



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## **Readings and Notice Sheet** **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity** **11th July 2021**

### **The Collect**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Old Testament reading—**

*Our text is part of what in scholarly discussion is called the “Book of Visions.” It is the third vision followed by the encounter with Amaziah, the priest of the Northern Kingdom (Amos 7:10-15). Amos’ vision is not as important as YHWH’s interpretation. God announces through this vision that the end of Jeroboam’s dynasty is coming. The divine warrior is coming with a sword to desolate and lay waste. It is surprising to read Amaziah’s reaction to the oracle of destruction; after all, the prophetic voice describes a vision—probably the least verifiable way to communicate a message from YHWH. Amos’ vision proves nothing, for how does anyone listening to its recounting know that the speaker is not self-deceived, inebriated, or plainly lying (see also Jeremiah 14:14; 23:16; Ezekiel 13:7)? This is part of the reason there are fewer prophetic materials using visions to communicate a divine message.*

A reading from the Prophet Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I

will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

*In a world defined by power, weaknesses are not always welcome, yet the apostle Paul highlights the centrality and benefits of weaknesses through which God is manifested (2 Corinthians 12:10). In the face of worldly challenges, Christians, like Paul, should expect God to come through. When the world confronts Christians, and asks us to prove the existence of God or God’s presence in our lives, we have to be careful not lift up our “visions and revelations,” but rather have the humility to testify about our experiences of God’s grace and compassion in seasons of sicknesses, exclusions, isolations, death of loved ones, and all painful life episodes.*

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his

will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Gospel reading from Mark***

*Mark chose this opportunity, after Jesus sent out his disciples on their first formal mission, to report the death of John the Baptist. Mark hinted at this political death earlier in the story when John was arrested (1:14), but saved the full report until chapter 6. Interpreters who choose to think that Jesus' life and mission were disconnected from the socio-political affairs of his first century context must view this account (John's death by Herod) as an aside. Using intercalation (i.e., the "sandwich" technique) once again, Mark placed this account between the commission and the return of the disciples to intimate its significance for the expansion of Jesus' mission.*

*Despite what some scholars suggest, this scene is not an interlude. The manner of John's death was intimately tied to the mission of Jesus. This story showed Markan narrative technique at its best. Not only did John's message meet with political obstacles, so would Jesus' and so would his followers' (cf. Mark 13). (thanks to Emerson Powery; Professor of Biblical Studies; Messiah College; Grantham, PA, USA)*

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because

Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of our Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

***Take some time to reflect on the readings set for today—what might they be saying to you and to us as a community***

### **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 has blessed us with many spiritual blessings  
we give thanks for the abundance of your grace,  
and the hope that you bring.

Guide us in the work of this parish,  
that we might welcome all in your name.

We prayer for Archbishop Justin, Bishop's Sarah and Pete  
and all who offer leadership, or inspire to have faith in you....*(allow a time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, you walk with us in our belief  
and in our questioning.

Help us to see and acknowledge your power  
at work in this world.

We pray for an end to violence and injustice  
for an end to poverty and hunger.

Help us to care for all of your creation, as you would desire  
*..(allow a time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Loving God,

Give us faith and courage like that of the early church,

Help us as we love one another,

And our neighbours as ourselves.

Help and guide this community in the coming months

as society continues to open up and we learn to live

with the ongoing impacts of the pandemic... *(allow a time of silence)*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer**

Amazing God, who guides the weak and the strong,

We pray for who are in need at this time,

for all who are sick or in pain,

For those who are celebrating, and those who are grieving.

amongst them we pray for Joyce, Megan, Christopher, Fr Robert, Jean,

Piers, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia

and Ruth. Nurture in each of us life and hope. ...*(allow a time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Eternal God, who promises hope,

we pray for all who have left us and now rest with you in eternity. We

give thanks for their lives and the mark they have left on ours. Amongst

them we remember Thomas Kearney and Ian Christie...*( allow a time of  
silence)*

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord

**And let light perpetual shine upon them**

May they rest in peace  
**And rise in glory**

In the stillness of this moment we lift our owns before God.

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord  
who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Notices



### **Celebrating Local Heroes—the EXHIBITION**

This exhibit documents some of the groups and individuals who have contributed to the life of our community in the past 12 months.

### **Exhibition opening times**

starting Friday 25th June until 20th July

Friday's 2pm –4pm; Sunday's 11am—1pm; Tuesday's 10-12noon; Also Saturday 3rd and 17th July 12- 2pm

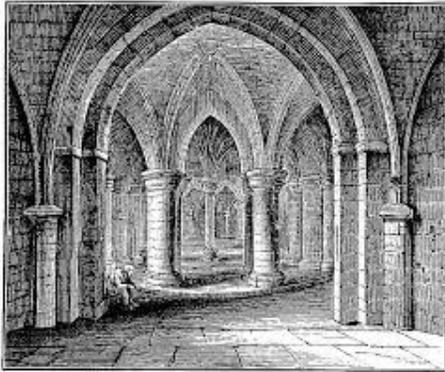
### **Tea with the Vicar (weather permitting)**

Now that we can meet a little more easily outside, Mo C invites you to **Tea with the Vicar** in the Vicarage Garden on **Sunday 11th July from 2pm—4pm.** (Due to the 5pm service we will need finish promptly.)



