



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet 10th Sunday after Trinity 8th August 2021

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.**



Old Testament reading—

Elijah literally finds himself in the wilderness in this reading, but he also seems to be figuratively in the wilderness as he asks the Lord to take his life. Elijah has endured a traumatic episode with the prophets of Baal and Asherah up in the northern region of Carmel. Although he successfully dispatched the prophets and demonstrated God's power to Ahab, something is wrong. Elijah experiences a sense of shame or failure or some type of emotion on which we cannot quite put our finger. It leaves him deflated, despondent and depressed. We may never know what exactly led to this situation under the broom tree in the wilderness, but I imagine we can all think of difficult situation like this. We can think of Hagar in the wilderness with her young boy, but God would not allow that situation to endure. We can think of Jonah under his own tree in faraway Nineveh, equally despondent.

The Bible presents these scenarios to us in order to highlight the travails of God's people. Whether they be a foreign female slave, a runaway prophet, or perhaps the most famous prophet, there will be bumps in the road or perhaps chasms in the road.

A reading from the first Book of Kings (1 Kings 19:4-8)

But he (Elijah) himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and

eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

After the rich theological discussion of Ephesians 1-3, Paul turns in Ephesians 4-6 to an extended series of moral exhortations.

The guiding principle is given in the opening words of the section, where the author urges the audience “to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called...bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1-3). This point about unity is then elaborated artfully in the following verses: “one body and one Spirit...one hope...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:4-6). This language of unity builds on the theological ideas of the first three chapters, where the primary point is that God has brought together all people through Christ.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel reading from John

Jesus is manna, that miraculous substance with which God cultivated relationship with Israel and sustained them in the wilderness.

John continues to interpret Jesus' identity through the story of the manna, God's miraculous bread from heaven. The crowd introduced the story by quoting the scripture, "he gave them bread from heaven to eat" (John 6:31). Jesus interprets this scripture verse throughout verses 32-58. Although the crowd was initially receptive to the idea that Jesus could provide them with manna (verse 34), he goes on to indicate that he is the manna.

In the first "I am" statement of John's Gospel (compare with John 8:12; 10:7; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:5) Jesus states that he is the "bread of life" (John 6:35). Both this phrase and the phrase "bread from heaven" were references to the story of the manna. (with thanks to Susan Hulen, Associate Professor of New Testament, Emory University Atlanta, USA.)

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

What might today's readings be saying to you and our 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, bread of life,
hear our prayers as we come to you today.
Guide us in the work of our parish,
that we might welcome all in your name;
Nurturing one another as you nurture us.
We prayer for Archbishop Justin, Bishop's Sarah and Pete.
We pray also 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 draws all who are hunger and thirsty
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,
Help us to respond to the needs of those around us;
That we might love one another,
And our neighbours as ourselves.
As we learn 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

Loving God,
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, Megan, 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 Trish Harris, Lionel Gubbins, Fredrick Grant,
Marjorie Bray, Melvina Akers, and Theodora Gordon ...*(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 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
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

St Anne with Holy Trinity Brondesbury Guidance from 19th July 2021

Within the Church we believe that everyone is known and loved individually by God and that as many members within one body we are called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the more vulnerable whose suffering is our suffering (1 Cor 12:12-27). The move to step 4 means we are being asked to take even more personal responsibility around coronavirus than when we were compelled to adhere to Government restrictions.

St Anne's PCC has considered what guidance we as a congregation will continue to have in place, respecting the above. We are also very mindful that we are now entering the summer period when the church is much quieter for worship and for usage. For this reason, we have decided to take these next steps slowly and cautiously; and will review them as the new academic term begins in September.

Please be mindful that others may have different opinions about you to wearing face masks. You may like to arrive early to church and sit nearer a window. If you are not wearing a mask, please do keep a safe distance from others until they invite you into their personal space.

Coming to worship

- ⇒ As soon as you enter the building **please continue to either wash your hands or use the sanitizer provided.**
- ⇒ We would ask, that if you can **please wear a face mask** until you are upstairs and seated in your chair. It is then your choice if you remove your mask, but please do respect those close to you or keep a distance from them.
- ⇒ Chairs will remain as they are for now, giving space for people who wish it. If you want to sit next to someone who is not in your household, and they agree, please do so.
- ⇒ **We can now sing!** And we will be introducing some singing back into our services, though not everything at once. Again, this is partly as caution, and partly because singing is often hard during August anyway with smaller congregation.
- ⇒ **Hymn books** will now be available to those who want them, but the screens will also be used. Individuals can choose. Please do return your

book to the stand when you leave, please, so no one else has to touch it! This will also be the case with service sheets.

- ⇒ The peace may take place. As it is hard to know who would welcome a handshake; the suggestion is that during August we continue as we are – smiling, waving or bowing, and then adapt as we move into September. Similarly, the offertory bowl will remain at the door rather than being passed around.
- ⇒ **Communion** will continue to be administered in the same way, with members of the congregation coming forward, and then everyone receiving together once we have returned to our seats. Mother Christine will continue to wear a mask for distribution, and we would ask you to do the same. However, this is your choice.

We are aware that for some these changes will feel too fast, for other too slow. We will continue to take small steps over the coming weeks, and will review the next steps.

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.

Laurence's Larder

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, Joyce, 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 Trish Harris, Lionel Gubbins, Fredrick Grant, Marjorie Bray, Melvina Akers, and Theodora Gordon .

There will be no week day services during the remainder of August or 5pm Sunday Evening Service

Sunday 15th August 2021– 11th after Trinity

8.30am—Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

During the morning -Thought for the day

9.30am — Eucharist in Church

HOLIDAYMAKERS

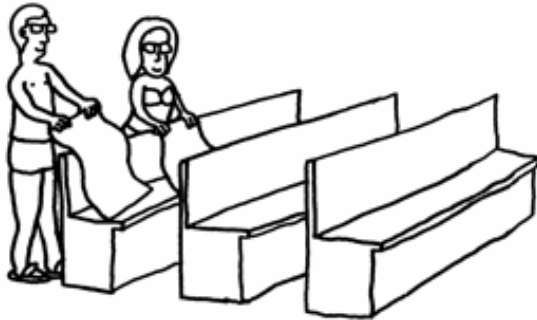
HOW TO SPOT THEM IN CHURCH



THEY ARE DRESSED
RATHER INFORMALLY



THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF
THE WAY WE DO THINGS



THEY ARRIVE EARLY IN THE
MORNING TO RESERVE A BACK
PEW USING THEIR TOWELS

ARE YOU
HOLIDAYMAKERS?

YES, WE ARE



WHEN ASKED, THEY SAY THAT
THEY ARE HOLIDAYMAKERS

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