



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**St Anne's Day 2023**

**16<sup>th</sup> July 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, or a hymn books, they are on the landing.*

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***Today we celebrate our patron - St Anne.***

St Anne and her husband Joachim were the parents of Mary. As our patron we aspire to live by her example of faith and trust in the God despite the ridicule of her neighbours and friends. Very little is written about Anne and Joachim but we can only guess from Mary's faithfulness they had provided her with a safe and secure home in which to grow. As we celebrate St Anne, we also celebrate the life of our parish. We give thanks for all who are part of our community, for all that we have learnt; and the ways we have grown this year.



*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 510 – Morning has broken** as the Clergy enter.*

*The Gathering*

**We meet in the name of God the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

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

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolve to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*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:*

Lord God of Israel,  
who bestowed such grace on Anne and Joachim  
that their daughter Mary grew up obedient to your word and  
made ready to be the mother of your Son: help us to commit  
ourselves in all things to your keeping and grant us the  
salvation you promised to your people; 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)*

## ***We hear a reading from the Old Testament***

*Isaiah 55:10–13 compromise the final words of what is sometimes designated as “Second” Isaiah. While no formal divisions exist in the text itself, biblical scholars have long argued for several discrete sections of the book (for example, First Isaiah: chapters 1–39; Second: 40–55, and Third: 56–66). As an overarching theme, Second Isaiah up to this point has been concerned with the problem of Judah’s exile in the sixth century BCE, but chapter 55 begins to broaden the scope to more general words of hope.<sup>2</sup> Whether first articulated during the period of the Babylonian captivity or merely set there literarily, Second Isaiah’s oracles are directed to a people who have seen (or have been told) of the invasion of their homeland, the imprisonment of their king, and the destruction of their temple. Through the prophet, God has promised these refugees and their descendants, “comfort” (Isaiah 40:1), “redemption” (Isaiah 44:22), and a triumphant return from Mesopotamia to the land of their ancestors (Isaiah 52:7–12). Chapter 55 reiterates some of these promises (for example, verse 7b; verses 11–12), but it also includes a reflection on the nature of God’s word itself.*

### **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:10-13)**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### *Our Second reading*

*Beneath and embedded in Paul's letter to the Romans is the ferment of the empowerment of a new life brought about by God's unconditional love. The nature of God's love is manifested in the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – this love is given full potency by the presence and wonder-working power of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus in John 14:26. Paul's message in Romans 8:1-11 is focused on calling believers to have a personal experience of the Holy Spirit and to anchor their lives in the promised "advocate or counsellor," (John 14: 26). Thus, through Christ and the Holy Spirit, believers are propelled to live out liberated lives, free from the "condemnation," by evil worldviews.*

A reading from the Letter to the Romans  
(Romans 8:1-11)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh

cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing our Gradual Hymn 66- Be thou my vision  
during which the Gospel is processed*

*The Gospel is announced.*

*Chapter 13 of Matthew features the third major discourse of Jesus in this Gospel. In a set of seven parables, Jesus reveals the character of the reign of God – the “reign [or realm] of the heavens,” in Matthew’s customary phrasing (my translation). The teaching session opens with a large crowd standing on the lake shore (verses 1-2) and concludes as Jesus, now addressing his disciples inside a house, pictures the reign of God with fish of every sort lying, again, on a lake shore (verse 48). Interspersed with these parables are explanations of two of them, the sower in verses 18-23 and the wheat and weeds in verse 36-43. Here Jesus invites the disciples to arrive at a deeper understanding not yet attained by the crowds. What might the parable of the sower say to us as we celebrate our life as a parish.*

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 13:1-9, 18-23)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*We kneel or sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this  
community.*

We come with our prayers for all the world, for our  
community and for those who are on our hearts at this time...

Almighty God, today we give thanks for the example of our  
Patron Saint Anne, for her faithfulness and discipleship. We  
pray that your church throughout the world may have the  
courage to follow in Anne's footsteps, ready at all times to  
answer your call and nurture the faith of others.

We pray too for our Diocese of London, for Bishops Sarah and  
Lusa; and for the work of your church...(allow a time of silence)

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**



As your people in this place, we pray for the mission of our parish of St Anne, that as we celebrate together today. Help us to be reminded of our individual call to be your disciples and truly be servants of all.

