



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## **Second Sunday before Lent 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

*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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*Please stand as the bell is rung as we sing our opening Hymn **10- All creatures of our God and King** verses 1,2,3 and 7*

**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 make our confession for those things which separate us from*

*God and from one another.*

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 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 lift our voices in thanksgiving 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 Priest introduces a period of silent prayer before the collect.*

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
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.*

*In the text appointed for today, Wisdom is personified as female, and in her humanity finds all knowledge, insight, and truth. Wisdom is also portrayed as delighting God and in human beings. verses 22-31, is a striking passage that describes the indispensable role of Wisdom in creation, and the infusing of Wisdom throughout the created order. Wisdom, she proclaims, was created at the beginning of Yahweh's work, "the first of his acts long ago" (verse 22).*

A reading from the Book of Proverbs  
(Proverbs 8:1, 22-31)

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We hear a reading from the New Testament.*

*Colossians 1:15-20 – offers its own Christological images test, laying out a myriad of ways to describe and understand Christ. These images might be drawn into 2 groups— firstly Christ is described as the “image” of God and as the “fullness” of God. Secondly— “fullness” refers to fullness in the sense of completeness, totality, as in “everything God is or does was present in Christ.”*

A reading from the letter to the Colossians  
(Colossians 1: 15-20)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or

dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing our **Gradual Hymn 743 -There is a redeemer** during which we stand for the Gospel procession.*

*The Prologue to John's Gospel is John's birth story of Jesus. The themes we have come to know for Christmas preaching are certainly present in how John begins his gospel. John's description of Jesus in the Prologue is poetic, even lyrical speech. It is an echo of or response to God's love song, which is Christ. John sings that Jesus is the Word of God become flesh, who from all eternity was with God, and actually is God. While we think of "word" as something written or printed, John's description of Jesus as logos means first of all something said. Reread John 1:1-14 aloud, substituting speech for word, and hear the difference it makes. In Luke's Christmas story, angels bring the good news of great joy. In John, Jesus has been singing love and bringing life from the beginning. What does it mean for us that Jesus is the word made flesh? Genesis tells us that God said, "Let there be . . ." and there was. God spoke day and night, heaven and earth, land and sea, plants and animals, and humanity into being. Jesus is that utterance. Jesus is God's eternal speech, which existed before anything else and called everything into being.*

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 1: 1-14)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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:*

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*

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

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)

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.

*We share the peace with those around us in a way we are comfortable until the offertory Hymn is announced.  
We sing Hymn 52 – At the name of Jesus (v1,3 and 6)  
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 :*

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 the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life**

*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. 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. During communion we listen to Bruckner – Christus Factus Est (Christ became obedient)*

*At the end of communion, the priest will lead us in a period of silence, and then a short prayer:*

God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

*A blessing is offered*

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

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing;  
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 join in singing our **final hymn – 627 – Praise to the holiest**  
**omit verse 5** during which the clergy depart.*

*You are invited to join us for refreshments downstairs.*

## **Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary**

### **Laurence's Larder**

As you know Laurence's Larder is back in full swing serving meals every Thursday, and providing some food bags as well. They continue to welcome Tuna but can also use **sardines and long life milk** – though any non perishable everyday food items are great!

## **Monthly Gardening Morning**

Our next Gardening Morning is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February (which is the second Saturday of the month). Weather permitting! Come along anytime between 10am and 12noon and help keep our garden beautiful.

## **Mother Christine's Study leave**

We are very happy that Mother Christine has the opportunity to take study leave from the 14<sup>th</sup> February until 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024. This will be a time of refreshment and we hope inspiration. We are looking for a few people who might fill some of the gaps while she is on leave. If you think you might be able to help, please speak to Mo C or one of the wardens. Tasks include regular washing of altar linen, to supporting Henri at My Move, supporting tea and chat, tidying up after services and keeping an eye on the church.

There will also be some changes during the time that Mo C is away. Three you need to be aware of are:

1. There will be no in person weekday morning prayer, though Tuesday morning prayer will be offered on zoom.
2. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Zoom service will conclude after the February service.
3. Tea and Chat will move to being the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday's of the month.

## **Finance—St Anne's**

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. In December we raised £2063. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

## **St Paul's Adult Learning**

St Paul's Cathedral runs a year-round social justice and Christian spirituality programme. Some of these events are in person, and others take place online. You can also access the archive of previous sessions and articles. See more at <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/events-spirituality-and-social-justice>

## Lent and Ash Wednesday

Lent starts this year on **Ash Wednesday – 14<sup>th</sup> February** and will run till Easter Sunday on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Lent is a time when we focus our discipleship, meditation and prayer as we prepare for Easter. Instead of a Lent group this year we are inviting members of the congregation to gather in **small listening groups**. You will need to identify 3 or 4 people you would like to meet with once a week for 4 weeks. Materials to guide your reflection and discussion will be provided.



**For our prayers**— Peter, Olawale, Eunice, Marco, Irene, Patsy, 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 Geoffrey Walter, Bill Webb, Charles and Bellina Gabe, Anne Crawford, Ralph Keckwick, Ferry Hillman, Geoffrey Killick and Fr Derek New.

### Services during the week 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel <b>9.30am</b> My Move Playgroup <b>2pm</b> Tea and Chat
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>9 am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
<i>last before Lent</i>	<b>10am</b> Sung Mass ( <i>half term so no Sunday School</i> )

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