



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet

3rd Sunday after Trinity

28th June 2020

We meet in the name of God who is (+) Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Collect

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Our first reading today is from the prophet Jeremiah. You will remember from last week that Jeremiah's ministry extended for some forty years (about 625-585 BC). Last week we heard how Jeremiah warned Israel about the threat to Israel but the people denounced him and leads to a vocational crisis. As the story unfolds Jeremiah goes about wearing a wooden ox yoke to dramatize his message: submit to the yoke of Babylon! Jeremiah appeared before an international conference in Jerusalem. The prophet's message (from the LORD!) to them was clear: Don't rebel! (27:5-11). Today we meet a second Prophet—Hananiah, who brings a message of peace. Jeremiah Then he observes that those real prophets typically prophesied doom--war, famine, destruction--seeking to bring about repentance and finally deliverance. As for Hananiah's prophecy of shalom (peace)? Jeremiah says: "I'll believe it when I see it!"

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Our Second reading

This week we continue our readings from the letter to the Romans. This reading needs context. It jumps in the middle of a particular argument Paul about how the gospel of the grace of God in Jesus Christ transforms believers from old humanity to new humanity in Christ and thereby brings about death to sin and nullifies the function of the law.

Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

***The Gospel reading is Matthew 10:40-42.** Matthew continues to explore the theme of discipleship. This very short passage is aimed at the anonymous disciple, the one who does hard work but is hardly ever recognized. The divine mission is as much about the unnamed people who provide a thirsty servant a cold drink of water as the familiar names that dot the pages of church histories. To understand God's mission, and how the church reflects that mission, we need to celebrate the cupbearers of cold water. Those who hospitably receive the Lord's emissaries may be just as influential if not more so in the spreading of God's Kingdom. "None of these," Jesus tells us, "will lose their reward". Jesus reminds the disciples—you may not be the ones going, but never forget you too are sent.*

Matthew 10:40-42

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

After you have read today's readings you may like to spend some time discussing with those whom you live. If like me you are living alone, you may want to 'phone a friend' and talk them over! There is also a Homily available on the website, and most services on public media will be following the same texts.

Intercessions

We come with our prayers for all the world, for our community and for those who are on our hearts at this time..

God of welcome, who draws us in,
Invites us to praise.

Unite our voices in your love and hope as we
pray for your Church, that it might share your healing throughout the world.

We pray that as we prepare to return to our churches for worship
we will be focused on you, the one to be worshiped and not on ourselves.

We prayer especially for Bishop's Sarah and Pete
and all who offer leadership in these challenging times

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Gracious God, who calls us to offer welcome to all your creation

We pray for the world, created by your love,
for its nations and governments especially those struggling with injustice and
conflict; and all who are working to overcome the Pandemic.

We remember all who face discrimination and exclusion each day,
may we truly see each other as made in your image.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Holy God, who calls us to welcome each person as we welcome you,

We pray for all who are in need at this time.

For those who struggle with pain and grief;
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying.

For all who are fearful at this time.

Breathe on all the breath of life and bring them your mercy and grace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Compassionate God who welcomed the sick and outcast, offering wholeness and
love. We pray for those who are on our hearts and minds, and those who have
asked for our prayers. Amongst them we remember before you Helen, Yvonne,
Juliette, Ray, Pam, Alvrina, Neiletta, Yinka, Rute, Patience, Ron, Evelyn, Linda,
Richard, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We pray for all who are in need of your
love and grace.

Breathe on them the breath of life and bring us before you.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God who at the last welcomes us into your eternal Kingdom. We give thanks for your promise as we pray for all who have died including , Marguerite Lewis and those whose anniversaries fall at this time including Eileen Bradley, Daisy Harvey, Eddie Foulkes, Bernard Blackbar and Stephen Hillebrand.

Bring us all to the promise of your eternal love and peace.

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory

Welcoming God, in this time of stillness we bring our own prayers before you...

Merciful God,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

While there is no Eucharist at present, the post communion prayer sums up many of the themes in the readings of the day.

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Notices

The Rev'd Natasha Woodward is making plans to join us as Interim Minister at Christ Church. We are now working towards a date of the 2nd September for her licensing.

Please save the date!

PCC meetings.

Christ Church PCC met last Tuesday, we spoke re-opening, Safeguarding Policy and Finance. This Tuesday 30th St Anne's PCC meet. Please pray for these leaders of our Church as we prepare for the next steps.

