



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

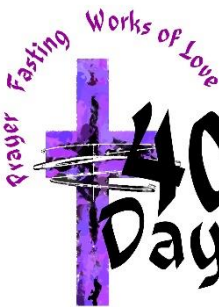
*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## **First Sunday of Lent 18th 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, or a large print copy, there are hymn books and service sheets at the back.*



*Please stand as the bell is rung as we sing our opening*

*Hymn **202 – Forty Days and Forty nights***

**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.*

*The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.*

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.  
*Silence is kept*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in 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.**

*The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer before the collect.*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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.

*Our First reading from a story of covenant. Reading Genesis 9 on its own terms raises the question of humanity's partnership with God in caring for and conserving the earth. What is our role? This text doesn't provide specifics. Perhaps the Iron Age writers and their readers could not have imagined the state of the world in our times, nor would they have believed it. The covenant is striking in its inclusivity. The welfare of the earth is a matter for all of humanity.*

A reading from the book of Genesis  
(Genesis 9: 8-17)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We hear a reading from the New Testament.*

*As is the case with much of the New Testament, when reading First Peter we find ourselves reading other people's mail.*

*First Peter is a letter addressed to the "exiles of the dispersion." It*

*is not clear to what extent the audience is suffering -- persecutions, physical or psychological, ongoing or sporadic. However, it is apparent that the audience is identified as outsiders of some sort. The writer sets out to affirm their identity as God's people and to provide guidance for how to live during difficult times.*

A reading from the first letter of Peter  
(1 Peter 3: 18-end)

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing our **Gradual Hymn 237 – God forgave my sins (omit verse 3)** during which we stand for the Gospel procession.*

*Mark 1: 9-15 comprises three episodes: Jesus' baptism (Mark 1:9-11), his temptation (1:12-13), and his inaugural preaching (1:14-15). There is, however, a certain drama in the brevity itself. In a few swift strokes of the pen Mark sets the stage for all that is to come. Our attention is focused precisely on the man Jesus and the message he brings. This clearing away of extraneous detail, this forcing our attention on Jesus is just what Lent can be about for believers who are too absorbed in their own projects to focus for themselves. Mark's opening verses invite us to re-focus in Lent. As an invitation to re-focus our attention, these verses echo Jesus' own message, "repent and believe in the gospel." We might translate these familiar words "re-focus and trust the good news." Mark*

*leaves us in no doubt about the good news that Jesus calls upon his hearers to trust. What might God be calling to us to refocus and trust in this Lent? (reflection is an exert from Sarah Henrich, Professor Emeritus of New Testament Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

(Mark 1: 9-15)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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:*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the (+) resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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)

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.  
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 556 omit verses 2 and 3 – O Jesus I have Promised during which a collection is taken.*

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Yours, God, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you**

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 :*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by Your cross and resurrection**

**You have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

*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*



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 Ashes by Tom Conry*

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

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the (+) Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*We sing our final **hymn 811 – What a friend we have in Jesus** during which the clergy depart.*

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

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

**Mother Christine is on Study Leave from 14<sup>th</sup> February until 8<sup>th</sup> May inclusively.** Please do not contact her during this time. If you think you need to get a message to her, please speak to one of the church wardens. There will be some changes to weekday activities during this time, but we will keep you well informed about what is happening. Please pray for Mo C as she makes the most of the time of reflection and learning.

### **Laurence's Larder**

You can leave your donations, tinned fish or any non-perishable food in the basket at the top of the stairs. You can see updates on this work at [www.laurenceslarder.org.uk](http://www.laurenceslarder.org.uk)

### **Finance—St Anne's**

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. In December we raised £1950. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

We are also now contactless! From Christmas, visitors to St Anne's, or even regulars will be able to donate using a contactless point at the back of church. For regular members, a Standing Order or Envelope is best as it helps us plan.

*The funds we raise support the Mission work of St Anne's, from ensuring worship takes place to provision of Playgroup, tea and chat, bereavement support and care of the local community. We receive no funds external to support what we do, we need to raise all we need to continue our work in Queen's Park and beyond.*

### **Lent 2024**

Lent started on the 14<sup>th</sup> February with Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter Day on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. You should have received an email this week with details of Lent activities, and activities are also listed on the website. Please ensure you have a printed copy of the leaflet. Activities include:



## **Lent Listening Groups**

*What are the places where you get to share about your faith journey, both the highlights as well as the struggles?*

For Lent 2024, all across London Diocese are invited for a deep dive into the theme of listening as a tool for deepening discipleship. We will engage with a simple listening group format that can be used as part of a church, small groups, or other friendship groups. Together we will explore how listening can help create space to pay attention to what God is doing in our lives. Surrounded by a small group of 3-4 people, we are encouraged to listen, notice, lean into discomfort, discern and respond.

Materials are provided, as well as two online Zoom Sessions; but you will need to commit to spend time listening with 3-4 others. Due to changes in the parish this Lent, groups will need to be set up by the participants, though all the materials are provided by the Diocese. Once you have found a small group, and agreed to do this together, register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lent-listening-groups-tickets-750204310287?aff=oddtcreator>

## **Personal Reflection—40 bags in 40 days**

In 2024, after a break from this tradition for a few years, we are inviting one another, once again, to take part in **40 bags in 40 days**. It is a process which allows us to reflect on what is necessary in our lives - where we focus on cleaning one area per day. In this one area you challenge yourself to declutter, simplify, decrapify, and get rid of things you don't need. The goal is **one bag a day** but you can have more or less. It doesn't need to just be material things, it could be emails or issues or even concerns. The idea is to remove in a small way each day during Lent those things which distract us from faith and living a whole life.

Start small—bag size may vary. Maybe choose one draw or activity you are going to clear, rather than a whole room. Allow what you choose to inform your prayer life—what does our clutter tell us about our relationship with God? How might God inform our living in the days ahead?

## Revision of Electoral Roll

In preparation for our Annual Parish Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> March we need to update our Electoral Roll. This is not a full revision, so if you are already on the roll, you do not need to do anything. If you are a regular at St Anne's and have not signed up, please complete a form which you can collect from the back of church.

## 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. You can book for this event and others at <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/events-spirituality-and-social-justice>



**For our prayers—** Olawale, Eunice, Marco, Irene, Patsy, 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 Sidney Hinks (Priest), Charles Dodd (Priest) and Doris Paterson.

### Services during the week 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Tuesday 8.30am** Morning Prayer on Zoom only

**Friday 23rd 9.30am** My Move Playgroup  
**2pm** Tea and Chat

**Sunday 25th 9 am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom  
*Lent 2* **10am** Sung Mass with Sunday School

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