



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 28th November 2021

Advent Sunday

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Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask and we will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal- but we hope relaxed-as we come to worship God in our midst. Please do join us for coffee after the service. While Covid restrictions have been reviewed—we would ask, that you please wear a face mask when moving around the church.

Please let us respect the needs of each other at this challenging time.

All the words you need will be on the screens at the front, but service sheets and hymn books are available if you prefer.

During Advent we wait for the coming of Christ, not only in the story of the Nativity, but in the hear and now. We wait for the coming of God's Reign on earth, when peace and justice will be a reality. The concepts of Advent are often difficult as they speak of judgement and end times. Equally they talk of new life beyond our understanding. As we come to this Advent Season, let us not be afraid of our waiting, or of the uncertainty it may raise. Rather we are invited in our prayer and meditation to call out 'Come, Lord Jesus, Come!'



Please stand as the bell is rung as we sing our opening Hymn 140 – Come thou long expected Jesus

We meet in the name of God who is (+) Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The President will introduce the service.

As we begin the New Christian Year and the start of Advent we come before God with our prayers of confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
and to these my brothers and sisters,
I confess with my whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness
of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you; and raise
me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

After a period of silent reflection we sing together:

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

We are reassured of God's Forgiveness

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Advent Wreath is lit

Each of the four Sundays reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. On this first Sunday we remember 'The Patriarchs' we might naturally focus on Abraham and Sarah, our parents in faith, and David, the ancestor in whose city Jesus was born.

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.

**Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

This lectionary reading introduces the season of Advent, when Christians await the birth of God's messiah. In certain respects, the message is straightforward, since it quite obviously touches on the fulfillment of God's promise to raise up a Davidic descendent once again. But why is this promise good news?

In Jeremiah 33:14-16, Jeremiah's world is in a state of collapse.

Jeremiah himself is in prison for preaching that God would deliver the

kingdom into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar for their failure to keep the covenant with YHWH. Meanwhile, the inhabitants of Jerusalem desperately attempt to protect themselves from Nebuchadnezzar's inevitable invasion.

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We hear a reading from the New Testament.

In 1 Thessalonians 3:9–10 Paul expresses the profound joy that undergirds his praise of God. Here, the source of his joy is not his personal relationship with Jesus. It's the ongoing faith of the Thessalonian church. Paul had said in verse 8 that this was the source of his life: "For now we live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord" (NRSV). Here, that faith is the source of Paul's joy and gratitude before God: we feel joy before our God because of you (verse 9). As we go through the Advent season joy will be a recurring theme.

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated as we sing or listen to Hymn 535 O Come, O Come – Verses 1,3 and 5. As the Gospel is processed please stand.

This weeks Gospel comes from Luke 21:25-36

The Gospel

The season of Advent is a sticky-note reminder to the church: God is doing a new thing. Again. The Gospel texts for these four weeks run in reverse narrative order, starting near the end of Luke’s Gospel and moving backward to the beginning. The series opens with the teaching of Jesus (shortly before his death and resurrection in Jerusalem). Jesus in Luke 21 reminds his followers that God is not constrained by the chronos time represented by calendar and clock, the sort of time that keeps everything from happening at once. In God’s kairos time, past and future are woven together for the sake of today. God’s time is the now/not-yet that reshapes the world’s present expectations—and our own.

The Gospel is announced.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord.

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all

things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit to listen to the sermon.

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*We sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.
After each bidding we pray*

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

After every group of names we pray

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory

At the conclusion of the prayers

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament *(please stand)*

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We sing our offertory Hymn 449 – Lo he comes with clouds descending.

We give thanks for God's gifts

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The preface continues until we sing.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+ Blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

After the Consecration

Great is the mystery of faith
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**

At the end we say—Amen

**Our Father,
who art in heaven hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sing the Agnus Dei.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

The Elevation

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord (+) I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

All who are baptised are welcome to receive. We currently receive in one kind only. That means we receive the bread only. The Priest receives the wine on our behalf. Once all have received the bread and returned to our seat we consume together with the words

The body of Christ **Amen**

You may also like to light a candle during this time as a symbol of your prayers rising toward God.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices and Banns

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the (+) Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Go in the peace of Christ

Thanks be to God

We sing our final hymn 307 – *Hills of the North Rejoice verses 1,3
and 5 only*

You are invited to join us for refreshments downstairs.

