

# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

# Confidently sharing the love of Christ

# 20th Sunday after Trinity with Baptism 13th October 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.

Today we welcome Kayla Tamia Beverley Christina Lewis into the family of God. It is lovely to have her parents Dionne and Prosperous, with sister Renee, as well as extended family and friends with us on this special day, as we are all reminded of our baptism.

A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 777 To God be the Glory** the Clergy enter.

#### The Gathering

We meet in the name of the (+) Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The president will introduce the service.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises

and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church. Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

We give thanks for this promise as we sing 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:

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,

that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen** 

# Liturgy of the Word (please sit) We hear a reading from the Old Testament

Biblical scholars have been puzzled over how to reconcile Amos' announcements of certain doom with his exhortations to repent. Why repent when destruction is inevitable? Most often they explain these differing attitudes towards Israel's future by dating the various texts to different periods in Israel and Judah's history. That very well may have been the case. But regardless of its composition, the church today reads the entire book of Amos as the received word of God spoken to Israel and the church today.

A Reading from the prophet Amos (Amos 5:6-7, 10-15)

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore, the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Our Second reading

This week's reading from Hebrews continues to address the malaise that the writer's community was experiencing. This week again the writer gives vivid testimony to the dynamic power of God's word. For many modern readers the imagery used for God's word in this section may seem strange (Hebrews 4:12-13). The writer pictures the word of God as a two-edged sword that is used like a scalpel on the human constitution. It is a precision instrument that seems able to cut along the fine lines between bones and marrow, soul and spirit, thoughts and intentions.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (*Hebrews 4:12-16*)

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing our Gradual **Hymn 34 – Amazing Grace** during which the Gospel is processed

The Gospel is announced.

The story of Jesus and the rich man, presented variously in all three synoptic traditions, is notoriously challenging and has elicited any number of creative approaches to ameliorating what seems to most of us a ridiculously extreme demand.

From concocting a mythic entrance to Jerusalem that required a camel to unburden itself of all it was carrying to reading it as an intentionally impossible demand to drive us to Christ, interpreters over the centuries have been tempted to tone down this passage. Which means we should read with care.

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 10:17-31)

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." 'He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—

houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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.

#### The Liturgy of Baptism

Baptism party move to font and are introduced. The priest addresses the congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome this child and uphold her in this new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

*The president then says to the parents and godparents* Parents and godparents, the Church receives Kayla with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ? With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Kayla begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

#### The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore Lask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God? I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil? I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life? **I come to Christ.** 

#### Signing with the Cross

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead Kayla with Holy Oil saying

+ Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of His cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of His glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.** 

The president stands before the water of baptism and says
Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this (+) water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Baptism

The priest baptises saying (Kayla Tamia Beverley Christina Lewis) Kayla, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

You have been clothed with Christ. As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.** 

### Prayers of Intercession are offered.

Faithful and loving God,

bless those who care for Kayla

and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.

Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,

and protect their home from all evil.

Fill Dionne, Prosperous, Renee and Kayla with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Reveal your kingdom among the nations; may peace abound and justice flourish. Especially we pray for all who live with the effects of terror,

violence or natural disaster.

Your name be hallowed.

# Your kingdom come.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high. Especially for this community of St Anne and this Diocese of London. Your name be hallowed.

### Your kingdom come.

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak, heal and restore your creation.

Especially for 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.
Your name be hallowed.

#### Your kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, and in heaven we remember all those who have died and all whose anniversary fall at this time including John Molyneux, Jean Brindley, Rita Blackmar and Anthony Taylor.

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord **And may light perpetual shine upon them.** May they rest in peace **And rise in Glory** 

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body. We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The congregation may greet the newly baptized.

The president introduces the Peace in these or other suitable words.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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 **337 – I the Lord of sea and sky** 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 used this QR code or the link to donate online stannes-brondesbury.org.uk/donate



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,

+ 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 Sam play.

All who are baptised, or those who usually receive communion in their own church, are welcome to receive communion. We receive God's grace in one kind or two, so we ask that you don't dip the bread (host) into the chalice). 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:

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, preserve in your people the new life of baptism; as Christ receives us on earth, so may he guide us through the trials of this world and enfold us in the joy of heaven, where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever. **Amen** 

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal (please stand)

#### Giving of a Lighted Candle and final commission

When all the newly baptized have received a candle, the president says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The president addresses the whole congregation

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself? With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice? **With the help of God, I will.** 

May Christ dwell in your heart(s) through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.** 

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

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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 **75 – Blessed Assurance** during which the clergy depart.

Please do join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation.

#### 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!



# Gardening morning Our next Saturday gardening session will be 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10am - 12noon! No experience necessary - please bring your own gloves!

#### **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. A huge thankyou to all who have reviewed their giving during Creation Season. It is not too late, please do consider moving to the Parish Giving Scheme, and adjusting your commitment.

### Preparing for change

Mother Christine has been appointed as the new rector of St Philip's Anglican Church, O'Connor, finishing here on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. **Services will continue** every Sunday after Mo C moves, with Priests coming to cover; but we will need help with other things during this time. More about that to come!

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11:10am Sunday 17th November 2024 in St Anne's Rotunda

As members of the congregation of St Anne's Brondesbury you are invited and encouraged to attend a Special Parish Council Meeting to be held shortly after Sunday Mass on 17th November 2024, in the Rotundas at St Anne's.

This meeting will be brief, approximately 5 minutes, between 11:10-11:15am, as its sole purpose is to appoint the Independent Examiner for the Parish's annual accounts.

#### Richard Brindley & Simon Judge Church Wardens

## Prayer for St Anne's at St Paul's Cathedral

St Anne's will appear on the Diocesan Cycle of prayer on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. St Anne's will be named in the prayers at each service at St Paul's Cathedral. This includes 8 am and 12.30 pm Eucharist and 5 pm Evensong. You are welcome to attend any of these services.



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 John Molyneux, Jean Brindley, Rita Blackmar and Anthony Taylor.

# Services during the week 13th October 2024

**Tuesday** 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 20th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom21st of Trinity 10am Sung Mass (no Sunday school- half term)

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