



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## **Readings and Notice Sheet** **5th Sunday after Trinity** **12th 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***

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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 Isaiah. Isaiah 55:10-13 concludes the section of Isaiah often called "Second Isaiah" (chapters 40-55) by offering a poetic vision of restoration from exile. These verses serve that vision by declaring God's power to transform the world. Although addressed to exiled Judeans in the sixth century BCE, their hopeful words eloquently address contemporary challenges.*

### **Isaiah 55:10-13**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Our Second reading**

*This week we continue our readings from the letter to the Romans. Until this point in Romans, Paul has taken his hearers through the “shadowlands” of the faith. By the time Paul gets to chapter 8 of Romans, he has described in graphic and dramatic detail the “shadowlands” of the Gospel; the darkness into which the light of the Gospel has shone and the challenge that that light has to stay bright.*

### **Romans 8:1-11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord

### **Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel reading is Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** in which we hear the familiar parable of the sower. Matthew 13 comprises seven parables and stops the forward movement of this Gospel to reflect on the changes taking place in the community in which Jesus has preached. Some have responded to the invitation of God's kingdom, others have ignored it. The parables catalogue diverse responses, offer some explanations for them, affirm the readers' positive responses, and illustrate how God's kingdom is at work in the world. They also challenge the audience afresh to continue to live on the basis of God's kingdom in the midst of various difficulties until its full purposes are accomplished.

### **Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23**

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen!"

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on

rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 sews the seeds of hope in our lives.  
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 nurtures the earth,  
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 waters and refreshes,  
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 helps us flourish

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, Pam, 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 and those whose anniversaries fall at this time including Ian Christie 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.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,

that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,

that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;

through 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.

### **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.

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto: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:** Eileen, Helen, Yvonne, Pam, Rute, Patience, Ron, Evelyn, Linda, Richard, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth and for those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Ian Christie and Gloria Rodgers.

*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. **Stay close to God and a safe distance from everyone else!***

**Services this coming week starting 12th July**

- Tuesday 14th July 8.30am** Morning Prayer at St Anne’s (Max 3 people) - also on **Zoom**.
- Wednesday 15th July —7pm** Evening Prayer on **Zoom**.
- Thursday 16th July - 8.30am** Morning Prayer at St Anne’s (Max 3 people) - also on **Zoom**.
- Sunday 19th July — 9.30am** Facebook –*thought for the Day*  
**11am Combined Service at St Anne’s to closure of St Andrew’s, LIFC and LEP.**  
**5pm** Zoom Service

# BREAKING UP

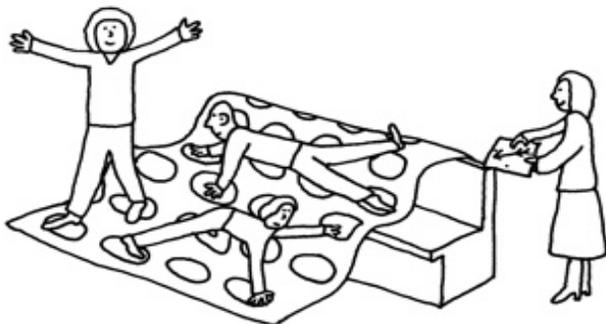
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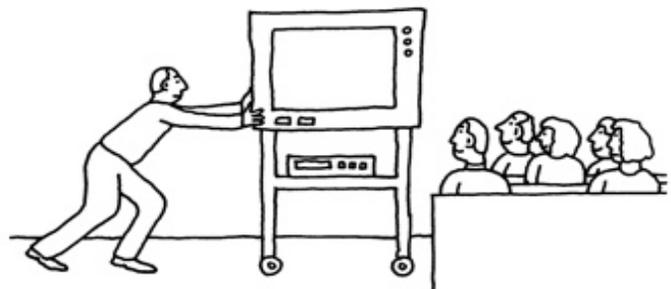
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