



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

17th Sunday after Trinity and Creation Season 2024

Being Good Stewards of all our resources

22nd 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.

A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional 152 – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 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,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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)

We hear a reading from the Old Testament

A phrase not uncommon in English translation among the prophets is “The word of the LORD that came to...” We find this phrase in the opening verse of Hosea, Joel, Micah, and Zephaniah. Nowhere, however, does the phrase gain as much use as with the prophet Jeremiah, where it occurs no fewer than five times.

*While the rendition “The word of the LORD that came to...” is a reasonable option for a widely read English translation, it fails to do justice to the theological depth and power of the Hebrew phrase. A much better translation, both semantically and theologically, would be “The word of the LORD that **happened** to...” This translation rightly indicates that the word of the Lord is not a silent, even dead, word on a page, but rather a dynamic force that (re)shapes and directs the world on all levels.*

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah
(Jeremiah 11:18-20)

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!’
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Our Second reading

Earlier in chapter 3, the author of James shocked readers with the hazards of the tongue. The tongue is dangerous and untameable, analogically inconsistent with the laws of nature in that it can produce conflicting substances—both good, productive speech, or blessings, and bad, evil speech, or curses (3:1–12). The author initially appears to offer little in the way of methods for taming the tongue’s wildness. The latter half of chapter 3, our present passage, provides a way forward.

If the tongue and its potential for inconsistency goes against the laws of nature, the solution is wisdom, which is characterized by deep inward consistency of character.

A reading from the letter of James
(James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 65 – Be thou my guardian and my guide** during which the Gospel is processed*

The Gospel is announced.

Though packaged as a single lectionary reading, today's Gospel is two pericopes situated across two locales: Galilee and Capernaum.

In Galilee Jesus continues the teachings that characterize his travels with the disciples. As we saw last week in Mark 8, He continues to predict his betrayal, death, and resurrection; and the disciples continue to misunderstand his words.

In the second pericope, Mark returns us to Capernaum, the centre of gravity where Jesus began teaching with authority (1:21–28). Jesus addresses an argument that was taking place among the disciples while he was teaching about his death and resurrection. Sometimes we, too, are talking when we should be listening. Imagine how their comprehension of Jesus' life would have been different had they been listening instead of arguing.

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 9:30-37)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of

all.’ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Gospel is carried back to the Altar. 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.

**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 **454 Lord for the Years** (omit v 5) 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 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.

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

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
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;
In the name of Christ our Lord. 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 **326 – I bind unto myself today** v 1,2 and 3 only 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

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with Queen's Park Day. For those who donated goods, or transported items to the park, and those who worked so hard last Sunday – **You are brilliant!** We raised just over £1600.

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 PCC met on Thursday 19th September at 7pm. We talked strategies for managing the changes in the coming months, and also planning for the interregnum. We also planned for Remembrance, Finance, Advent and Christmas.

Electrical Items and Charity

We have a car boot load of electrical/computer items to go in the recycling bin at Curry's. If anyone is going in the Brent Cross direction and can drop these off, it would be very much appreciated. Also, there are items in Garage which need to go to charity shops – if you can help please speak to Mo C.

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. There is an opportunity today 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 care 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.

Her replacement Tasha has started. If you run into Tasha, please do make her welcome.

Other Changes

We hope that most people have now heard that 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.

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, Ernest Reed, Daphne Macaulay and Lily Turner.

Services during the week 22nd September 2024

Tuesday 24th 8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel and on zoom

Thursday 8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel

Friday 8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel

9.30am My Move

2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 29th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom

Harvest 10am Sung Mass (*All together*)

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