



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 26th December 2021**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

**President:** Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

*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 wear a face mask at all times during worship and while you are inside.** For the time being we have also decided to suspend refreshments after the service.*

*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.***

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*Today we continue our Celebration of Christmas. Please stand as the bell is rung as we sing our opening **267—Good King Wenceslas looked out***

**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*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God, through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in  
thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness, through our own  
deliberate fault. We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus  
Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant  
that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your  
name. 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 reminded of God's forgiveness.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, (+) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Confident in God's forgiveness we remain standing as we sing the Gloria*

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we  
worship You we give You thanks,  
we praise You for your glory. Refrain:**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our  
prayer. Refrain:**

**For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Refrain.**

***The Collect***

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
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*

*It is likely that this text shows up on the First Sunday after Christmas in the Year of Luke (Year C) because of its typological-ish resonances with the childhood story of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, which is this Sunday's gospel text.*

*Both are stories of young persons in the Temple. While the similarity could appear as mere superficial background, there is a deeper connection.*

A reading from First Samuel (1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 )

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We hear a reading from the New Testament.*

*Today's reading is taken from the letter to the Colossians. Christmas changes everything! Well, not quite, but it is true to say that the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, which we celebrate during this Christmas season, changes everything. And this passage certainly is centered upon Christ and the profound difference he makes, not just to individuals but to entire communities. As believers and disciples of the Lord Jesus we are described as "chosen, holy, and beloved." All these affirmations are rooted in Jesus. Paul in his letter explores how we might clothe ourselves in these.*

A reading from the letter to the Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We remain seated as we sing hymn 781—Unto us a boy is born*

### **The Gospel**

*In today's Gospel reading Luke 2:41–end.*

*The story of Jesus in the temple addresses biographical interests. Continuing from the birth narrative, this scene explores Jesus's family of origin. We see his parents' piety in their pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Passover (see also 2:22–24) and their care for Jesus in the anxiety and searching for him when he is not found in the group of family and*

*friends with whom they travelled from and to Nazareth, as well as in the narrator's closing words concerning Mary: "His mother treasured all these things in her heart" (verse 51b).*

*More than being about his parents, however, the story really focuses on Jesus. In a very small way, it fills something of the gap between Jesus' birth and baptism. It shows that he was raised in the ways of Jewish piety and tradition. In spite of missing the caravan's departure back to Nazareth, the scene characterizes Jesus as obedient (verse 51) and growing in wisdom and growing in favour (verse 52; echoing verse 40). The scene is similar to childhood stories found in ancient biographies of philosophers and other famous figures in history and mythology. In such scenes, the behaviour of the child foreshadows the protagonist's character as an adult. ( Thanks to O. Wesley Allen, Jr. Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics )*

*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.**

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to

Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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)*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace in a Covid friendly way.

*We sing our offertory Hymn 39 Angels in the Realms of Glory*

*We give thanks for God's gifts*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness  
we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and  
human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness  
we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of  
human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be 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**

*During Communion we listen to O Magnum Mysterium You may also like to light a candle during this time as a symbol of your prayers rising toward God.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Notices and Banns*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with peace and goodwill  
and make you partakers of the divine nature; 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 **2—A Great and Mighty Wonder**

## 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**

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](http://www.laurenceslarder.org.uk)

### **Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary A Huge Thank you!!**

A huge thank you to everyone for all your help in making a Advent and Christmas celebrations such a success. For everyone who arranged and cleaned, delivered leaflets, cooked and served food and drink, helped in services, welcomed our guests, made donations to our charities and those who encouraged us. It really was team effort and we should be very proud of what we achieved. Thank you!

### **And Thank you...**

Mo Christine would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas. We pray that 2022 will bring you hope. I would like to express my thanks for the cards and wishes I have received.



### **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.

### **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.

## Coming to Church

**Please wear a mask at all times this is now required by law.**

Please 'wrap up' as windows will be open! For now, we are not offering refreshments after the service.

## Period between Christmas and New Year

Boxing Day is on a Sunday this year. There will be a normal Sunday Eucharist at 9.30am. After this the building will be closed until our next Sunday service on 2nd January. There will be no Morning Prayer from 26 Dec—until 4th January.



**For our prayers**— Bob, Piers, Gill, Neale, Michael, Joyce, Jackie, Mavis, Hada, June, Michael, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Fr Robert, Jean, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently including David, Isobel Robinson and Ron Sutcliff and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including , Ed Anderson, Marylou Renault, Albert Beauchamp, Richard Killick and Gerry Clist.

