

St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Fourth Sunday of Trinity 23rd June 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.

A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 27 – All who would valiant be** 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 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

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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 Collect

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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)

We hear a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament

God's speech from the whirlwind is a long time coming. Job and his friends have been engaged in an extended, exhausting poetic dialogue about the nature of Job's suffering and God's justice (or lack thereof), in which Job repeatedly expresses the desire to see God face to face and to put God on trial (Job 13:15, 20, 24; compare with Job 31:35-37). Job desired this encounter, but he also feared it. When God appears, it is in a whirlwind, as Job predicted. But is Job crushed? This appearance dignifies the dialogue and answers Job's demand for a hearing. Job has provoked God into a revelation, which suggests that Job's insistence on his own righteousness and accusation against God has been in some sense successful. Now it is the deity's prerogative to offer a defence - But it is a strange defence!

A reading from the Book of Job

(Job 38:1-11)

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We hear a reading from the New Testament

This passage comes right after Paul's majestic statements about the ministry and message of God's reconciliation of the entire world through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14–21).1

We often interpret Paul's grand statements about reconciliation in abstract theological terms.

We tend to forget that Paul wrote these passages in response to some very specific—and painful—difficulties he was having with the Corinthian congregation. Rumours were being spread about his apostolic ministry, and his relationship with some in the congregation was strained (2 Corinthians 1–7). In addition, he needed to raise money for the Jerusalem church (2 Corinthians 8–9) and prepare for yet another visit when he would have to deal with sin among the Corinthians and their seemingly slavish submission to those he called "super-apostles" (2 Corinthians 10–13).

In light of these issues, we can read 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 as fleshing out—in surprising detail—how we might live out and embody God's ministry and message of reconciliation.

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 6:1-13)

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet

are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

This 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

The Gospel is announced.

Now we're in a place where we can see what Jesus' disciples are made of.

So far, Mark has done little to draw our attention to them. They have followed Jesus around and listened to him. He designated twelve of them to have a particular share in his ministry (Mark 3:14-15), but they won't really try out their new authority until later (Mark 6:7-13). We know little about the rest of them, but clearly an even greater number of female and male disciples composed his entourage (Mark 4:10; 15:40-41). He has been explaining his teachings to this group privately (Mark 4:11, 34). Yet at this point in the narrative we don't know what they think about him.

The lake-crossing scenes in Mark serve as opportunities for Jesus' followers to reveal what they know or don't know (see also Mark 6:45-52; 8:13-21). In those episodes we also see what their faith looks like or whether they have it at all.

Although Jesus performs an entirely astonishing act, demonstrating his power in the face of forces utterly beyond humanity's control, all it inspires in his followers is confusion and terror.

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 4:35-41)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Gospel is carried back to the Altar as quiet music is played. 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 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)

The Priest will introduce the peace
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 triune God 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 the offertory Hymn **352 – In Christ Alone**

During the Hymn a collection is taken for the maintenance, mission and worship of St Anne's . Cash can be placed in the bowls that are passed around, or you can use the contactless point at the rear of church. Alternatively, you can used this QR code or the link to donate online givealittle.co/c/5CViG8ADnBxdvxjc2bWYFm



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 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 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, during which we listen to David play. All who are baptised are welcome to receive, and you may choose if you are ready to receive the chalice. We receive God's grace in one kind or two. You may also like to come forward for a blessing.; and you may wish to light a candle.

After all have received we keep a brief silence before the president leads us in prayer.

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

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

Closure of Ministry at St Anne's for Rev Nicki

Today we mark the conclusion of Rev Nicki's ministry as curate in this parish. We give thanks for her time with us and ask God to bless her as she moves on.

Nicki, we thank God for your time with us, and celebrate our shared journey together. *(presentations may be made)*

We now mark the end of your curacy, as you move on, we pray that you may continue to grow and flourish in every way and bear fruit for God.

Nicki responds *I know that God goes with me. Nicki places her keys on the altar as a sign she is going.*

Let us pray:

We praise and thank you,
God of the journey
for all that is ending and beginning now for Nicki.
We thank you for all Nicki has been to us.
We entrust Nicki into your loving care,
knowing that you are always the faithful
traveller and companion on the Way.

Amen.

The congregation offer a blessing to Nicki

May the Lord bless you and keep you May you be surrounded by the love of God And as you journey forward from us, May you be assured of God's peace.

