



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Remembrance Sunday **12th 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.

A Season of Remembering

Remembering those who have died in acts of war and terror. *Remembrance Sunday is important – not just to show respect to all who have died in conflicts – not just because it is important to remember our history and who we are – not just because it calls to mind the cost of the freedom and peace that we have today. Remembrance Day is important because it compels us to follow the example of all who work for peace. The best way that we show respect for those who have died in the pursuit of peace and justice, is to live our lives accountable to such peace and justice. The best way to honour those who have died, is to ensure that we live each day of our lives intentionally – making the most of the opportunities we are given and ensure that our community, our society is something we all are part of. It is a call to action to be active disciples. Jesus came that we might know peace. May this peace surround us in this remembering.*

*Please stand as the bell is rung as we sing our opening
Hymn 160 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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 as we meet in God's presence. We commit ourselves to
work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations
that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

The Priest will introduce the confession.

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its
pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let
us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek
and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

**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:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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.*

The Book of Wisdom is written in the person of Solomon, and contains his sentiments. But it is uncertain who was the writer. It abounds with instructions and exhortations to kings and magistrates to administer justice in the commonwealth, teaching all kinds of virtues under the general names of justice and wisdom.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wisdom 6: 12-16)

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from
care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We hear a reading from the New Testament.

The reading for today and the one assigned for next Sunday (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11) function together to describe the nature of Christ's longed-for return in the most vivid language possible, to help the recipients of the letter have the sense that they can actually see, hear, and trust the promise they are committed to.

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians
(1 Thessalonians 4: 13- end)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We sing our **Gradual Hymn 62 – Be still for the presence of the Lord** during which the Gospel is processed – please stand.*

The fairy tale ending we all hope for does not happen in this parable. In fact, many of the parables contradict our hopes, our expectations, even our values. But surprisingly, they also contradict our deep-seated fears and insecurities. It is difficult for many of today's disciples to be anything like the bridesmaids, wise or foolish, because we have stopped waiting. We give little thought to Christ's return, let alone what we should do to prepare for it. To act as wise bridesmaids is to affirm our faith in the coming Christ. Doing so shows our trust that God is a God of justice and mercy. It is the vision against which we judge our efforts in the meantime to live according to God's principles. It is a vision of God's ultimate justice and righteousness without which our world appears very bleak.

The wise bridesmaids keep the vision of Christ's return, and all that it stands for, alive through their faithful waiting in the midst of delay. By preparing for the day, the timing of which no one knows but God, they proclaim that God's promises are true. They act out their hope for that day when God will establish justice and righteousness and peace.

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 25: 1-13)

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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.
A member of the congregation will lead these
After the biddings we pray*

May God give peace
God give peace

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

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. 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 **688 – Take this moment** during which a collection is
taken.*

At the end of each prayer we say ...**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, 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 Sam 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 of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

*We join in our **final hymn 198** —For the healing of the Nations as we turn and face the War memorial and the clergy process to the back of the church. If you have flowers you wish to lay, please come to the back of the church as well.*

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity

Older member of our community says:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them

The last post is played to mark the start of the silence.

2 minutes silence is kept.

Reveille is played to mark the end of the silence.

Let us pray:

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that
same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and
establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

Wreaths and flowers are laid.

When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.
Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all
people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through
Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **Amen.**

We sing the National Anthem

**God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

We receive God's blessing

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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.

Mother Christine on annual leave from afternoon of 14th -23rd November.

Monthly Gardening

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the gardening yesterday.



Kingdom Season – Season of Remembering All Souls Day Flowers

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to our flowers that 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.

Thank you too for all who helped with Remembrance events.

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 NOW.



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 John Saxby, Hamilton Sampson and Olamire Sagay.

Services during the week 13th November 2023

Tuesday 14th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Then no Morning Prayer till Friday 24th November

Friday 17th No My Move or Tea and Chat

Sunday 19th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom

2nd before

9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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