### Services during the week 26th December 2021

#### Sunday 2 January 2022

**8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

**Epiphany** **9.30am** Sung Mass

*Thought for the Day on Facebook at some point.*

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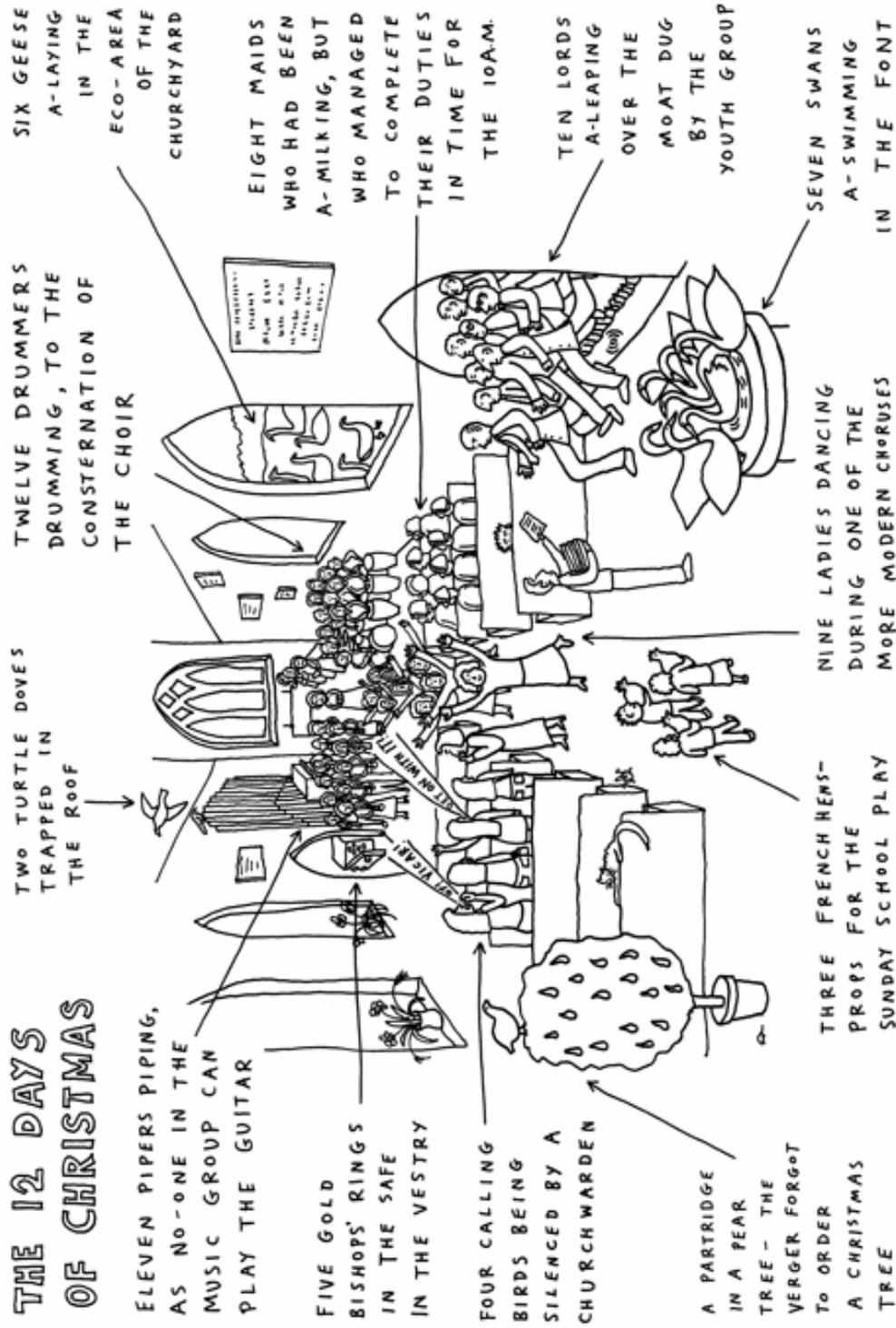
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# THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



TWO TURTLE Doves  
TRAPPED IN  
THE ROOF

TWELVE DRUMMERS  
DRUMMING, TO THE  
CONSTERNATION OF  
THE CHOIR

SIX GEESE  
A-LAYING  
IN THE  
ECO-AREA  
OF THE  
CHURCHYARD

ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING,  
AS NO-ONE IN THE  
MUSIC GROUP CAN  
PLAY THE GUITAR

THE CHORISTS:  
PETERS  
PLUM ELLI  
WOOD GILL  
HARRIS HARRIS  
HARRIS HARRIS  
HARRIS HARRIS

FIVE GOLD  
BISHOPS' RINGS  
IN THE SAFE  
IN THE VESTRY

EIGHT MAIDS  
WHO HAD BEEN  
A-MILKING, BUT  
WHO MANAGED  
TO COMPLETE  
THEIR DUTIES  
IN TIME FOR  
THE 10A.M.

FOUR CALLING  
BIRDS BEING  
SILENCED BY A  
CHURCHWARDEN

TEN LORDS  
A-LEAPING  
OVER THE  
MOAT DUG  
BY THE  
YOUTH GROUP

THREE FRENCH HENS-  
PROPS FOR THE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAY

NINE LADIES DANCING  
DURING ONE OF THE  
MORE MODERN CHORUSES

SEVEN SWANS  
A-SWIMMING  
IN THE FONT

A PARTRIDGE  
IN A PEAR  
TREE - THE  
VERGER FORGOT  
TO ORDER  
A CHRISTMAS  
TREE