

start at Holy Innocent's Church, Kingsbury Road, Kingsbury, NW9 0AY. The Rev'd Jarel Robinson-Brown will be speaking on BAME ordained vocations. There will also be an opportunity to learn more on the variety of Lay and Commissioned Ministries in the Willesden Area. It is an open meeting. All are welcome ! Hot food, courtesy of St Laurence Larder, will be available from 7.30pm.

Announcement

Mo C shared quite a lot of information about the future of our parish in her sermon today. This is all long term, but please do not second guess what will happen—please do ask Mo C or a member of the PCC if you have questions; and please pray for all us during this changing time.



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 Alfred Turner, Joyce Bennett and Cedric Dean, Edith Richards and Renel Smith.

Services during the week 3rd February 2019	
Monday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Tuesday	8.30am Said Mass 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
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move 2.30pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 10	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 February 2019

Candlemas

HYMNS TODAY - 39, 179, 114, 66 and 223

President: Fr Laurence **Preacher** Mo Christine

Welcome to St Anne's today—it is great to have you with us. St Anne's is the local Church of England parish church and we are a very diverse group of people. 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. Our worship style is quite formal, but we hope relaxed-as we come to worship God in our midst. Please do join us for morning tea after the service.

Today we mark the end of our Christmas celebration as the baby Jesus is taken by his parents and presented in the temple. Mary presented Jesus to God at the Temple in Jerusalem after observing the traditional 40-day period of purification (of mothers) following the birth of a new baby. We start our service facing the crib, during the service we will move with our candles as we turn our focus from the crib to the cross.



The President welcomes us and we stand to sing our opening hymn 39 as the bell is rung.

In the name of the + Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **Amen**

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The President will introduce the service.

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion. In joyful expectation we sing

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You we give You thanks,
we praise You for your glory. Refrain:**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God You take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. Refrain:**

**For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord, You alone are the most high
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Refrain.**

The Collect

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings a prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever .

Amen.

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.

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

Quinquennial Inspection

Every five years all churches are inspected to ensure that we are taking appropriate care of God’s resources, but also to ensure that we are safe for all users of the building. Our Inspection will take place this Wednesday 6th February, and our Surveyors will be on site all day. If you are around do please say hello. If you are in the building on Wednesday do be aware that they will be looking around.

Dates for your Diary

As you know Fr Laurence is retiring. We are having two farewells. There will be a celebration and thank you for the work which has been done with London Inter Faith Centre from 2.30pm—4.30pm on Wednesday 27th March. Then on Fr Laurence’s last day—Sunday 31st March (Mothering Sunday) - he will preach and preside at our service, after which there will be a celebration in the Rotunda afterwards. Contributions can be given to the Wardens or Mo C.

Anglicans in Brent (Brent Deanery Synod)

Members of all the Anglican Churches in Brent are invited to come together three times a year (. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th February 2019. 7.30pm for 8pm

Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

Help us, who extinguish these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.

(all candles are extinguished)

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.

Here we bless one another in your name.

Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the (+) Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We sing the remainder of hymn 223 as the clergy depart.

Please do join us for morning tea downstairs!

**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.

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

Our first reading comes from Malachi 3:1-5. Malachi is thought to be the last of the prophets. We know little about Malachi but the book describes a time of restless waiting in the history of the people of Judah. Today Malachi describes the patience and endurance that faith requires.

We hear a reading from the prophet Malachi

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. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated as we sing our next hymn— 179

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews which uses a collage of images to show who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. Once it becomes clear who Jesus is the early church needs to come to understand the cost and the benefits of this faith.

We hear a reading from the letter to Hebrews 2: 14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel is processed to the middle of the Church as we sing **Alleluia (Hymn 29 verse 1)**, please stand.*

The Gospel is announced. (Luke 2:22-40)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Glory to You, O Lord.

At the end.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel is carried back to the Altar as we sing **Alleluia (Hymn 29 verse 1)**.*

We sit to listen to the sermon.

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the

We listen to the notices about our community life.

We will light our processional candles.

We sing the first verse of hymn 223—

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!**

He, whose Word cannot be broken,

Formed thee for His own abode;

On the Rock of Ages founded,

What can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

The priest and people will process to the font, and we all turn to face the door.

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Nunc Dimitis is read

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace : according to you word. For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; Which You have prepared : before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life**

We sing the Agnus Dei.

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us Your peace**

We are invited to receive communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father**

*We receive communion. If you would receive communion in
your own church you are welcome to receive at this altar, or
you may like to come forward for a blessing. During
Communion we will sing Hymn 66*

*At the end of communion the priest will lead us in a short
prayer:*

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have
received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet
Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I
believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
(+) resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

*We kneel or sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for
this community.*

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light
and life.

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: look
in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the
world: look in mercy on the nations, who long for his
justice—we especially pray for and all places
where there is conflict and uncertainty.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became
poor: look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him. We
pray for all in need of your healing at this time including
Peter, Richard, Gale, Lois, Josephine, John , Stephen,
John Q, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth

...Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants
find their peace: look in mercy on the departed, that they
may see your salvation we particularly remember
Valentine; as well as those whose anniversaries fall at this
time including -Alfred Turner, Joyce Bennett and Cedric
Dean, Edith Richards and Renel Smith.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected: look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna, and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfilment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We offer our confession

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

We receive assurance of God's forgiveness

Liturgy of the Sacrament *(please stand)*

The Priest will introduce the peace with suitable words...

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We share the peace with those around us until the offertory Hymn is announced. We sing the offertory Hymn 114 during which a collection is taken.

The Priest will offer a prayer of the gifts. We respond with the words:

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous; accept the gifts we bring before you and grant that Christ may shine in us to the praise and glory of your name **Amen**

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The preface continues until we sing.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

After the Consecration

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we sing **Amen.**

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray