purpose of Creative Conversations is to help local women to increase their skills and confidence to share their story in a creative way. community-building projects can be developed. This is a Near Neighbours Project.



For our Prayers— Clara, DJ, Alvin, Richard, Lois, Josephine, John and Lucia, Stephen, John Q, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth **and those who have died or whose anniversary of death falls at this time including** Ed

Anderson, Albert Beauchamp, Richard Killick and Gerry Clist.

Services during the Christmas Period

Monday 24th **5pm Crib Service**
 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th **10am Christmas Day Service**

There are then no Services till next Sunday

Sunday 30th **8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Christmas 1 **9.30am** Sung Mass

Tuesday 1st *No Services*

Wednesday 2nd **7.30pm** Said Mass in Trinity Chapel

Friday 4th **8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
 10am My Move
 2.30pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 6 **8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Epiphany **9.30am** Sung Mass



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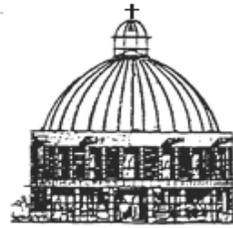
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St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 23rd December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

HYMNS TODAY 288, 194 , 535 and 692

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

during Communion we listen to In the Bleak Mid-Winter—Kings College

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.

During Advent we are invited to watch and to wait; preparing for the coming Christ in our midst. On the 4th Sunday of Advent we are also invited to remember the role of the Mary the mother of Jesus, and faithful servant and disciple of God. She is a great woman of inspiration for her strength, wisdom and perseverance.

Our First reading today from Micah. The prophet Micah was active during a tumultuous period in Israel’s history. The oracle in chapter 5 vows that God’s ancient covenant with Israel is secure and reliable, even as it may come about in an unexpected manner. The oracle provides assurance that God’s covenant with David -- the one “from of old, from ancient days” -- is eternal and is still operative, even as Judah is under threat.

1st Reading— Micah 5: 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall

stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Our second reading today is from the letter to the Hebrews. During the Advent and Christmas season we have a wonderful opportunity to think through and speak about the meaning and purpose of the life of the Lord Jesus. This passage is at one time both potentially controversial, but also massively encouraging. It can speak to us about our own lives and how we should respond to the incarnation of the Christ.

2nd Reading— Hebrews 10: 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Our Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel reading Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55) - we hear the wonderful words of the Magnificat during Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Having learned from the angel that she will give birth to the Son of God, Mary hurries to visit her pregnant relative Elizabeth in the hill country. The intimate conversation that follows portrays Jesus as more important than John. It also shows God already at work to overturn the world's structures and expectations. The spotlight shines on Mary and Elizabeth, two lowly and shamed ones through whom God has chosen to begin the transformation of the world. Elizabeth's words and actions invite us to reflect on our own openness to the ways that God chooses to act in our world. What is God doing through unexpected people in our society today? Where is God at work through people whom our neighbours and fellow church members often exclude or treat as shameful? Will we listen to the Spirit's prompting when the bearers of God's new reality show up on our doorstep?

Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

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. **A huge thank you to everyone who assisted with their Christmas party on Thursday which was great success!**

Christmas Parties

A huge thank you to all who assisted with My Move and Tea & Chat Christmas Parties ; and also with cleaning and decorating the building. We had a wonderful time, and everyone's assistance made it a great day!

Giving Tree - is now up and open!

Our Christmas Trees is now up and you an opportunity to consider your charity giving this Christmas.

- 1. Gift Box for St Mungo's**—Fill a shoe box or gift bag with items that would be useful for a homeless man. Warm socks, hats, gloves, toiletries, tea bags, cup of soups. Wrap the box, or place in a gift bag, and place under the tree.
- 2. Gift to St Anne's for its ministry** -This Christmas you are invited to give a gift to St Anne's. We invite you to simply place your gift to St Anne's in the envelope provided, and post it under the tree.
- 3. Gift to Laurence's Larder**—either food in the hamper—or they welcome donations in the form of Gift Vouchers so they can buy food from Supermarkets.

Period between Christmas and New Year

After Christmas Day the building will be closed until service normal services on Sunday 30th December. There will be no Morning Prayer from 26 Dec—until 4th January. There will be Mass on Wednesday 2nd January at 7.30pm. Aft

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.