

St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Trinity Sunday 4th June 2023

Welcome to St Anne's today—it is great to have you with us. St Anne's is the local Church of England parish church, and we are a diverse group of people. We hope that you will feel welcome in our worship today. 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. 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.

All the words for the service will be on the screens at the front however, if you would prefer to have a printed copy in your hands, or a large print copy, there are hymn books and service sheets at the back.

A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 310 – Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty** as the Clergy enter.

The Gathering

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

The President will introduce the service and then leads us in our confession

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining. As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

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.

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 us, (+) pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sing our praise in the words of 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

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says:
Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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)

Our first reading today is from the prophet Isaiah. With its themes of comfort for the people and the transience of human powers by contrast with the enduring nature of God, this section of Isaiah is some of the most beautiful poetry in the Bible. The closing metaphor, "they shall rise up with wings like eagles" is the poetic pinnacle of the passage, and evokes the Exodus again. The biblical witness is that from age to age, God hears the cries of his people and empowers them — in exhaustion, in oppression, and in other moments of greatest need.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27 – end)

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of

understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him: they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary: his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Our Second reading

This week we hear from the second letter to the Corinthians. On this Sunday that celebrates the mystery of the holy trinity, Paul's final words to the Corinthians underscore the church's reliance on the power of the divine for hope of its transformation. Paul's closing remarks in 2 Corinthians include stern admonition and loving exhortation.

A Reading from the second letter to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 13: 11- end)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We sing our Gradual **Hymn 177- father we love you** during which the Gospel is processed

The Gospel is announced.

The Gospel reading is Matthew 28: 16-end, and concludes Matthews Gospel. Each of the Gospels ends in a distinctive way. Mark focuses on the empty tomb and the fear of the first witnesses; Luke on the appearances of the risen Jesus to the disciples, his ascension, and their preparation as witnesses; and John on a series of appearances of the resurrected Christ, especially to Peter. Matthew depicts the resurrected Jesus' commissioning the disciples for mission. In what ways is this a fitting end — not only the right stopping point, but the goal — of Matthew's Gospel? What does this ending tell us about that mission?

Matthew repeatedly tells stories that recount the ways Jesus, and sometimes his disciples, cross and blur the boundaries between heaven and earth. But it is only with Jesus' defeat of death that the breach between heaven and earth is mended. Jesus sends the disciples into the world not only to announce the salvation of humans, but to bear witness to the end of a broken creation. Jesus' words at the Great Commission are thus not merely the fitting end of Matthew's story of Jesus, but a vision of the end of a broken world and the beginning of new creation.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ** (Matthew 28: 16-end)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

The Gospel is carried back to the Altar.

We sit to listen to the sermon. After the sermon silence is kept.

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And 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 kneel or sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community. During the prayers we use the response:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

Sometimes we will also use the words after we pray for those who have died:

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace **And rise in Glory**

At the conclusion of the prayers we say

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We share the peace with those around us in a way we are comfortable until the offertory Hymn is announced. We sing the offertory Hymn 21 – All people that on earth do dwell during which a collection is taken.

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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, 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 of the Eucharistic Prayer we sing Amen.

We join in the prayer that Jesus taught his friends to say in our preferred version and language.

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, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.

We receive communion, during which we listen to Laudate dominium. All who are baptised are welcome to receive, and you may choose if you are ready to receive the chalice. We receive God's grace in one kind or two. You may also like to come forward for a blessing.; and you may wish to light a candle.

At the end of communion the priest will lead us in a period of silence, and then a short prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal (please stand)

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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of 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 **767 Thou whose almighty word** during which the clergy depart.

Please do join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Finance—St Anne's

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

Laurence's Larder

As you know Laurence's Larder serves meals and food bags. They continue to welcome Tuna but can also use **sardines and long life milk** – though any non-perishable everyday food items are great!

Special Evensong at St Paul's

A huge thank you for all who attended and send wishes to Mother Christine as she was installed to the Prebendal stall of Twiford on Sunday 28th May – it was a lovely occasion.

Vicar's Garden Party

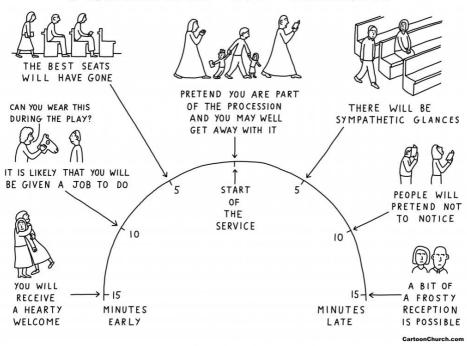
You are all invited to join in the Vicar's Garden Party which will this year take place on Sunday 11th June from 2-5pm. Hopefully it will be a lovely sunny day!





For our prayers— All doing exams, Kathleen, Emma, Peter, Rhona, Floret, John, Josephine, Harriet, May, Neil, Tristan, Mavis, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Jean, Peter, Pearl, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently including Hada, Theresa Baker and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Annie Freeman, Mary Saunders and Heather O'Hagan.

ARRIVING AT CHURCH



Services during the week 4th June 2023

Tuesday 8.30am Morning Prayer in chapel and on Zoom

Thursday 8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel Friday 8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel

9.30am My Move playgroup

2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 11th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom

Corpus 10am Sung Mass with Sunday School

Christi 2-5pm Vicar's Garden Party

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