Notices

Revd Canon Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy has been appointed as the next
Bishop of Willesden. You can read about him on the Diocese
website see [https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/new-bishop-
of-willesden-tours-west-london/](https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/new-bishop-of-willesden-tours-west-london/)

Laurence's Larder

**It is wonderful to have Sarah with us today to share how
Laurence's Larder is working.** 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
www.laurenceslarder.org.uk

Tea and Chat Invitations

Tea and chat meets each Friday afternoon between 2pm—4pm. It is
a chance, often for those who live alone, to have a safe space to
come and sit and chat; and enjoy some treats. If you know
someone who might like to come; why not invite them—or let Mo C
know.

Coming to Church

It would be helpful if you could bring your own cup/mug. Please
wear a mask. Please 'wrap up' as windows will be open!

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. In
October we raised £1950. Thank you to everyone for your
generosity!



Advent

Advent, like Lent, is a time for personal and corporate reflection on how we live our faith. In the case of Advent we are in a season of waiting. Advent waiting is not however simply about the birth of Jesus. Our Advent season waiting is also thinking ahead to Christ's future coming. So

the season is sombre, in purple and with fasting and repentance—a reminder that as Jesus came to us once, so just as surely will come again. Please see the resources to support our devotion at the back of church today!

Opportunities During Advent 2021



Giving
Tree

At St Anne's we have a giving tree on the first floor landing of the church. It is a symbolic place to be charitable during Advent and Christmas.

Four ways to give under the tree this Christmas:

- 1. Laurence's Larder.**
Donations of non perishable items or cash.
- 2. Gift Box for St Mungo's**
Fill a shoe box with items that would be useful for a homeless man. Warm socks, hats, gloves, toiletries, tea bags, cup of soups. Wrap the box, or in a gift bag and place under the tree.
- 3. Gift to St Anne's for its ministry**
This Christmas you are invited to give a gift to St Anne's to help us continue our work in this place. We invite you to simply place your gift to St Anne's in the envelope provided, and place it in the basket under our Christmas tree.
- 4. Vouchers for those in need**
Supermarket vouchers means we can give the ability to those in need to buy what they need. Vouchers of £5 or £10 are the most useful. And it would be helpful if they were for a Supermarket in the local area (including Kilburn). These can be they shared throughout the coming year.

Advent Reflection followed by Mass

On **Monday 29th November; 5th and 20th December at 6pm** there will be an Advent reflection in the Chapel concluding with a Said Mass. This year we will be exploring 'Music of Eternity' using some of the resources from the 2021 Archbishop of York's Advent book. Each

session will be stand alone, so you can join for one or for all three Monday's. Each session will conclude with Mass.

Carols by Candlelight

with Queen's Park Singers—Sunday 19th December at 4pm

followed by mulled wine and mince pies!

Wreath Making

This annual creative workshop will take place on **Saturday 11th December -10am until 1pm**. Come at 10am to make you own Christmas wreath or table centre piece. All materials will be provided but participants will be asked to buy their wreath.

Welcome Advent Party

5pm -7pm in the Rotunda on **Friday 3rd December**. A chance for some drinks and nibbles to welcome in the season! £5 donation for entry and Donation for drinks please. Why not invite your friends to come and mark the start of the season.



For our prayers— David, Piers, Gill, Neale, Michael, Joyce, Jackie, Mavis, Hada, June, Ruth, Michael, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Fr Robert, Jean, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently including Pat Dunn and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Grace Burrell and Hubert Smith.

Services during the week 28th November 2021

Monday 29th 2pm—Christian Contemplation

6pm—Advent Reflection 1

Tuesday 30th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Thursday 2nd 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Friday 3rd 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

9.30am My Moves Playgroup

2pm Tea and Chat today

Sunday 5th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Advent 2 9.30am Sung Mass followed by Act of Remembrance

5pm—Zoom Service of the Day

Thought for the Day on Facebook at some point.

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