## St Anne's Day Celebrations

On Sunday 18th July we will mark St Anne's Day and the end academic year. After the service we will have Morning Tea in the Vicarage Garden to celebrate.



### Pilgrimage to Canterbury

We are hoping to have a day pilgrimage to Canterbury in the Summer. We would go on the fast train from either St Pancras or Stratford. Mark has been undertaking some research and we could plan to travel from mid-morning, lunch in the town on arrival and start the Cathedral visit at around 14:00. We could be met by a Canon. We would have until 4pm, at which time people could choose to travel home alone, or explore town or pub for an hour and then join evensong at 5.30pm before catching the train home. Cathedral entrance will be around £7 plus train ticket.

### Laurence's Larder

The Larder is open again every Thursday and has just appointed a co-ordinator to assist in developing the way it operates. You can still leave your donations, tinned fish or any non perishable food in the basket at the top of the stairs. You can see updates on this work at <https://www.laurenceslarder.org.uk>



**For our prayers** Joyce, Megan, Christopher, Fr Robert, Jean, Jean, Piers, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died including Thomas Kearney and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Ian Christie.

### Services this coming week starting 11th July

**Monday 12th July - 2pm** Contemplation on Zoom

*A time of still reflection in the company of others.*

**Tuesday 13th July — 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

**Thursday 15th July – 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

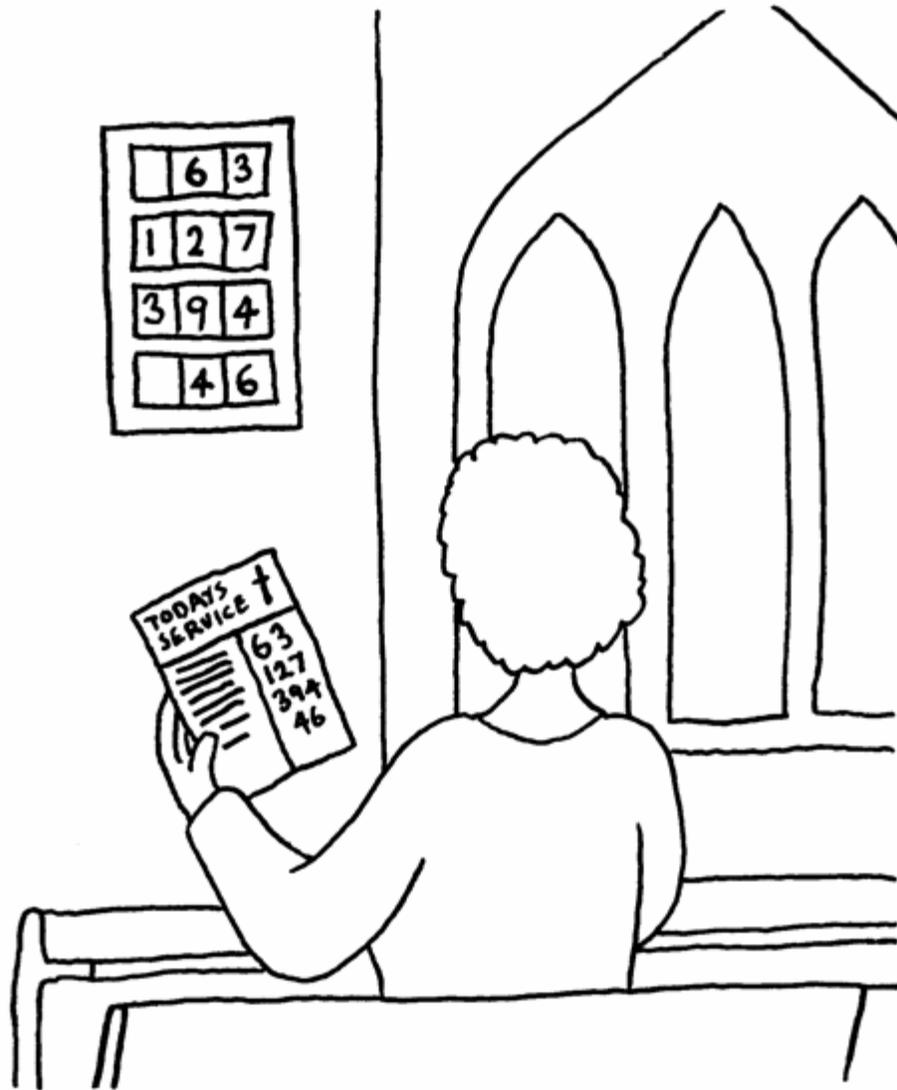
**Sunday 18th July 2021– St Anne's Day**

**8.30am**—Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

**During the morning** -Thought for the day

**9.30am** — Eucharist in Church followed by Morning Tea

**5pm**— Zoom Service



SHE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE SHE HAD  
WON ON HER FIRST VISIT TO CHURCH

*During a recent school visit children were totally perplexed  
as to why we have numbers on a board!*



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