



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**27<sup>th</sup> August 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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*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 623 – Praise my soul the King of heaven** 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*  
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved 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:*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation of 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***

*These verses from Isaiah are packed as they celebrate what God will accomplish among the exiled people. Because they are still an exiled people, a new vision is required. These verses offer comfort, hope, and a vision of abundance. In the heart of captivity and despair, Isaiah seeks to fire their imaginations so that God's people can participate in the deliverance God promises. Imagine moving from "waste place" to Eden, from desert to garden (verse 3), from captivity to freedom (verse 5)!*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 51:1-6)

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Our Second reading***

*The Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans is both a countercultural and counter-political document. It points to the global renaissance of a human family whose identity, frame of perception, and discipleship are based on God's act of reconciling with humanity, regardless of our vulnerability (Romans 1:18-5:11).*

*Romans 12:1-8 is a summary and reminder of Romans 1-11, in which the Apostle Paul is writing an apologetic of the presence, work, and callings of God on the entire human family. Readers are called to live a countercultural lifestyle, moving from the life of flesh to a life formed by the Holy Spirit. Thus, writing to those under the Roman Empire, Paul persuades Christian communities living in the imperial center to live not according to the political ideologies of Rome, but rather to live out faith*

*on the basis of what God did in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

A reading from the letter to the Romans  
(Romans 12:1-8)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 34 - Amazing Grace** omitting verse 4 during which the Gospel is processed*

*The Gospel is announced.*

*How we identify Jesus will impact the way we interact with one another and with the earth. Jesus asks the disciples who others think he, the Son of Man, is. We might view this question as an invitation to engage in critical dialogue with other perspectives. What do others say? The disciples answer that some people say that he is John the Baptist; others*

*declare that he is Elijah; and still others claim that Jesus is Jeremiah or some other prophet. In other words, people don't agree.*

*People identify the Son of Man with dead prophets sent by God who did miraculously deeds, who stood toe-to-toe with kings and delivered to them words of doom, opposition, and hope from Yahweh. So in the eyes of the people John the Baptist was the last powerful man of God but others had to reach all the way back to Jeremiah. Still they are all dead men! Did the people believe that God could not out do God's self? Did they believe like Jesus that no greater human being born had been born from a woman than John (Matthew 11:11)? What kind of human being is Jesus in light of the many powerful deeds he has performed and the many people who follow him?*

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 16:13-20)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.*

**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.*

*During the prayers we use the response:*

Lord hear us  
**Lord graciously hear us**

*We may also use the response:*

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 end 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)*

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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 687 – **Take my life and let it be** 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*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we join the priest saying:*  
**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.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*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 O Lord You're Beautiful. 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 all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*We pray together*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your  
Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

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

*The Dismissal (please stand)*

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

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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 692 – Tell out my Soul during which the clergy depart.*

*Please do join us downstairs for morning tea.*

## Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

### Finance – St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. In July we raised £1880. 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!

### Queen's Park Day 2023

Queen's Park Day is on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. We need to ensure that we have things to sell as well as people to help. There is now a sign-up sheet to help out at QPD at church – please do take time to volunteer. 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>.

### Back to School Help

With decreasing school budgets, local schools, including Christ Church, are asking families to provide stationary for each student. *Pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, purple pen, whiteboard pen all in a small pencil case.* It would be helpful to be able to provide some 'spares' for students or families who are unable to do this themselves. If you would like to donate a completed pencil case with the items listed, please drop it off to Mo C.

**Mo C is on annual leave from 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Adult learning at St Paul's Cathedral

**My Spirit Rejoices: Mary, the Mother of Jesus -September 26<sup>th</sup>; 6.30 - 8pm** Tickets are free but you do need to book.

Mary the mother of Jesus is a polarising figure. Is she Queen of Heaven, the New Eve, an ordinary person called to do extraordinary things, the ultimate good girl, a feminist foremother, or is her story altogether more complex? She is also the subject of countless paintings, poems and works of music, sometimes overlaying our sense of her presence in the Bible. Rowan Williams and Paula Gooder will consider contrasting aspects of Mary's story in the Gospels and the church, her place in our faith, and why she still matters so much. The evening will include live music performed by members of the St Paul's Cathedral Consort, and plenty of time for questions and answers.



*For our prayers—* Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Kathleen, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, Harriet, May, 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 Philip Southwood, John Cairns and Beverley Ramsay.

### **Services during the week 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

***No Public Morning Prayer until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September***

Tea and Chat then in recess till 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Sunday 3rd**     **9 am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom

13<sup>th</sup> after     **10am** Sung Mass with Sunday School

Trinity

*First Sunday of Month Zoom will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept!*

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