



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

16th Sunday after Trinity and Creation Season 2024

Being Good Stewards of all our resources

15th September 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 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, or a hymn books, they are on the landing.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

In Romans 8: 19-25, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning in childbirth. Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator. During Creation seasons we are invited to reflect on how we are stewards of all creation in the way we care for our Earth, each other, and the resource God has given us for the life of this Parish.

Today we are joined by Dawn Baker, who is the Willesden Area Finance Adviser who will help us focus on our Stewardship theme.

*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **387 – Jesus is Lord, Creation’s Voice** as the Clergy enter.*

The Gathering

We gather in praise of the God who is (+) Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

The President will introduce the service followed by a time of confession after which silence is kept:

Let us confess the ways in which we have damaged God’s creation and one another and ask for God’s forgiveness

Holy and merciful God,

we confess that we have failed to honour you and all of your creation.

We have walked heavily on your earth,

overused and wasted its resources,

taken for granted its beauty and abundance,

and treated its inhabitants unjustly.

Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.

Renew in us faith and action to care for your earth

as you desire and intend, with grateful and

compassionate hearts, through Jesus Christ, your

son, and our Lord. 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 us, (+) pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us 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:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word *(please sit)*

We hear a reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9a is part of the third of four “Servant Songs” in Isaiah 40-55 (a section of the book commonly called Second Isaiah).

The passage stands at a critical juncture or turning point for the recurring figure of the servant, at which dark signs increasingly cloud the promise of his mission.

The selection of lectionary verses is unfortunately artificial; although it is legitimate to treat verses 10-11 as a commentary on the foregoing first-person statement in verses 4-9, the exclusion of 9b is not justified. It is, in fact, verse 10 that identifies this passage with the servant, calling the hearers to listen to him.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah
(Isaiah 50:4-9a)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to
listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not
rebellious,

I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Our Second reading

In chapters 1 and 2 the author of James has made clear that certain outward characteristics— impartiality and faithful action versus favouritism and the mistreatment of vulnerable people, for example—are reflective of either inward integrity or a duplicity of being. In chapter 3 another piece of external evidence of one’s interior person is brought to the fore, namely speech. This passage is notoriously difficult and interpreted with wide variability by commentators both historical and modern. As earlier in chapter 2 on the subject of faith and works, here too the author’s rhetorical style is frank, intended to shock and appal.

A reading from the letter of James
(James 3:1-12)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 67 – Beauty for Brokenness**
during which the Gospel is processed*

The Gospel is announced.

Mark reintroduces the theme of discipleship by first interrogating Jesus' identity. As is common in Mark, Jesus initiates the dialogue: "Who do people say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?" (8:27, 29). Jesus' identity is an ongoing subtheme with the disciples as they struggle to fully know him. We might also ask ourselves, "Who do I say Jesus is, by my life?" Jesus' query seems to echo the self-revelation of Yahweh in Exodus 3:14—"I AM." The disciples' responses mirror Mark's narration in 6:14-15.

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 8:27-38)

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel is carried back to the Altar.
We sit to listen a talk given today by Dawn Baker about giving. After silence is kept.*

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the creed.

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one,
the poor one,**

**the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

**We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death
and all destructive forces.
We believe in one God; Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer. 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

We may also use the response:

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 end 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)

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into
song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace in a manner that
is comfortable to you.

*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 **556 – O Jesus I have promised** (omit v
2 and 3) during which a collection is taken.*

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 *st-annes-brondesbury.org.uk/donate*



As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

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 join the priest saying:
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, during which we listen to Earth Song by Frank Ticheli sung by VOCES8. 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.

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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
as we pray together
**Gentle Creator,
May your Spirit enable us to
go out in joy and be led forth in peace,
that the mountains and hills
may burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
once more clap their hands. Amen.**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal *(please stand)*

The Lord be with you
And also with you

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field, Who transforms

chaos to order, Lead us to transform our lives and the Church To listen to the voice of all creatures That reflect God's glory in creation; and the blessing of 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 **798 – We have a Gospel to proclaim** omit v 5 during which the clergy depart.*

Please do join us downstairs for morning tea.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Laurence's Larder

As you know Laurence's Larder serves meals and food bags. They continue to welcome Tuna but can also use **sardines and long-life milk** – though any non-perishable everyday food items are great!

