

and confidence to share their story in a creative way. community-building projects can be developed. This is a Near Neighbours Project.

**Also**, on Wednesday January 30th at 2.00pm we will be starting a new series of seminars exploring “Religious Questions of the 21st Century”.

**Ambassadors for Christ—2 minute slot!**

Once again we are looking for people to share some of their experiences outside of Sunday morning. We invite you to reflect on how you spend your week, and how this informs your faith. We are looking for volunteers to share during the coming month, please speak to Mo C!

**St Paul’s Adult Education Programs!**

We are planning to take group to hear Rowan Williams on ‘Jesus Christ the Unanswered Questions’ on **Wednesday 27th March**, a sign up sheet will be available soon



**For our Prayers**— Peter, Richard, Gale, Lois, Josephine, John , Stephen, John Q, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth **For those who have died recently** including Valentine **and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including Charles Gabe, Bellina Gabe, Anne Crawford, Ralph Keckwick, Ferry Hillman, Geoffrey Killick and Fr

Derick New.

**Services during the week 27th January 2019**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel <b>6pm</b> Evening Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>7.30pm</b> Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>10am</b> My Move <b>2.30pm</b> Tea and Chat
<b>Sunday 3 Feb</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel <b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School

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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 27th January 2019**

**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**HYMNS TODAY** 223, 377, 491 and 200

**President** Fr Laurence **Preacher** Mo Christine

*During communion we listen to Hildegard von Bingen—O ignis Spiritus paracliti (O fire of the Spirit and Defender)*

*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.*

**Our First reading today from the Prophet Nehemiah.** The two figures Ezra and Nehemiah are both leaders of the Judean community and representatives of the Persian rulers, who sent them to provide spiritual and political leadership for the struggling Jerusalem community.

**1st Reading— Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8- 10**

*All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the*

people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

**Our second reading today** continues from the first letter to the Corinthians and moves on from spiritual gifts to the community we together in Christ.

### **2nd Reading— 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a**

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of*

*tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.*

### **Our Gospel Reading**

**In** today's Gospel reading Luke 4: 14-21. Last week's text narrated Jesus' first public act in the Gospel of John. Now back to the Gospel of Luke for the text for the third Sunday after Epiphany: Jesus' first public act in the Gospel of Luke, which is not an act at all but a sermon. If you could choose the words that might encapsulate who you are, the only words that would communicate the essence of yourself, your life, your commitments, what would they be? When it comes to Luke, these few would be the choice words for Jesus in Luke. Luke 4:14-21 is essentially Jesus' life, ministry, and purpose in a nutshell. How do we summarise this in our understanding of our faith and belief?

### **Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary**

#### **Finance—St Anne's**

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. If you are new to St Anne's, or have not previously thought about it, please consider setting up a Standing Order to manage your giving. Forms and information are available in the entrance.

#### **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.

**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. There are also potential bursaries available.

**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