



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

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Readings and Notice Sheet **2nd Sunday of Creation Season 2021** **12th September 2021**



SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1 to October 4, much of the Christian family celebrates the gift of creation. This global celebration began in 1989 with the Ecumenical Patriarchate's recognition of the Day of Prayer for Creation and is now embraced by the wide ecumenical community.

Prayer is a powerful experience and tool to raise awareness and foster transformational relations and ministry. This year the theme is A Home for All? Renewing the oikos of God. It is our hope to work together to acknowledge the wisdom from countless sisters and brothers helping all to renew our world as an interconnected and interdependent global beloved community. You can read more at www.seasonofcreation.org

On this Sunday we are invited to reflect on creating a Just Home for All People – how are we caring each other and our natural environment in a way that reflects the whole of creation

The Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ 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—

The book of Proverbs features two loud women. Both of them stand in public places, making noise. Both of them are articulate and shrewd as they persuade and seduce passersby. Both of them are disruptive. Of course, these are not real women. They are personifications: “the strange woman” (5:3–14; 7:10–27; 9:13–18) and “woman wisdom” (1:20–33; 4:5–9; 8:1–11, 12–36; 9:1–6). Proverbs 1 is the first of Woman Wisdom's several long speeches. Women's voices have often been actively denied or suppressed. But here, wisdom comes from a woman who is a teacher, preacher, participating with God, and perhaps herself divine (8:22–31).

A reading from the book of **Proverbs 1: 20-33**

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

New Testament Reading

For the last two weeks, the lectionary selections in James have highlighted the critical distance between the head and the heart, between the idea of Jesus and his radical care for the other and the actions born out of the idea once it roots in our soul.

In between the head and heart is a stumbling block lurking in the shadows: the tongue. Rather than a collection of proverbial exhortation, this pericope stands on its own as an organized, clever essay about the dangers of our out-of-control speech. James does not have much hope that anyone will ever be holy enough to tame their tongue, to bridle their speech. Nevertheless, it seems he is passionately exhorting his community to at least try.

A reading from the letter of **James 3: 1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we

guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Gospel reading from Mark

Jesus' disciples are undergoing a very intense apprenticeship with Jesus, and it is about to get far more intense as he begins his journey to Jerusalem. Before embarking on this journey south, Jesus pauses to check in with his disciples near the northern city of Caesarea Philippi.

As soon as Jesus begins to speak of what is to come in his career as Messiah — rejection, suffering, and death — Peter is quick to try to set him straight. He takes Jesus aside and rebukes him. We can imagine him saying, “No, no, Jesus, this is not the way it is supposed to go.” Jesus' response to Peter is harsh: “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things” (Mark 8:33). This is one of those moments in Scripture that highlights the vast distance between us and God. Though Jesus is God with us, we cannot tame him or make him over into our image.

Today our readings invite us to consider the voices and wisdom we listen to—when do we make time to listen to the voice of all God's creation—to make space for all that God has created—and not try to corrupt it into our own image.

Mark 8: 27-end

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those

who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

Intercessions

Let us pray to God our creator,
who has given us the earth’s goodness for our delight,
and entrusted it to our care and tenderness.

We pray for your church
That it may listen for the wisdom of all creation.
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)

God of life,
Hear our Prayer.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Guide us into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.
Give us the will to cherish this planet
and to use its riches for the good and welfare of all;
in way that embraces your wisdom.
....(allow a time of silence)

God of life,
Hear our Prayer.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.
Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.
Help us listen for your wisdom,
so that all life may flourish....(allow a time of silence)

God of life,
Hear our Prayer.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed
teach us to listen for your guiding wisdom..(allow a time of silence)

God of life,
Hear our Prayer.

We ask you to hear us, good Lord
as we pray for all who are on our hearts, including Francesca and Danny after their
wedding yesterday; as well as those seeking healing and wholeness including
Megan, Michael Ngo, Kay, Michael, Comfort, Joyce, Megan, Fr Robert, Jean, Isobel,
Peter, Pearl, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. Nurture in each of us
life and hope. ...(allow a time of silence)

God of life,
Hear our Prayer.

