



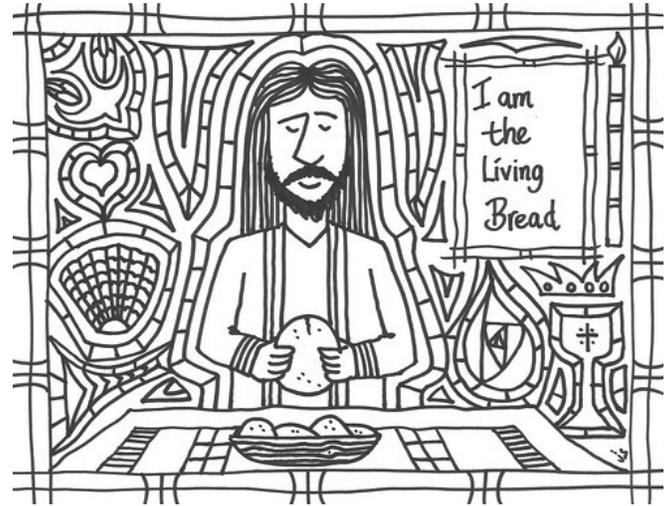
St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet **11th Sunday after Trinity** **15th August 2021**

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.



Old Testament reading—

On the surface, Proverbs 9:1-6 reads as positive instruction for those seeking to live an ethical life.

Verses 1–5 present this choice of living as a feast or great banquet. Before the invitation is even offered in verse 4, it is clear that great preparation has gone into making this banquet hospitable and desiring. Overall, the passage presents wisdom—“understanding”—as a thing to be desired.

What is more, the passage suggests that choosing to attend this feast has broad consequences for one’s whole life. The invitation of verse 5 shifts to command in verse 6: those who accept the invitation must eat and drink, thereby choosing to “live” a life that embraces wisdom.

A reading from the book of Proverbs (9: 1-6)

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Much of Ephesians deals with the ongoing interplay between Christian identity and Christian conduct. Indeed, Ephesians 1-3 functions as a type of identity reminder. In these initial chapters, Christians are being reminded of who they are especially as it relates to their place in God’s plan for cosmic salvation which is centered in Jesus Christ.

They have been given a new, distinct identity so that Christians are no longer who they once were (see especially Ephesians 2:11-22). Ephesians 4-6 builds on this as identity-foundation by presenting both broad and particular instructions regarding Christian conduct which both is empowered by our new reality and manifests this new, God-created reality. Thus, Christians put off their old self and its ways of living and put on the conduct of their new self (4:22-24). In this way, Christian living entails walking in the light of our new reality and not walking in the dark of our old reality (5:8-13).

Ephesians 5:15-20 picks up this contrast and depicts it as wise living over against foolish living.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel reading from John

Jesus is manna, food that sustained Israel both physically and spiritually in the wilderness.

John 6:51 summarizes what Jesus has been saying since verse 32: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.” The death of which Jesus speaks was the death that threatened Israel

under harsh conditions in the desert, and also the separation from God represented by the sentiment that life in Egypt was preferable (see Exodus 16:3). Manna was the solution God provided in that situation, and Jesus has been interpreting the scripture to identify himself as manna.

Jesus extends his interpretation in a new way in these verses. He indicates that the life he gives is “eternal”: “Whoever eats of this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). The phrase “live forever” (Greek: zesei eis ton aiona) is a variation of John’s more common words for the gift Jesus provides, eternal life (for example verse 54, zoe aionion). Throughout the Gospel, Jesus asserts that he is the bringer of eternal life for those who trust in him. The manna is already a story of God’s life-giving power. Jesus uses this opportunity to clarify that the life he brings as manna is this kind of life: it extends forever. with thanks to Susan Hysten, Associate Professor of New Testament, Emory University Atlanta, USA.)

John 6:51-58

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.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

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 of wisdom, who calls us to the banqueting table
draw us to listen for your grace in the way that we live.
Teach us to be your church;
that we might be sustained by you and each other.

We pray 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 hears the cries of the poor
who embraces those who long for wisdom and hope.
We pray for the brokenness of your world;
help us to bring an end to the destruction of your creation.
We pray for all who are suffering from fires and floods;
for those who suffer from disease and violence
May your justice reign...*(allow a time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving God,
The living bread who comes down from heaven.
Help us to act in wisdom;
to discern how to love our neighbours and ourselves.
Guide all those who make decisions that effect the lives of others
In a way that transform lives
and sustains our world. *(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 Beverly Ramsey ...(*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. ...(*allow a
time of silence*)

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
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

Bishop Peter's Farewell

As I am sure you know Bishop Pete will be moving on after 20 years as
Bishop of Willesden and at the end of September. There will be a farewell
service (details yet to be finalised) on Saturday 25th September at 7:00pm at
St John West Ealing. If you would like to contribute to a collection for +Pete
and Sarah, email Mo C and she can provide bank details—alternatively you
can place cash in an envelop and mark it collection for Bishop Pete. Bishop

Pete will also be with us on the 19th September for a service of Confirmation.

Looking Forward—Dates for your diary!