...(allow a time of silence)

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**

As Anne guided Mary, we pray for all who guide and teach us. We give thanks for the gift of learning and education. As the academic year comes to an end, we pray for rest and refreshment and give thanks for the year that has past.

...(allow a time of silence)

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**

Reminded of the cost of faith, we pray for you world, for those people and places who are persecuted for their faith, for those who live with fear and violence each day. We pray for all who continue to work for peace and justice

(allow a time of silence)

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those who share the stories of faith today. We remember those who offer leadership and who make decisions that affect others lives. We pray too for all grandparents, and for all who nurture us and guide in our growing and in our living. ... (allow a time of silence)

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**

As we celebrate today we pray for those who cannot be with us. For those who struggle in body, mind or soul,

For those who are celebrating, and those who are mourning;  
amongst them we pray for Kathleen, Emma, Peter, Rhona,  
Floret, John, Josephine, Harriet, May, Neil, Tristan, Mavis, Kay,  
Comfort, Joyce, Jean, Peter, Pearl, John, Cecilia and Ruth..  
Nurture in each of us life and hope. ...*(allow a time of silence)*

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**

In promise of the Eternal Kingdom we pray for those who  
have died, those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.  
We give thanks for their lives and the mark they have left on  
ours. Amongst them we remember Ian Christie and Earl  
Henderson...*(allow a time of silence)*

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord

**And let light perpetual shine upon them**

May they rest in peace

**And rise in glory**

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

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

*Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to Him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit 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 manner that is  
comfortable to you.

*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 352*  
- **In Christ Alone** during which a collection is taken.

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

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 join the priest saying:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. 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*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father**

*We receive communion, during which we listen to David play.  
All who are baptised are welcome to receive communion. We receive  
God's grace in one kind or two, so we ask that you don't dip the bread  
(host) into the chalice). 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:*

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*We listen to the notices about our community life.*

- *Sunday School Awards.*
- *Special Helpers Awards.*

*We affirm our commitment to living out our lives as the community of St  
Anne's.*

There are varieties of gifts,  
**but the same spirit.**  
There are varieties of service,  
**but the same Lord.**  
There are different kinds of working,  
**but the same God is at work in all.**

There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call;  
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism.**

There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,  
**to whom Christ ascended on high.**

And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:  
**some are apostles, some are his prophets;**  
evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,  
**so that we can minister together**  
to build up his body,  
**to be mature in the fullness of Christ.**

We continue to live our lives in the community of St Anne's  
**confidently sharing the love of Christ**

*The Dismissal (please stand)*

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

God give you grace to follow his saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
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 777 - To God be the Glory during which the  
clergy depart.*

*Please do join us downstairs for brunch 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 May we raised £1870. 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!

### St Anne's Day Celebration

We will celebrate St Anne's Day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July with a special service, including Sunday School presentations – and a special brunch after the service. We hope you enjoy our celebrations today.

### Help the Larder

One of the ways that St Anne's supports the Larder at Christchurch is via a group of volunteers who collect bread from Wenzels in West Hampstead on Wednesday evenings and deliver it to Christchurch – a task that takes about 45 minutes end-to-end. We are looking for a couple more people, with a car, to join this rota. If you are interested then please have a chat with Simon Judge for more details, on [simon@judgefamily.org.uk](mailto:simon@judgefamily.org.uk) or 07939 238464.

The PCC met on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. One of the things we discussed was Queen's Park Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. We need to ensure that we have things to sell as well as people to help. From the beginning of August there will be a sign up sheet to help out at QPD. We also need to be collecting good quality clothes and toys to sell, paperback books, and we will be looking for people to make cakes ready for the 17<sup>th</sup>.



*For our prayers* – 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 and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including and Ian Christie and Earl Henderson.

### Services during the week 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> in chapel and on Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> in chapel
<b>Friday 21st</b>	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> in chapel
	<b>9.30am</b> My Move playgroup
	<b>2pm</b> Tea and Chat
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	<b>9 am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
<i>5th after Trinity</i>	<b>10am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School

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