Creator of all wisdom,
you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your
whole creation we may praise you eternally.
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
Takashi Kitahara, Betty Dass and Roy Edward Dunford ...(allow a time of silence)

In the stillness of this moment we lift our owns before God. ...(*allow a time of
silence*)

Lord of all Creation,
as we have received the bread and wine,
Fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,
so with joy we celebrate your goodness
And commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,
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

Thank you

Thank you for all who have sent photo's or postcards from places that have inspired you
this Summer. We have been showing them in Church on a Sunday morning to
encourage us all. Thank you too, for those who have assisted by praying here at St
Anne's during this period.

Welcome a new Deacon—Rev Nicki Sudworth

Nicki joins us as part of her training as a Deacon.

Nicki is a Chaplain for the YMCA and will join us about once a month over the next year.

Please make Nicki welcome!

Gardening Day

On **Saturday 18th September from 10am—12noon** we will be having BIG GARDENING WORKING BEE—to get the carpark and garden ready for Autumn and for the Bishop's visit on Sunday 19th. Your help would be very much appreciated as there are lots of little jobs to do!

Confirmation

Bishop Pete will be with us at **9.30am on Sunday 19th September** for a service of confirmation. At present we have three candidates. If anyone else would like a chance to confirm their faith, or would like more details please speak to Mo C. On Sunday 19th there will be a reception after church.

Bishop Peter's Farewells

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 number of ways to farewell the Bishop:

Area Service for Bishop Pete on Saturday **25th September at 7:00pm** at St John West Ealing.

Also Bishop Pete will be with us on the 19th and we can say farewell then too!

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.

David Till Concert - David will be performing on a Concert—***Lost in the Stars—Sunday 12th September at 4pm.*** You are all welcome.

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.

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(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.arochoa.org.uk/>

As part of Creation Season we are inviting the congregation to participate in the Prayer Boat for Climate Change

This project being organised by Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) and Christian Aid. Environmental change impacts most often on the most poor and vulnerable in the world. This project invites us to join together in prayer, folding prayer boats and adding

our prayers. We will display our pray boats in the rotunda from Harvest. You can read more here—and more details will be in church. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/get-involved/rise-moment-activity-pack>
Instructions for folding origami boats can also be collected from the back of church. Please use old paper that needs recycling if you can!

Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival.

Saturday 2nd October starting at 6pm there will be Harvest Supper and Quiz night. There is a sign up sheet at the back up church or you can email Mo C if you would like to come. To allow for catering we need to know final numbers by the 28th September.

Harvest Festival will then be celebrated at 9.30am on Sunday 3rd October; you can start bringing in Harvest goods now and leaving them in the basket at the back of church so we can use them for our display.

Other dates for your diary!

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.

Wreath making workshop will take place on Saturday 11th December.

Mo Christine away

Mo C will be in Norfolk to bless the marriage of Francesca and Danny. She is using this as an opportunity to go for a few days retreat. Mo C will be away from the Parish from Wednesday 8th— Monday 13th September. If you need something during this time, ask one of the Wardens. Please pray too for Francesca and Danny.

Rev'd David Brammer, Chaplain at the Twyford Schools will be leading our service next Sunday. There will be no Morning Prayer or 5pm Service on Sunday 12th.

Covid Guidance for 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 are in rows but spaced more widely. There are signs you can use to place of a chair if you feel you would like more space.
- ⇒ **We can now sing!**
- ⇒ **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 we continue as we are – smiling, waving or bowing.
- ⇒ 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.

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>

PCC meeting

The PCC had a short meeting on Monday 6th September to prepare for things in the coming weeks. Please pray for them in their leadership of the parish.

Confirmation Candidates—Please pray for Ardalan, Layla and Adam as they prepare for their confirmation next Sunday.



For our prayers— for the start of the new academic year, for Francesca and Danny after their marriage blessing; and for Megan, Ruth, Michael Ngo, Kay, Michael, Comfort, Joyce, Megan, Fr Robert, Jean, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. . We remember those who have died including Takashi Kitahara and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Charles Cory and Betty Dass .

Service this week

Tuesday 14th September at 8.30am—Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Thursday 16th September at 8.30am—Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Friday 17th September 2pm— Tea and Chat

Sunday 19th September 2021– Creation 3

8.30am—Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Thought for the Day on Facebook at some point during the morning.

9.30am — Service of Confirmation—Eucharist in Church with Bishop Pete followed by a Reception

5pm—Service of the Day on Zoom



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