



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet **Sunday 23rd August 2020** **11th 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

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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. Isaiah 51:1-6 is a blending voice. The resonates with several other elements in the Book of Isaiah.

Preaching from Isaiah 51 requires a sense of the voice of the passage as distinctive and part of the blended chorus. Isaiah 51:1-6 describes the relationship ancestry (Sarah and Abraham) and aspiration (righteousness and the LORD) for the people Zion.

First reading - Isaiah 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Our Second reading

Today we continue our readings from Romans in which Paul invites us to present ourselves to God.

Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel reading is Matthew 16: 13-20

Matthew 16:13-20. Jesus asks the disciples who others think he, the Son of Man, is. We might view this question as an invitation to engage in critical dialogue with other perspectives. What do others say? The disciples answer that some people say that he is John the Baptist; others declare that he is Elijah; and still others claim that Jesus is Jeremiah or some other prophet. In other words, people don't agree. How we identify

Jesus will impact the way we interact with one another and with the earth. This may not be a comfortable question for us today either—but we are challenged—as we they disciples to answer it!

Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 invites us to know you,
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 seeks us out,
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 struggling in these extraordinary times.

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 responds 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 Philip Southwood, John Cairns and Beverley Ramsay.

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

The post communion prayer sums up many of the themes in the readings of the day.

Lord of all mercy,

we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice

which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:

by our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel

and preserve us from all sin;

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. Please pray for her and Christ Church.

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

Daily Hope 24hour phoneline

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 Richard Simms, Earlyn Edwards and Eileen Dunford; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Philip Southwood, John Cairns and Beverley Ramsay.

Services this coming week starting 23rd August

Sunday 30th August — 9am Facebook –thought for the Day

10am Eucharist at St Anne's

5pm Zoom Service

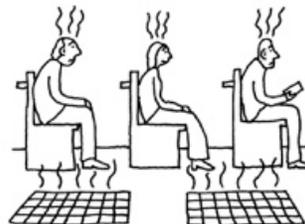
*As we return to church, we are now asked to wear a mask and to keep a safe distance. You will be asked to wash your hands, or use hand sanitiser as you arrive! The Priest will do the same! But we do ask that you maintain a safe distance and follow the guidance of the stewards. **We are all asked to wear facemasks!***

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

THE SUMMER



EARLY MORNING SERVICES BECOME POPULAR



THE HEATING FINALLY STARTS WORKING



A RELIEF CONGREGATION IS BROUGHT IN TO COVER ABSENTEES



PARISH PICNICS TAKE PLACE



THERE ARE NOT AS MANY E-MAILS



MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH SEND POSTCARDS