As we come out of the summer break we have many things to look forward to as a parish. Here are some things to be aware of, and some dates to have in your diary.

Confirmation—Bishop Pete will be with us at 9.30am on Sunday 19th September for a service of confirmation. There will be reception afterwards.

Creation Season— will be celebrated each Sunday in September in the lead up to **Harvest Festival on 3rd October**. Creation Season is a time when we focus on the gift of God creation and our need to care for it. This year this will also include contributing to a visual display of prayers for our environment. (see <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation>).

(The PCC also agreed earlier this year that to complete the paperwork to allow us to be part of the **Eco-Church movement**. As a congregation we have always been committed to this, but we wanted to make this more formal). If you would like to see more now—<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival.

Saturday 2nd October in the evening there will be Harvest Supper and Quiz night; with Harvest Festival being celebrated at 9.30am on 3rd October.

Kingdom/ Remembrance Season will begin on 31st October and will last until Advent and will include a number of events.

Advent will begin this year with a Social event on either the 26th or 27th November—we are still confirming details but we are hoping to host an event to mark the start of the new season.

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.

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 Beverly Ramsey.

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

Sunday 22nd August 2021– 12th after Trinity

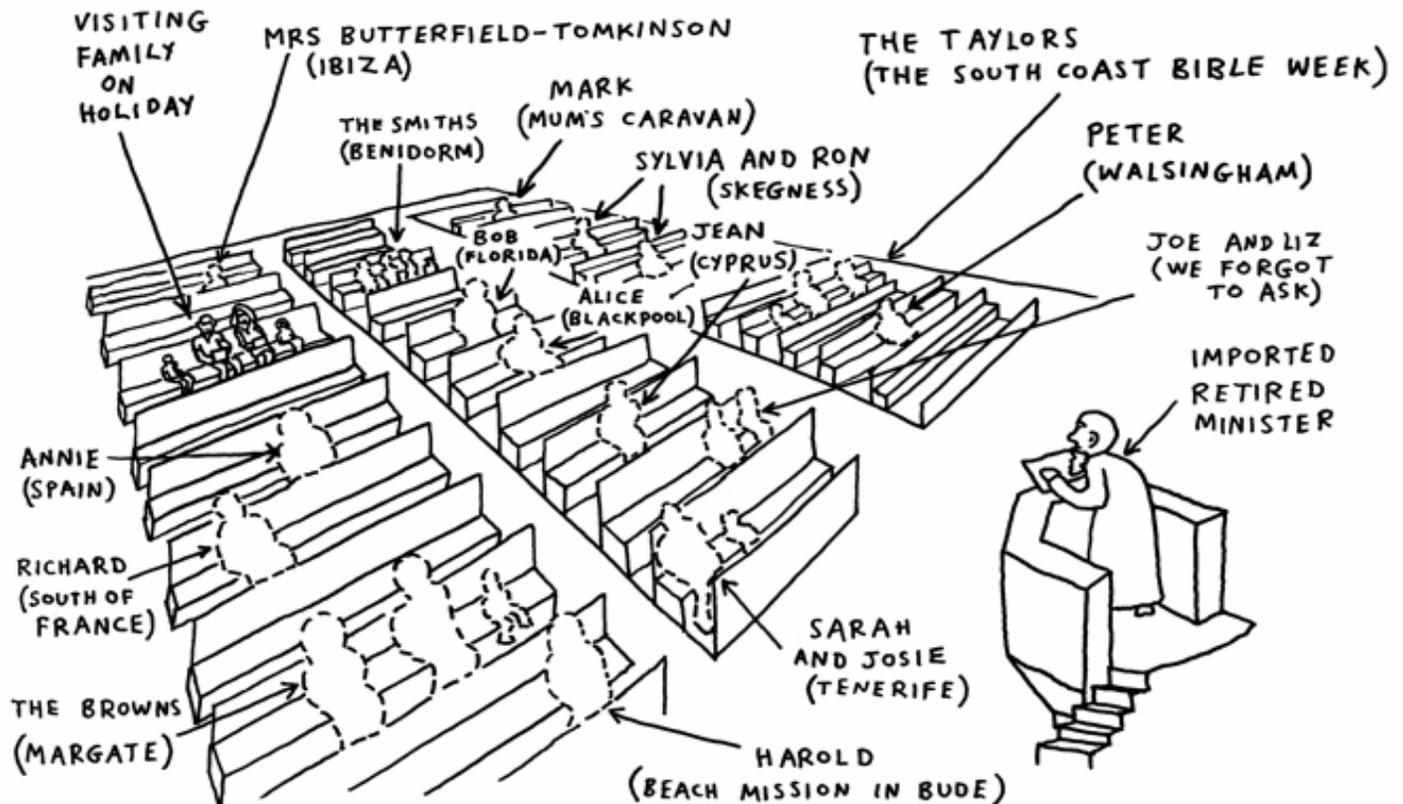
8.30am—Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

During the morning -Thought for the day

9.30am — Eucharist in Church

THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

THE FAITHFUL REMNANT REMEMBER THE DEARLY DEPARTED



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