



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet **Sunday 16th August 2020** **10th Sunday after Trinity**

**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

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

The prophet Isaiah preached in Judah during the eighth century; his words are in the first thirty-nine chapters of the book that bears his name.

The anonymous prophet we call Second Isaiah preached among the exiles in Babylon sometime shortly before the return to Judah that commenced in 538; his words are in chapters 40-55 of the book of Isaiah. We refer to the prophet or prophets who produced the last section of the Isaiah scroll (chapters 56-66) as Third Isaiah. Those words address the situation in Judah during the early years of the effort to rebuild Jerusalem and re-establish life in Judah.

Isaiah 56, then, opens the third and final part of the book of Isaiah. Its words begin Third Isaiah's attempt to address the challenges the people faced in rebuilding a devastated nation.

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Our Second reading

Today we return to our reading from Romans. You will remember that Chapter 9 begins a new section of the letter, with a quite different tone. At the beginning of the letter, Paul states that the gospel is “the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (1:16). Although the gospel of salvation is “to the Jew first,” it becomes apparent that a majority has not believed. Paul’s explanation of the gospel through the first half of the letter culminates in chapter 8 with the assurance of God’s irrevocable promises to his people: “We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (verse 28). Does Paul include Israel among those who are “called”? Does Israel receive this assurance? Or, is God in the business of revoking promises? Some of Paul’s audience might wonder how firm is the foundation upon which they stand. Others might find a reason to boast, thinking that they as Gentiles have replaced Israel in God’s plan. For these reasons, Paul must make a case that God’s promises to Israel remain intact. Romans 11:1-2a and 29-32 frame chapter 11. In verses 29-32, Paul reaffirms the point with which he starts: God has not rejected his people because God’s promises are irrevocable.

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel reading is Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus’ encounter with the Canaanite woman is unsettling. Jesus is less than eager to help this woman, explaining that his mission is first to the house of Israel. However, Jesus is the one who has left Jewish territory and invaded this woman’s world. Furthermore, this Canaanite woman -- an unclean, outsider -- demonstrates that she has a better grasp of Jesus’ identity than the hand-selected disciples do at this point in the narrative. Jesus’ encounter with the Canaanite woman unsettles boundaries and calls into question definitions of clean and unclean. Jesus praises her faith. This woman seems to understand what the members of the household of Israel have yet to

grasp. Jesus is not just hope for Israel, but hope for the world. Reading Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman reminds the church that God is constantly entering new territory and breaking boundaries. This God is in the unsettling business of meeting outsiders and granting them not just a crumb, but a place at the table.

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 reflecting on what God is saying to you!

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 who welcomes all to the your table,
welcome us as we come in worship of you and
as we pray for your Church, that it might continue to follow his example of
justice to the poor.

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 feeds us in body and in spirit
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 respond to those in need,
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

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, Rute, Patience, Ron, Evelyn, Linda, John, 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 recently including Earlyn Edwards, Richard Simms and Eileen Dunford; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time including Lionel Gubbins, Fredrick Grant, Marjorie Bray, Melvina Akers and Theodora Gordon.

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.

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notices

The Rev'd Natasha Woodward will be licensed as the Interim Minister at Christ Church. at 8pm on the 2nd September. Seating is going to be by very limited ticketing, but the service will also be streamed on Facebook. Please prayer for Christ Church as they welcome their new Priest.

***When you come to church remember to stay close to God
and a safe distance from each other!***

Services during August

During August things at St Anne's are very quiet. The combination of holiday time and the pandemic. We are trying manage things as safely as possible. With all this in mind, on **Sunday 23rd August there will only be a morning service at Christ Church**. The 5pm Zoom Service will continue throughout August. There will be a 10am Service at St Anne's on all other Sunday's.

Also, Mo C is going to be taking a bit of a break over the next two weeks so there will be no weekday services during this time. Please use online resources during this period.

Daily Hope 24hour phonline

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.

Keeping in Touch

You can phone Mo C—020 7624 5306 or email her at motherchristinenw6@gmail.com



For our prayers Helen, Yvonne, Rute, Patience, Ron, Evelyn, Linda, John, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth and for those who have died recently including Earlyn Edwards, Richard Simms and Eileen Dunford; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Lionel Gubbins, Fredrick Grant, Marjorie Bray, Melvina Akers and Theodora Gordon.

Services this coming week starting 16th August

Sunday 23rd August — 9am *Facebook –thought for the Day*

10am Eucharist at Christ Church ONLY (No service at St Anne's)

5pm Zoom Service

*As we return to church, we are now asked to wear a mask and to keep a safe distance. 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. **We are all asked to wear facemasks!***

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