

wisdoms of our faith. The sessions at St Anne's will include input, silent reflection and discussion. Each session will last 1 hour, and the at 8pm we will have communion for those who would like to stay. **13th & 20th March; 3rd and 10th April**—7pm Lent Study. **27th March**—Jesus Christ: The Unanswered Questions at St Paul's Cathedral 6.30-8pm with Rowan Williams.

**Stations of the Cross**—Is traditionally a series of meditations which follow through the story of the last hours of Jesus life. **This will take place on Sunday 24th March and 7th April at 5 pm .**

**Lent Retreat—Quiet Day**—Saturday 23rd March we will have a *Quiet Day* at St Anne's. There will be focused meditation and reflection as well as much silence as we reflect on our Lenten Journey. We will start at 10am —3 pm. A simple lunch will be provided.

**Flowers for Easter**—See sign up sheet in lobby!



**For our Prayers**— Richard, Gale, Lois, Josephine, John , Stephen, John Q, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth **For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time** including John Freeman, Peggy Randall and Charles Patrick Follett.

**Services during the week 17th March 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  
**7pm Lent Study 2**  
**8pm** Said Mass in Trinity Chapel  
**Thursday 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel  
**Friday 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel  
**10am** My Move Playgroup  
**2.30pm** Tea and Chat  
**Sunday 24th 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel  
**9.30am** Sung Mass with Sunday School  
**5pm** Stations of the Cross

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# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 17 March 2019**

**Lent 2**

**HYMNS TODAY** 19, 465, 290 and 741

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

*During Communion we listen to When All is Forgiven—Ashana*

*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** is not the first occasion in Genesis where God speaks to Abram, but it is the first time that Abram responds so there is a kind of exchange. Abram has two visions, one at night and one at sunset, and we hear one of the covenants which God makes.

**1st Reading— Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18**

*After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great. 'But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a*

ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

**In this short passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians,** these verses begin and end with something between an exhortation and a plea. Paul's letter is written to the small assembly of believers in Philippi, a significant city and proud Roman colony on the main east-west road between Byzantium and Rome. Paul is trying so hard throughout this letter to clarify what the "this way" in Philippians 4:1 really means for all followers of Jesus, all those incorporated into his body.

### **2nd Reading— Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.*

### **Our Gospel Reading**

Our Gospel reading today is Luke 13: 31-end in which we are reminded Jesus' daily ministry in the face of his approaching passion. The passage begins with a warning from the Pharisees for Jesus about Herod's plan to kill him, but it becomes a reflection on the nature of Jesus' life and mission (which reach their ultimate goal in his death) and then on the tragic role played by Jerusalem in the life of Jesus and other prophets. The passage invites us to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life and death and on the role we play in the continuing mission of Jesus.

### **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 fish **Sardines**, at this stage all food is welcome! There is also a need at present for good quality, warm men's clothing.

### **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!

### **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.

### **Annual General Meeting**

This year our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday 7th April**. Please make sure this date is in your diary! For this meeting there is a full **Renewal of Church Electoral Roll 2019** Every 6 years we have to remove everyone from our Electoral Roll and begin again. Electoral Roll Forms will be available for completion **NOW** and must be completed by 22nd March. The new roll will be presented at our Annual Meeting on Sunday 7th April. Please make sure you complete a form on green paper!!

### **Lent is here!**

There will be resources available at the back of church to support our Lenten Journey. Our Lent Charity is the Bishop's Lent Appeal *End to Modern Slavery*. There is a new video which can be view at <https://vimeo.com/321467374>). Lent activities will include:

**Lent Study—Wednesday's in Lent—**This will take place on Wednesday's during Lent. In each session we will look at different