



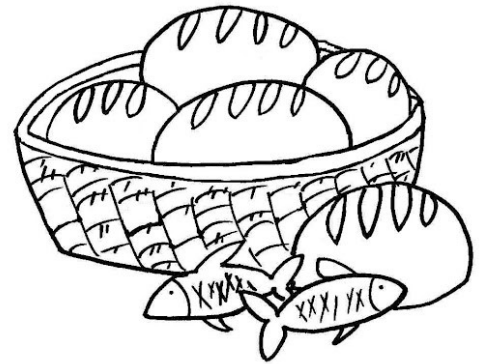
St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet **8th Sunday after Trinity** **25th July 2021**

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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.**



Old Testament reading—

Second Kings 4:42-44 is part of a narrative complex (1 Kings 17-2 Kings 9) that depicts the struggle of prophetic figures (Elijah and Elisha) to keep the people of Israel's focus on their God with whom they had a covenant relationship.

Elijah had initiated this attempt to convince the people of Israel that their God, and not the Canaanite God Baal, was their only true God by demonstrating subtly at first to the people Baal's impotence and their God's superiority.

Then Elijah takes head on the proponents of Baal religion with the contest between Baal's prophets and Elijah at Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18:1-46). This portion concludes the chapter that has a series of five miracles.

A reading from the Second Book of Kings (2 Kings 4:42-44)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

The church is called to provide people with the means through which they can have communion and fellowship with God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. In Ephesians 3:14-15 the writer rises above culture and tradition in order to show readers that God is a parent to all humanity. The author is spiritually aware that God is inclusive of all people, nations, genders and ethnicities. In other words, the language of family is in the author's heart, mind and soul. Being aware of God, the author prays that Ephesian believers will be indwelt by the Holy Spirit whose office is to form faith in the hearts of all God's children.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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The Gospel reading from John

Like the earlier figures of Moses and Elisha, Jesus proclaims a message of God's abundance and power to save.

John renders the feeding of the 5,000 story in a unique way. He combines elements of the Passover story in Exodus and the feeding miracle of Elisha (2 Kings 4) to portray Jesus as a powerful prophet.

This passage crafts its message through allusions to two Old Testament stories. Many ancient readers would have recognized an allusion to Elisha's feeding miracle, told in 2 Kings 4. Elisha served a large crowd from twenty barley loaves, and they had some left over (2 Kings 4:42-44). Although not

identical, the skepticism of Andrew in John is similar to the servant in 2 Kings. Andrew says, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" (John 6:9). The servant of Elisha said, "How can I set this before 100 people? (2 Kings 4:43). The parallels in the stories suggest that Jesus' actions should evoke the memory of the earlier prophet.

The similarity to Elisha's story may be an important reason it would make sense for John to portray the crowd as recognizing Jesus' actions to be those of a prophet. "When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world'" (John 6:14). Their acclamation suggests they interpret Jesus' actions as similar to the great acts of the prophets. The people's recognition shows considerable understanding. (with thanks to Susan Hysten, Associate Professor of New Testament, Emory University Atlanta, USA.)

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had

not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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...

Holy God, who feeds us and calms our fears
Hear our prayers as we come to you today.
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.
We pray to for the Willesden Episcopal area as it discerns who might be
our new Bishop....*(allow a time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Almighty God, who hears our needs
even before we express them.
Here the cries of the world at this time
as we pray for all who live with the consequences of
floods, fires and famine.
Be with all who are working to bring aide and comfort.
Help us to care better for your creation
and to share all that is produced more fairly...*(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.
As we learn what it means to live with the ongoing
implications of the pandemic help us all
and those who make decisions. ..(*allow a time of silence*)

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer

Amazing God, who guides the weak and the strong,
We pray for all who on holidays at this time:
for those is in need of rest and refreshment;
for all who are sick or in pain,
For those who are celebrating,
and those who are mourning.
We pray for all who on our hearts including amongst them we pray for
Joyce, Christopher, Fr Robert, Jean, 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 David O'Hagan, Emily Skears, Ivy Catlin and Arthur
Templer...(*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.

Holy God, who strengthens us
hear our prayers as we
follow the example of Jesus
who taught us to prayer 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

Archdeacons Visitation

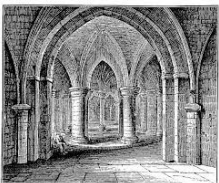
Archdeacon Catherine will be in the parish on Tuesday evening this week to conduct our Triennial Visitation. It is little like mini 'inspection' in that she will ensure that we are fulfilling our legal duties. She will also work with us however on thinking about our mission moving forward. This year because of all the restrictions, and also because we are catching up she will only meet with the Wardens and Mo C. Please pray for this visit, and for Archdeacon Catherine in her role in Willesden and across the Diocese.

Summertime

Over the coming weeks many of you will be away on Summer Holidays. We love getting your postcards or emails letting us know where you have prayer on your journey. Once again we will have a special 'we have prayed here' board out on a Sunday morning to share some of our travel experiences.

St Anne's Day Celebrations

Thank you to all who helped make our St Anne's Day Celebrations such a success last week.



Pilgrimage to Canterbury

Has been postponed until the Autumn—
further details to follow.

Laurence's Larder

The Larder is open again every Thursday and has just appointed a co-ordinator—Sarah—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—All who are on holidays, Aunty 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 and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including David O'Hagan, Emily Skears, Ivy Catlin and Arthur Templer.

Services this coming week starting 25th July

Monday 26th July - 2pm Contemplation on Zoom

A time of still reflection in the company of others.

Tuesday 27th July — 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Thursday 29th July – 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Sunday 1st August 2021– 9th after Trinity

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

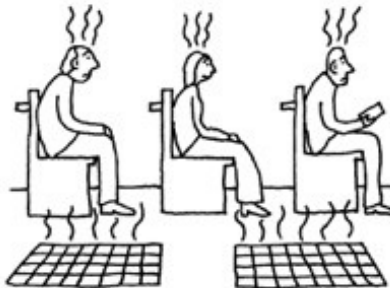
During August there will be a paired down list of services as we all seek some rest and refreshment. Please do continue to pray for each other and this community. More details to follow next week.

THE SUMMER

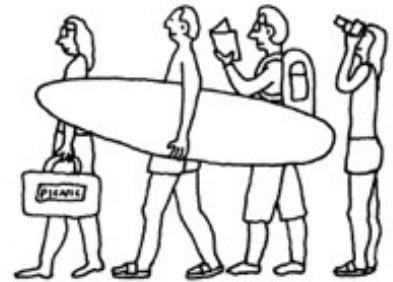
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EARLY MORNING SERVICES BECOME POPULAR



THE HEATING FINALLY STARTS WORKING



A RELIEF CONGREGATION IS BROUGHT IN TO COVER ABSENTEES



PARISH PICNICS TAKE PLACE



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