



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## **All Souls Sunday** **5<sup>th</sup> November 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.*

*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.*

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### **A Season of Remembering** **Remembering those whom we miss**

**On All Souls Day** we remember those who have died and give thanks for the promises of Christ that lie at the heart of our faith and our hope. Christ's Resurrection offers us this hope. There is no doubt that the death of someone we love is painful and hard to bear - we grieve for the loss of contact, friendship and love.

*It can be very hard to reshape a life after many years of companionship. All Souls Day gives us a chance to grieve again and to do so with confidence, that our sorrow is known and that it will be answered when we are filled with the joy of the resurrection life ourselves and find again those we have loved in the eternity of God. The practice of setting apart a special day for intercession for certain of the faithful departed is very old. The first feast of general intercession was first established by Odilo, abbot of Cluny (d. 1048).*

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

*We sing our Processional **Hymn 19 – All my hope on God is founded** is 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.

*The Priest will introduce the confession.*

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father

*Silence is kept*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. 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:*

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,  
grant us, with all the faithful departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving  
passion and glorious resurrection,  
that, in the last day,  
when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
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 as the young people leave us for their lessons. We hear a reading from the Old Testament.*

*These section of the book of Wisdom treats three situations that the ancient Israelites would have considered curses: suffering, childlessness and an early death. "Immortality" makes its very first appearance in the Bible, at least as a reference to those mortals loyal to God.*

*Suffering is seen by the author not as a sign of God's displeasure, but as an experience of purification.*

*We all come to grief with different judgements. Emotionally we may feel disappointment and anger. The author suggests that our emotions and judgements are softened by our faith. Those whom we lose are found now in the hands of God and they are at peace.*

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon  
(Wisdom 3: 1-9)

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will

shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We hear a reading from the New Testament.*

*The First Letter of Peter is addressed to several Gentile Christian communities living in northern Asia Minor, a geographical region usually associated with the Apostle Paul. The recipients of this epistle appear to be enduring the kinds of persecutions that had increasingly become a part of Roman policy toward followers of Christ. Peter's letter is thus an offering of encouragement featuring rich theological insight into how the present circumstances conform to the will of the Father, to the suffering of the Son, and to the sustaining work of the Spirit.*

A reading from the first letter of Peter  
(1 Peter 1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing our **Gradual Hymn 723 – The Lord’s my Shepherd** during which the Gospel is processed – please stand.*

*Today’s Gospel is an excerpt from a larger section of John 6:35-59 which is the central part of a series of conversations between Jesus and various others that follow the miracles of the feeding of the multitude (6:1-13) and walking on water (6:16-21). The pattern of miracle followed by teaching is a common one in John (cf. chapters 5, 9, and 11), where Jesus uses the nature of the miracle to provide imagery to teach about his identity and purpose. In the verses we reflect upon on All Souls Day, we hear one of John’s ‘I am...’ statements followed by the promise that that God sustains us in life and in death.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

(John 6: 35-40)

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*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 sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.  
Today our intercessions include the names of people offered by  
members of the congregation and past worshipers at St Anne's.*

*After the biddings we pray*

Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

*After every group of names we pray*

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 conclusion of the prayers we listen to In paradisum*

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth,  
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.  
According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of  
Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where  
there will be neither sorrow nor pain,  
but life everlasting. **Amen**

***Liturgy of the Sacrament*** (please stand)

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

neither let them be afraid.

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 **323 I am the Bread of life** during which a collection is taken.*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

**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 :*

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*

This is Jesus 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 Kontakion for the Departed. 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 of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this Eucharist bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and for eternity. **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 give you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the (+) Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing our final **hymn 467- Lord of all hopefulness** during which the clergy depart.*

***Please do join us for refreshments***

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **Kingdom Season – Season of Remembering All Souls Day Flowers**

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to our flowers and in other ways to our service today. Flowers have been given in memory of many we hold dear and have touched our lives. A full list of those who are remembered can be found on the notice board, and at the entrance to the church.

### **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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**For our prayers—** Irene, 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, Viola Akers, Edgerton Rodgers, Lionel Morrison, Elizabeth Shipman and John Saxby.

**Services during the week 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Tuesday 7th 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel & zoom

**Thursday 9th 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Chapel

**Friday 10th 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Chapel

**9.30am** My Move play group

**10.45am Act of Remembrance** Paddington Old

**2pm** Tea and Chat

**Sunday 12th 8.30am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom

*Remembrance Sunday* **9.30am** Sung Mass with Act of Remembrance

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