



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

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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 286 – Hark! A herald voice is calling

**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 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 Second Sunday we remember 'The Prophets'. 'The Prophets' gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was 'foretold'.

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.

**Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world. Amen.**

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray,
your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you
and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

In Malachi 3:1-4, God announces that he is sending a messenger to prepare for his coming. In the accompanying Gospel reading, John son of Zechariah appears as that messenger, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:1-5). In both texts, the message is both proclamation and act, as each messenger actively prepares the audience for their encounter with God.

The messenger of Malachi 3:1-4 is God's answer to the community's theologizing. No longer engaging in endless argument, the messenger decisively resolves the impasse in these fractured relationships.

A reading from the Prophet Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We hear a reading from the New Testament.

The prayer of thanksgiving that opens Philippians describes the dialogue between present and future that makes Advent such a fruitful time for deep reflection. On the one hand, it draws our attention to the anticipated "day of Jesus Christ" (verse 6, 10; 3:20; 4:5) that sets this season apart (advent = coming). On the other hand, it reminds us that insight and discernment is required so that we may determine how best to engage the present as we journey towards that day (verse 9-11).

A reading from the letter to the Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your

love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated as we sing or listen to Hymn 589 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist (on video not all words match)

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6 sets the stage for John the Baptist’s prophetic call by introducing an A-list of Earthly Powers: an emperor, a governor, three tetrarchs, and two high priests. Together they represent rulers of the known world, the regional lands, and the religious, political, and economic complex that stands at the heart of Jerusalem. Collectively they hold all the authority and might that wealth, military prowess, or ancestry can command. Luke introduces John with a résumé that highlights his role as a prophet (Luke 3:1-2). The pattern is common for identifying Old Testament prophets. This takes place in the wilderness—a place of vulnerability and uncertainty. The purpose of John’s prophetic calling is not only to prepare the way of the Lord (Luke 3:4), but to prepare the people to receive the Lord (Luke 1:16-17) through repentance for the forgiveness of sin.

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.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John

son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

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 451 Long ago, prophets knew .

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

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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 699 – The Advent of our King

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/>

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

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 November we raised £1850. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!



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



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.



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

Kane, Anthony Judge, Catherine Edmonds, Ethel Beange and Robin Ashton.

Services during the week 5th December 2021

Monday 6th 2pm—Christian Contemplation

6pm—Advent Reflection 2

7.10pm-ish—PCC meeting

Tuesday 7th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Thursday 9th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Friday 10th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

9.30am My Moves Playgroup

2pm Tea and Chat today

Sunday 12th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Advent 3 9.30am Sung Mass

5pm—Zoom Service of the Day

Thought for the Day on Facebook at some point.

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