

St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ





24th September 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 very 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. Please do join us for morning tea after the service. 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, there are

A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 10 – All Creatures of our God and King** as the Clergy enter.

The Gathering

We meet in the name of God who is Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

The President will introduce the service followed by a time of confession after which silence is kept:

Let us confess our greed and repent of the ways in which we have damaged God's good creation:

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honour you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as
you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 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.**

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: Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

We hear a reading from the Old Testament In this exert from Deuteronomy the people of God are reminded to give thanks to God for all that has been provided. God Creation is abundant in its gives, and we should always give thanks to God for all that we have.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 8: 7-18)

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

We hear a story from Joe from Penedeyrn Mission Area, as he shares the joy and wonder of God's Creation.

We sing our Gradual Hymn - 273 - Great is thy faithfulness

Please stand during the last verse as the Gospel is processed.

Like Matthew, the Gospel of Luke emphasizes worry about our own wellbeing as an enemy of generous stewardship. Luke adds to that idea of worry with an exhortation at the culmination of the story for the little flock to, "Do not be afraid." Fear, which here seems to be connected to greed —prevents us from seeing what it is that God has done and will do for us.

As we reflect this Harvest Festival we are invited to consider, what we are storing up, and how we can be thankful and generous with what God has given us.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

(Luke 12: 16-30)

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit to listen to a homily

Our readings today invite us to consider both how we give thanks to God for all that creation provides, while also considering what we value, and what the future might look for.

We are going to listen to an interview from 50 years in the future, about what our young people think life might be like!

Rev Nicki helps us think about what we have heard...

Now we can also have some time to think? What do we hope the world will be like in 50 years? What are you hearing God's creation say?

Take time to think and you are then invited to draw or write your answer on the cloud provided.

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

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation. We believe in God as the source of all life. who baptizes this planet with living water. We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee. who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it. And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today. We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. We believe in one God; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

(Gurukul Theological college, India / adapted by Keld B. Hansen 2009)

We offer our harvest goods. At playgroup the children love songs about animals that are created by God. As a way of including all our congregation we are going to sing 'See the sleeping bunnies' which is a favourite of our toddlers as a reminder of our Harvest gifts.

Let us give thanks for the symbols of the harvest, gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured. **Thanks be to God.**

The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, has blessed us. **Thanks be to God.**

We give thanks for this bread and wine In which we share together. Let us feed on him by faith with thanksgiving. **Thanks be to God.**

We kneel or sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community. During the prayers we use the response:

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

You invited to share your cloud with the person next you and prayer together for the creation. (Or if you prefer you can pray on your own. At the end we will say:

Lord of all creation:

hear our prayer.

As we give thanks for your creation we also pray for all who are in need including Janet, Jean, Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, Joyce, Harriet, May, Mavis, Kay, Comfort, Jean, Peter, Pearl, John, Cecilia and Ruth.

Lord of all creation:

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the promise of your eternal kingdom, as we give thanks for those who have touched our lives, whom we see no more. We pray for Kathleen O'Connell and Joyce who have died recently and for those whose anniversary of death fall at this time including David Brown, Ernest Reed, Daphne Macaulay and Lily Turner

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

God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation, so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us and in all for whom we pray, that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The peace of the Lord 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 Hymn 801 – we plough the fields and scatter during which a collection is taken.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

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 in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for 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 would normally receive are welcome to, and you may choose if you are ready to receive the chalice. We receive God's grace in one kind or two. (Please do not intinct (dip). 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:

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal (please stand) We receive God's Blessing.

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

May God who established the dance of creation, Who marvelled at the lilies of the field, Who transforms chaos to order, Lead us to transform our lives and the Church To reflect God's glory in creation.; 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 617 - Praise and Thanksgiving during which the clergy depart.

Please do join us for refreshments

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

St Anne's is part of Eco Church.

Eco Church is a scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. You can find out more here www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk
We are looking for someone who might be our Eco Champion. Please speak with Mo C if you are interested.

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is £2180. At present we are about £150 shy of our target each month. If you are new to St Anne's, or have not previously thought about it, please consider setting up a Standing Order to manage your giving. Forms and information are available in the entrance, or you can speak with Michael or Simon.

Queens Park Day - A huge thank you!

A huge thank you for all who donated goods, helped move items, and worked on our stall at Queen's Park Day. What a fantastic effort!!! We raised £1150.

Adult Learning at St Paul's Cathedral

The Autumn adult learning programme at St Paul's Cathedral is now available and you can access it on their website at https://www.stpauls.co.uk/whats-on. A reminder that *My Spirit Rejoices: Mary, the Mother of Jesus -September 26th*; 6.30 – 8pm – please book!

Harvest Festival

All our Harvest Goods this year will go to Laurence's Larder, or vouchers will be used to support people who come seeking support from the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Monthly Gardening

At the PCC meeting we decided to set aside one Saturday Month between 10am – 12noon for 'Gardening'. This will be the 2nd Saturday, and will begin on the 14th October!

Thank you too for those who bought in stationary items for Christ Church school, they were really appreciated.



For our prayers— Janet, Jean, Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, Harriet, May, Mavis, Kay, Comfort, Jean, Peter, Pearl, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently including Joyce, Kathleen O'Connell and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including David Brown, Ernest Reed, Daphne Macaulay and Lily Turner.

Services during the week 24th September 2023

Tuesday
 Thursday
 Friday
 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
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9.30am My Move Playgroup

2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 1st 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel & zoom

17th after 9.30am Sung Mass

Trinity **5pm** Zoom Service of the Day **Office:** 020 76043053

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