



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet **4th Sunday after Trinity** **5th July 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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Our first reading today is from the prophet Zechariah. Zechariah 9:9-12 is a post-exilic prophecy of hope, perhaps best known to Christians for its reuse in the New Testament. It imagines the return of a triumphant but humble king to Jerusalem. These verses call contemporary readers to join God's people from all ages in hoping and working for a more just world.

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the warhorse from Jerusalem;

and the battle-bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Our Second reading

This week we continue our readings from the letter to the Romans. Like last weeks reading, Paul's teaching on the tension and struggle between life in the Spirit and life in the flesh.

Romans 7: 15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel reading is Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end and is a tale in two parts. Jesus points out that God's will has been made known in more than one way, through different kinds of mouthpieces, and yet still isn't recognized. Jesus' question is a good one: "What did you come into the wilderness to look at?" (11:7). What are our expectations of a prophet's vocation or the messiah's behaviour? And how do our expectations, and the little conditions they contain, prevent us from recognizing the will of God in human form? These questions are just as relevant for us today as they were for the very first disciples!

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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..

Holy God,
who draws us to you
that our souls might find rest.
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 lifts the burden of despair,
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 draws the weary into your arms,
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 calls us to you in our time of need,
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 Eileen, 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.

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 Vic Marshall, Edward Saunders, Isabella Capie
and Gloria Rodgers.

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

Gracious 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.

Eternal God,

comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,

you have fed us at the table of life and hope:

teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,

that all the world may acknowledge

the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 and St Anne's PCC, as well as the Joint Council of St Anne's and St
Andrew's, have all met in the last 10 days. We talked about the future, returning to our
church buildings, the financial challenges we are facing in the coming months as a result
of the pandemic, as well as our hopes for what is to come. Please pray for all these
trustees who are having to make quite challenging decisions, particularly at this time.

Re-opening for Public Worship

Everyone on the Electoral Roll should have received a letter from Mo Christine and the PCC about reopening. It also comes with a best practice guide which highlights some of the changes we are facing.

I know that we are all looking forward to the day when we might worship again together in person. The advice to places of worship on re-opening gives very detailed advice about what we need to put in place. While there is no limit on the number of people you can have at worship, we do need to maintain the 2 metre rule. This means we can probably have about 35 people at Christ Church or St Anne's, depending on the number of household groups.

The PCC's have decided that we can return to church on **Sunday 12th July** when we hope to have the new systems in place. On **Sunday 12th July** there will be a service at 10am at Christ Church only. There may be a few people from St Anne's but they will be asked to give preference to people from Christ Church. There will also be a Zoom service at 5pm. (*This is so St Andrew's can have their final service*).

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).

From the Sunday 26th July there will be a 10am Service each Sunday at Christ Church and St Anne's. There will also be a Zoom service at 5pm each week.

Prayer windows

The prayer windows are coming along nicely—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 you 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/>

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 email her at motherchristinenw6@gmail.com

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 5th July

Tuesday 7th July 8.30am Morning Prayer at St Anne's (Max 3 people) - also on **Zoom**.

Wednesday 8th July —7pm Evening Prayer on **Zoom**.

Thursday 9th July - 8.30am Morning Prayer at St Anne's (Max 3 people) - also on **Zoom**.

Sunday 12th July — Trinity 5 Sunday—

9.30am Facebook –*thought for the Day*

10am Service of Holy Communion at Christ Church (please arrive early)

5pm Zoom Service



As we return to church, you do not need to wear a mask but please respect those who do. You will be asked to wash your hands, or use hand sanitiser as you arrive! The Priest will do the same!

But we do ask that you maintain a safe distance and follow the guidance of the stewards.