Queen's Park Day 2024 – Today!!!!

Finance

St Anne's is responsible for ensuring that we raise the funds to meet the cost off all that we do. This includes meeting the costs of the maintenance of the building; the mission we carry out (like My Move, Tea and Chat, support of the local community and our work with schools); and our worship. We raise some of these funds through renting out spaces; and the rest we rely on the generosity of the congregation and community through giving. This is called our Stewardship.

PCC

The next PCC meeting will take place on Thursday 19th September at 7pm. Please pray for them as they consider the next steps for St Anne's and the management of the parish.

Stewardship

During September as we celebrate **Creation Season** we are considering our stewardship of all God's creation, including this community. You will have received an email during the week asking you to consider how you support our ministry here at St Anne's. Paper versions of the documents are available at the back of church if you would prefer a hard copy. Please do prayerfully consider how you support St Anne's. Next Sunday 15th, Dawn Baker, the Willesden Finance Adviser will be with us and will preach, as part of our reflections on stewardship. There will be an opportunity on the 22nd to offer your response form as part of our worship.

Creation Season and Harvest Festival

From Sunday 1st September we will be celebrating creation season in the lead up to Harvest Festival on the 29th September. During this time we give thanks for all God's creation and pray that we will be cared for this earth; we will also be reflecting on our stewardship of all that God provides. Please do start bringing in non-perishable items and planning them in the box at the back of church so we can create a display on the 29th.

Paddington Old Cemetery: INVITATION TO THE CHAPELS OPEN DAY

Sunday 22 September 11am to 3pm

Do join us for an interesting and lively Sunday at Paddington Old Cemetery on 22 September from 11am. We are pleased to announce that the Chapels will be opening to the public for the first time in many years - come and see them with your own eyes!

There will also be free guided tours of the wider cemetery throughout the day PLUS opportunities to talk with the project team, take a look at our findings from the latest site investigations and see the results of the June/July community consultation.

Changes in the Administration Office

As many of you know at St Anne's we have a part-time Administrator who works during the week to assist in managing bookings of the space, as well the over all administration of the building. For over 10 years this has been Lesley Daisley. Lesley is retiring at the end of September. If you know Lesley or have worked with her, or would like to thank her for all she does to keep St Anne's on the road, you are invited to attend her Farewell Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 17th September at 3pm. Please RSVP to Mo C to help with catering.

This week her replacement Tasha has started. And they will work together until Lesley leaves as a period of transition. If you run into Tasha, please do make her welcome.

Other Changes

We hope that most people have now heard the announcement from last Sunday. Mother Christine has accepted the invitation of the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn to be the new rector of St Philip's Anglican Church, O'Connor. This is a parish not unlike St Anne's in the ACT in Australia and a 70-minute drive from Mo C's parents. Christine will re-locate from London to Canberra

around the end of December with a view to commencing at St Philip's around mid-January.

While dates are still to be confirmed we expect Mo C's last Sunday with us to be the 15th December.

The PCC will discuss what happens next at its meeting.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with either Mo C or one of the Wardens – Simon, Richard or Alice.



For our prayers— Pam, Neil, Carlson, Olawale, Eunice, Marco, 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 Betty Dass, Eddie Wright and David Robert Brown.

Services during the week 15th September 2024

- Tuesday 17th** **8.30 Morning Prayer** in chapel and on zoom
3pm Lesley's Farewell
- Thursday** **8.30 Morning Prayer** in chapel
7pm PCC
- Friday** **8.30 Morning Prayer** in chapel
9.30am My Move
2pm Tea and Chat
- Sunday 22nd** **9 am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
17th of Trinity **10am** Sung Mass with Sunday School
Creation

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