



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

All Saints Sunday 29th October 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 hymn books and service sheets at the back.

Season of Remembering—All Saints Remembering those who inspire us

Every day in the Church year has a saint day, but the Solemnity of All Saints is when the Church honours all saints, known and unknown. All Saints Day falls on the first of November each year, and the eve before it is All Hallows (saints) - eve—which is where the Halloween gets its name.



A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung.

*We sing our Processional **Hymn 841 Ye Servants of God** as the Clergy enter.*

The Gathering

**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

We come in this time of remembering:
remembering those who have inspired us;
those who have touched our lives whom we see no more;
those who challenge us to be the people God
has created us to be.
We give thanks for the gift of memory and community.

Today, on this All-Saints Day
Let us Rejoice, people of God, and praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,
in whose hope the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.
Let us remember previous worshippers of this congregation who
have inspire our faithful praise of God.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

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 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:

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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)

Today's first reading portrays the multitude of God's people standing before the throne of God, "sheltered" by God's tabernacling presence. The scene divides into two sections, a heavenly vision (Revelation 7:9-12) and its interpretation (7:13-17). Worship and praise are central to both sections. Since those who belong to the lamb are said to be a multitude "that no one could count" (7:9), any literalistic fixation on the number 144,000 in the earlier vision of twelve tribes (7:4) is thus undermined. Prior to the opening of the dreaded seventh seal, Revelation delivers an amazing and hope-filled surprise: a "salvation interlude," assuring God's people they are protected. 1

Just when we are expecting even more destruction with the opening of the seventh seal there is a delay. The scene shifts. Four angels stand at the four corners of the earth, holding back destructive winds. Their mission is to hold back the judgments until God's people can be "sealed" (7:1-8).

A reading from the Revelation of John (Revelation 7: 9-end)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We hear a reading from the New Testament

1 John 3 is a fitting text for All Saints Day. It gives us hope for the saints who have preceded us in death, while reminding us of our current identity as God's children in the midst of what can be an overwhelming world. First John 3:1-3 is part of a hinge that flows from the author's admonition about antichrists in 2:18-27 into a later section describing the differences between God's children and those of the devil in 3:7-18. The larger context of our passage shows the seriousness of the sermon, as well as the intensity of the crisis as felt by our author. Nevertheless, it should also be clear that the overall focus is on encouragement for the audience, rather than a loss of faith. They are reminded of their identity as God's children and called to live out that identity in love (3:16-18).

A reading from the first letter of John (1 John 3: 1-3)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*We sing our **Gradual Hymn – 499 – Make me a channel of your peace***

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

What does it mean to be happy? This question is central to individuals yearning for fulfilment. For centuries, it has also been a key question in philosophical debates about the meaning of human life. Ancient Greek philosophers debated how humans could align their own will with the created order in order to be happy or blessed, makarios. The Greek word, makarios, which is central to the Beatitudes, is a fairly common word. It's not really hard to understand, but it's difficult to translate into English. The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) translates "blessed," which is by far the most common translation of the Beatitudes. The problem with blessed is that it sounds a little unreal, like a quality that applies only to those saints whose stories we celebrate on All Saints Day and whose example may appear a bit unattainable to us. New Testament professor Margaret Aymer has translated makarios as "greatly honoured." This is another good option for translating this word because it emphasizes the theme of reversal that is implied in the Beatitudes. The meek and the merciful are not revered by the world's standards, but they are honoured by God and by those who would align their lives with God's ways.

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 5: 1-12)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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)*

May the God of peace sanctify us:
may our hearts be strengthened in holiness
that we may be blameless before our creator
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.
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 190 – For all the Saints (omit verses 5 and 6)
during which a collection is taken.

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread. **Amen**

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 :

Christ is the bread of life

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

*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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.' The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

(+) Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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:

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
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 kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God

We sing our final hymn 22 – All praise to our redeeming Lord (tune 1) verses 1,2,3and 5 during which the clergy depart.

***Please do join us for refreshments
downstairs after the service***

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary 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.

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> .

Monthly Gardening

At the PCC meeting we decided to set aside one Saturday Month between 10am – 12noon for ‘Gardening’. A huge thank you to everyone who helped yesterday! Our next gardening session to prepare for winter will be **Saturday 11th November**.

Save the Date – Advent Procession at St Paul’s

Our annual pilgrimage to St Paul’s for the Advent Carol Service will be on **Saturday 2nd December at 5.30pm**. We need to book tickets so we will be asking people to sign up from the end of October. There is also opportunity for young people to take place in the Advent procession and carry candles. If you are interested in doing this, speak to Mo C.

We will also arrange somewhere to meet for a festive drink after the service.

Kingdom Season

Now that we are in October we look forward to several festivals towards the end of the month. It starts on Sunday 29th October with All Saints Sunday then:

All Souls Day— Names and Flowers

We will be keeping All Souls Day on Sunday 5th November. If you would like to donation a flower stem in memory of someone you can sign up for these in the foyer. We are also collecting names of those you would like remember in prayers on that day. Can you also look at the list of names we have, and tick those you know you would like to continue to be prayer for. Donations can be given the wardens or Mo C.

Remembrance

On Friday 10th November we will host a Civic Act of Remembrance at the in Old Paddington Cemetery by the Commonwealth Memorial. Local schools will be participating, and we will gather around 10.45am; ready for 2 minutes silence at 11am.

Sunday 12th November – we will also conclude of regular Sunday Service with an Act of Remembrance.



For our prayers— Patsy, Janet, Jean, Joyce, Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, Harriet, May, Mavis, Kay, Comfort, Jean, Pearl, Peter, Ruth, John and Cecilia. We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Peter Gordon, Katherine Gordon, Charles Harris, Viola Akers, Edgerton Rodgers and Lionel Morrison.

Services during the week 29th October 2023

Tuesday 31st	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel & zoom
Thursday 2nd	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday 3rd	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 2pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 5th <i>All Souls</i>	9 am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel & zoom 10am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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