



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

All Souls Sunday **3rd November 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, there are hymn books and service sheets at the back.



A Season of Remembering.

A space to remember those whom we miss

On All Souls Day we remember those who have died and give thanks for the promises of Christ that lie at the heart of our faith and our hope. Christ's Resurrection offers us this hope. There is no doubt that the death of someone we love is painful and hard to bear - we grieve for the loss of contact, friendship and love.

It can be very hard to reshape a life after many years of companionship. All Souls Day gives us a chance to grieve again and to do so with confidence, that our sorrow is known and that it will be answered when we are filled with the joy of the resurrection life ourselves and find again those we have loved in the eternity of God. The practice of setting apart a special day for intercession for certain of the faithful departed is very old. The first feast of general intercession was first established by Odilo, abbot of Cluny (d. 1048).

A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung.

*We sing our Processional **Hymn 19 – All my hope on God is founded** is 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 come in this time of remembering:
remembering those who have inspired us;
those who have touched our lives whom we see no more;
those who challenge us to be the people God
has created us to be.
We give thanks for the gift of memory and community.

The Priest will introduce the confession.

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father

Silence is kept

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. 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 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:

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving
passion and glorious resurrection,
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
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 as the young people leave us for their lessons. We hear a reading from the Old Testament.*

These section of the book of Wisdom treats three situations that the ancient Israelites would have considered curses: suffering, childlessness and an early death. "Immortality" makes its very first appearance in the Bible, at least as a reference to those mortals loyal to God.

Suffering is seen by the author not as a sign of God's displeasure, but as an experience of purification.

We all come to grief with different judgements. Emotionally we may feel disappointment and anger. The author suggests that our emotions and judgements are softened by our faith. Those whom we lose are found now in the hands of God and they are at peace.

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon
(Wisdom 3: 1-9)

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation, they will

shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We hear a reading from the New Testament.

In the previous four chapters, Paul has spent intense time trying to explain what he means by righteousness. God has revealed God's character – "righteousness of God" — in the Gospel. And revealed it through faith for faith.

*At the beginning of chapter 5, Paul starts with the word *dikaiothentes* — having been justified/made righteous. The word is a participle in the passive voice. Paul is talking about the circumstances of the lives of believers — they are those who have been justified, made righteous. (The word *dikaosune*, which is the word in the phrase "righteousness of God," is one Greek word which has two English translations: righteousness and justice.*

A reading from the letter to the Romans
(Romans 5: 5-11)

and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We sing our **Gradual Hymn 723 – The Lord’s my Shepherd** during which the Gospel is processed – please stand.*

Today’s Gospel is an excerpt from a larger section of John 6:35-59 which is the central part of a series of conversations between Jesus and various others that follow the miracles of the feeding of the multitude (6:1-13) and walking on water (6:16-21). The pattern of miracle followed by teaching is a common one in John (cf. chapters 5, 9, and 11), where Jesus uses the nature of the miracle to provide imagery to teach about his identity and purpose. In the verses we reflect upon on All Souls Day, we hear one of John’s ‘I am...’ statements followed by the promise that that God sustains us in life and in death.

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 6: 35-40)

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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 sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.
Today our intercessions include the names of people offered by
members of the congregation and past worshipers at St Anne's.*

After the biddings we pray

Hear us, risen Lord,
our resurrection and our life.

After every group of names we pray

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 conclusion of the prayers we listen to In paradisum

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.
According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of
Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where
there will be neither sorrow nor pain,
but life everlasting. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord 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 Hymn **243 – God is Love, Let heaven adore him** 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



Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
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 sing **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

This is Jesus 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 Kontakion for the Departed. All who would normally receive are welcome to, and you may choose if you are ready to receive the chalice. We receive God's grace in one kind or two. **(Please do not intinct (dip)).** 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:*

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this Eucharist bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal *(please stand)*

We receive God's Blessing.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

May God give you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the (+) Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing our final hymn 467- Lord of all hopefulness during which the clergy depart.

Please do join us for refreshments
Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Kingdom Season

All Souls Day Flowers

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to our flowers and in other ways to our service today. Flowers have been given in memory of many we hold dear and have touched our lives. A full list of those who are remembered can be found on the notice board, and at the entrance to the church.

Remembrance

On Monday November 11th we will host a Civic Act of Remembrance at the in Old Paddington Cemetery by the Commonwealth Memorial. Local schools will be participating, and we will gather around 10.45am; ready for 2 minutes silence at 11am.

Sunday 10th November – we will also conclude of regular Sunday Service with an Act of Remembrance.



Gardening morning

Our next Saturday gardening session will be 9th 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. **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 is finishing here on the 15th 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! **Farewell celebrations will take place on the 15th!**

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**

For our prayers— Martin, 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 Viola Akers, Edgerton Rodgers, Lionel Morrison, Elizabeth Shipman and John Saxby.



Services during the week 3rd November 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 10th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
Remembrance 10am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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