



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## **Trinity Sunday** **26<sup>th</sup> May 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.*

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*Trinity Sunday, officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honour the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. Eastern Churches have no tradition of Trinity Sunday, arguing that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners also commemorate the Trinity at every Eucharist, although they set aside a special feast day for the purpose as well. The Trinity is one of the most fascinating - and controversial - Christian teachings. The Trinity is described as a "mystery." By mystery the Church does not mean a riddle, but rather the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately must know through worship, symbol, and faith.*

*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 172 – Father Lord of All creation** 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 the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

*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 Collect***

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

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and 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*

*The first five chapters of Isaiah lay out the spiritual problem of the Judeans. They have forgotten and forsaken the Lord (1:4); their worship is futile (1:11-17); corruption marks their leadership (1:23). Greed has led to injustice (5:8). Isaiah 6:1 then describes the political crisis: the long-serving king who brought stability has died. We should not look for chronological order in the early chapters of Isaiah, but a comprehensive picture of the situation within which Isaiah sees his vision. Scholars typically label this text a “vision report,” but Isaiah’s words involve many senses. He sees God sitting on a throne; he hears the calling of the seraphs; he smells the smoke; he feels the shaking of the temple*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah  
(Isaiah 6: 1-8)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We hear a reading from the New Testament  
Today's reading is located in a chapter in which Paul writes  
concerning the new life in the Spirit. He declares that those who are  
"in Christ" can and should put to death "the deeds of the body" and  
live as children of God; in other words, they should become what they  
are.*

A reading from the letter to the Romans  
(Romans 8: 12-17)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 310 – Holy, Holy, Holy** during which the Gospel is processed*

*The Gospel is announced.  
This well-known passage from John is a rarity in the Gospels because it shows Jesus discussing in some detail all three persons of the Trinity. Jesus' words here should not be mistaken for a theological treatise on the one God in three persons, however. Instead, in this encounter Jesus challenges Nicodemus to move from theory to practice, from knowledge to faith, from curiosity to commitment. In his conversation with Nicodemus Jesus refers to all three persons of the Trinity. God is the One who loves the cosmos and who, unwilling to let it perish, gives the Son. God sends the Son not to condemn the world and its inhabitants, but to rescue and restore them. Jesus descended from heaven and has ascended to heaven, thus connecting heaven and earth. He remains in constant contact*

*with God the Sender, revealing God by bearing witness to what he has seen and known.*

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 3: 1-17)*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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 pray 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*

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
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 **40 – Angel-voices ever singing omit verse 2***

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 use this QR code or the link to donate online [givealittle.co/c/5CViG8ADnBxdvxjc2bWYFm](https://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, 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*

Behold 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 Holy, Blessed Trinity – Tchaikovsky. 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 :*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

### **The Dismissal** *(please stand)*

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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
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 320- How shall I sing the majesty during which the clergy depart.*

***Please do join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation.***

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

### **Employment opportunity ST ANNE'S CHURCH PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Parish Administrator at St Anne's. This is a varied and interesting role. We are looking for someone who:

- is able to work independently, with a large number of people;
- has good communication skills; and
- can use their own initiative to solve a range of problems and issues as they arise.

More information about the parish is on our website: <https://st-annes-brondesbury.org.uk>

### **Gardening morning**

**Our next Saturday gardening session will be 8<sup>th</sup> June from 10am – 12noon, so that we are all tidy for Open Gardens the following week!**

**No experience necessary – please bring your own gloves!**



### **Queens Park Open Studios and Gardens**

Queen's Park Open Gardens and Studios will be on **Sunday 16 June 2024** from around midday and till 5pm. St Anne's will be a venue again this year. We will need volunteers to help welcome people to the building. We are also planning to serve tea with cakes and so will need some volunteers to help with this, as well as donations of tray bakes and cakes. Please sign up to help with this event on the sheet at the entrance to the church. You can also speak with Mo C.

## **Rev Nicki's Farewell and end of Curacy**

Rev Nicki has been with us as Curate for nearly 3 years, and her curacy comes to an end on the 30 June. Nicki has been a great blessing to us all during her time with us; while she has also been working for the Diocese as the **Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations**. Nicki will continue in her Diocesan role, but she is now ready to graduate from curacy!

Nicki's last Sunday with us will be Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and we will have a celebration after the service as well. Please put this date in your diary as it will be lovely to have as many people as possible at this service of transition.

## **Archdeacons Visitation and Swearing in Church Wardens**

The Annual service will take place in Brent on **Tuesday 18th June at St Gabriel, Cricklewood at 7.45pm** and will include 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. This is a public service and you are very welcome to attend.



**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 including David Evans, Jonathon Peter Sharp, Gladys Vickers and O'Neil Watson.

### **Services during the week 26th May 2024**

#### ***Half term week***

**Tuesday**            **8.30 Morning Prayer** in chapel and on Zoom

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**        **9 am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom

*1<sup>st</sup> of Trinity*        **10am** Sung Mass

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