The Dismissal (please stand)

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

The God of hope fill you 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 sing our final hymn **66 – Be thou my vision** during which the clergy depart.

Please do join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Queens Park Open Studios and Gardens

A huge thank you to everyone who helped last Sunday – you were amazing, and lots of positive feedback from visitors.



Gardening morning
Our next Gardening session is Saturday 13th
July, though we may need to reschedule this.
See next notice.

Canal Trip 13th July 2024

Simon Judge is organising a parish boating trip, on his canal boat which is visiting London briefly this summer. Date:
Saturday 13th July. Time: 1100-1500 (plus an optional tea time cruise back to Northolt, crossing over the North Circular Road at Stonebridge Park). Location: Meet at Little Venice (Paddington or Warwick Avenue tube, and on the 6 and 16 bus routes), to explore Regents Park, Paddington Basin, and HS2 construction works at Old Oak Common, before catching the tube or bus home from Harlesden. Soup and rolls lunch will be provided. If you are interested please contact Simon on simon@judgefamily.org.uk or 07939 238464.
Eight places available, on a first come first served basis. "

News from St Paul's Cathedral

The Revd Professor Wilda C Gafney, renowned biblical scholar and womanist theologian, came to talk to an invited audience on the story of Hannah and Peninnah in the Hebrew Bible on Sunday 26th May. Our latest Sunday talk by the Revd Dr Susanna Snyder was What is Hope?, exploring what hope is and isn't, its surprising relationship with anger, courage, imagination and action, and how we can cultivate and sustain it in our own lives. See these latest films now available in their online learning library at https://www.stpauls.co.uk/our-learning-library

Archdeacons Visitation and Swearing in Church Wardens Took place on Tuesday 18th June at St Gabriel, Cricklewood at 7.45pm and included the admission of churchwardens, a celebration of 2030 Vision and ministry in the deanery, as well as the presentation on Common Fund 2025 for treasurers and parish representatives. St Anne presented 2 'goodnews' stories in video form which we will also show in church over the next few Sunday's! We celebrated the work of Henri who has volunteered as a leader at My Move for 24 years! And also the work of Tea and Chat. We will be watching these videos over the next few weeks as part of the Two minute slot!

Laurence's Larder

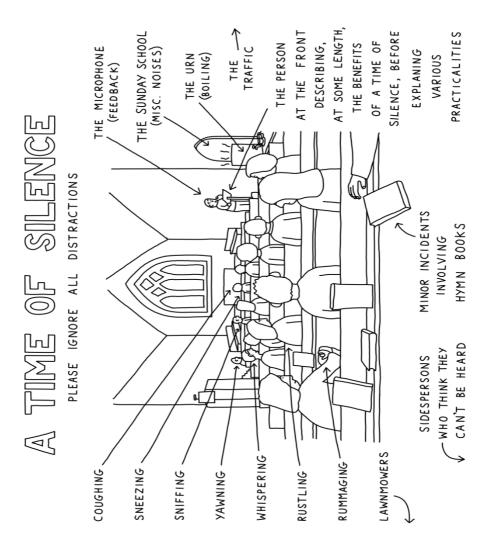
As you know Laurence's Larder provides meals every Thursday as well as over 100 food bags every week. They continue to welcome Tuna but can also use **sardines and long life milk** – though any non-perishable everyday food items are great! They can be placed in the basket at the back of church, and Bill kindly delivers them to the Larder.

Baptism of Aurora Mercouris

Aurora will be Baptised on Sunday 14th July at 2pm at St Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral Moscow Road Bayswater London W2 4LQ. Members of St Anne's are welcome to attend this very special service to support the family, and welcome Aurora into the community of faith.

St Anne's Day

This year we will celebrate St Anne's Day on **Sunday 21st July.** (Please note change of previously publicised date of 14th July). On this day we will celebrate the work of Sunday School and our Volunteers during the past academic year. We will also have a special Morning Tea/Brunch after the service to mark the start of the summer break!





For our prayers— Carlson, Olawale, Eunice, Marco, Irene, Patsy, Jean, Joyce, Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, May, Mavis, Kay, 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 Eileen Bradley, Daisy Harvey, Eddie Foulkes, Bernard Blackbar and Stephen Hillebrand.

Services during the week 23rd June 2024

Tuesday 25th 8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel and on Zoom

Thursday 8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel 8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel

9.30 My Move 2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 30th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom4th of Trinity 10am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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