Guidance of re-opening

Both our churches are now open for 'private prayer'. At Christ Church this means that the Prayer Chapel on Willesden Lane will be open for Private Prayer each day. At St Anne's that means when staff are in the building we will be open for Private Prayer. This week St Anne's open Tuesday 12noon—2pm, and Thursday 10-12pm.

You will have heard the announcement on Tuesday that churches can begin to open for Public Worship from the 4th July. Guidance relating to how this will happen is still being developed, but we are working to create a pattern that will work for us, especially as we also enter the Summer period.

At the moment we are still planning but we are likely to start with a service at St Anne's on the 5th, then Christ Church on the 12th- just for the first two weeks. How this works may depend a little on the guidance given about numbers and what we can actually do. We will be in touch as soon as possible with details. We hope that whatever we offer

for the first few weeks, we will continue to offer something online, either through Zoom or with a live stream of our service to Youtube.

I am sorry we cannot give a clear answer at this time, but we do need to know what the parameters will be before final decisions are firmed up.

Whatever we do on the 5th and the 12th, on **Sunday 19th July** we are planning a shared celebration (with St Andrew's URC) - in the St Anne's car park to mark the closure of the Local Ecumenical Partnership and the London Inter Faith Centre. This Service will start at **11am**, and will include contributions from Bishop Pete and the URC Moderator. You will be invited to 'bring your own picnic brunch' so that we might eat together safely after the celebration. (We hope to do a similar thing for St Laurence's Day on the 9th August at Christ Church).

Prayer windows

We are creating a prayer window at St Anne's facing the street. Thanks to those who have already contributed prayers. You are invited to continue to contribute prayers which might be displayed to show that the church is still at work. Hand written prayers of postcard size would be great. Feel free to decorate if you would like, or cut into a shape. Some are already in the shape of candles and flowers. Prayers can be left through letter box of the church or vicarage and we will attach to windows. If you would rather, you can email your prayer requests to Mo C, and she will ensure they make it to the window.



Thank you for making a difference!

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to the life of our parish, especially in these strange times. So much of what has been contributed has been completed without others knowing, but please know that everything you have done has been appreciated. From our secret gardeners and spring cleaners; to our delivery drivers and food collectors; from our 'phone a friend' callers; to all who have prayed for others. For those who have made food, shared flowers, encouraged another—a huge Thank you!!

Congregational Giving

It might be strange to talk about giving at a time when the church building is physically closed, but like all organisations and families the financial commitments of the church continue. Thank you to all who give by Standing Order, some others may like to consider electronic payments while we are unable to meet in church. If you need details please let us know and we can forward them to you. For those who have envelopes, you may like to put them through Vicarage door and she will pass them to Treasurer. Please do not put money through church door.

Daily Hope 24hour phonenumber

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Practical Help

Sufra are providing hot meals to people in need and they are being delivered. They are looking for volunteers, particularly drivers. More details available on their website <https://www.sufra-nwlondon.org.uk/>

Gift to your neighbour Foodhub, contact via Salusbury World www.salusburyworld.org.uk

Clothes Donations!

Many of us have used the lockdown to clear out cupboards, but this is now placing a great deal of stress on the charity sector. At present many local charity shops have more than they can handle, and Laurence's Larder storage is overflowing. If you are able to

store clothes till they are needed that is really helpful, if not please search online for shops that are not at capacity! Please do not just leave clothes either out Christ Church or local shops—this creates a great deal of work for volunteers— and encourages foxes!

Keeping in Touch

You can phone Mo C—020 7624 5306 or See <http://st-annes-brondesbury.org.uk/praying-together/>



For our prayers The NHS and all who are working in essential services; for those who are struggling with being isolated; for all who are volunteers; for those parts of the world where war and famine were already an issue; for our friends, neighbours and congregation **and for:** Helen, Yvonne, Juliette, Ray, Pam, Alvrina, Neiletta, Yinka, Matt, Rute, Patience, Ron, Evelyn, Linda, Richard, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth and for those who have died recently including Marguerite Lewis and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Fred Coleman and Richard Costello.

Services this coming week starting 28th June

Tuesday 30th June 8.30am Zoom Service— Morning Prayer

Wednesday 1st July —7pm Zoom Service -Evening Prayer followed by at chat.

Thursday 2nd July - 8.30am Zoom Service— Morning Prayer

Sunday 5th July — Trinity 4 Sunday—tbc



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.