



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## **Readings and Notice Sheet**

**Sunday 14th March 2021**

**Mothering Sunday—4th Sunday of Lent**

### ***Today is Mothering or Refreshment Sunday***

*which falls on the 4th Sunday in Lent, and is a day of joy and celebration in our Lenten journey. Many of the traditions we observe today began during the sixteenth century, when people returned to their mother church, the main church or cathedral of the area, for worship. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. Children and young people who were "in service" were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families (or, originally, return to their "mother" church). The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into that of Mothering Sunday. **So today let us give thanks for Mothers, for Mother Church and for all who nurture our faith!***



### **The Collect**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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**

## **Reading from the book of Exodus**

*Exodus 2:1–10 describes the birth and early life of Moses. His mother defies the order to kill Hebrew boys and hides her son. Once he becomes too old to conceal, she places him in a basket on the Nile. Apparently, this was a deliberate attempt to have Moses adopted, as Moses' older sister is stationed nearby, watching. Pharaoh's daughter finds the baby, and winds up hiring Moses' own mother to be his wet nurse. Once weaned, Moses is sent back to the Egyptian princess, gaining the benefits of a royal education and upbringing.*

### **Exodus 2: 1-10**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Our Second reading from the letter to the Corinthians**

*Second Corinthians Paul's most difficult letters to decipher. For one thing, its tone oscillates widely — from expressing deep love to angry rebuke. For another, it does not seem to proceed in a logical fashion, at least to contemporary readers. Indeed, many modern interpreters have thought it to be a composite of several letters. Yet the letter also expresses profound ideas that have had a tremendous influence not only on the history of theology but on much of western thought. More importantly, the letter has much to say about apostolic ministry: what it is about, how the gospel gets communicated, and*

*what constitutes authentic Christian community. Paul deals with these themes while addressing some very practical tasks, such as defending his ministry while seeking reconciliation, raising funds for the poor, and countering competitors who are challenging his ministry and, in his view, abusing the Corinthians and leading them astray.*

## **2 Corinthians 1: 3-7**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Gospel is today taken from Luke***

*In the Gospel of Luke, the parents of Jesus respond to his birth by attending to the obligations called for in Leviticus 12:3-8. These ancestral traditions are a reminder to them that Jesus is born in the context of the covenant established between God and the people Israel. The language of purification may sound odd to us, but it arises from sensitivity to the holy. Simeon warns Mary and Joseph that the child who marks the presence of salvation in their midst will also be the cause of the 'falling and rising' of many. This 'rising and falling' will not be the result of war, economic overturn, or natural disaster. Instead, it will come about through radical transparency, as people's inner thoughts are revealed (verses 34-35). The windows into the soul will be thrown wide open.*

## **Luke 2: 28-35**

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,  
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said

about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

This is the Gospel of our Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

***Take some time to reflect on the readings set for today—what might they be saying to you? What might they be saying to us as a community?***

**Intercessions**

God of all consolation, who consoles us in all circumstances, we come to you on this Mothering Sunday in thanksgiving for all who have nurtured us and helped us to grow; for those who have challenged us, and those who have taught us to love. We pray for all those who continue to care for us throughout our lives... (allow a brief silence)

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us**

Holy God we pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, For the communities of faith we call home, and those who nurture us in faith. We pray especially today for the St Paul’s Cathedral, and for its ministry in London. We pray too, for Bishops Sarah and Pete, and for our life together as a community of faith ... (allow a brief silence)

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us**

God who knows the value of love, we pray for all those who have no love, for those who are driven by anger or hatred. We remember all who live with the consequences of violence and war; for those who feel powerless or who suffer at the hands of others... (allow a brief silence)

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us**

God who consoles us when we are unsure and uncertain. We pray for our own nation at this time; we pray for an end to the pandemic, all who make decisions; for our ability to care for our neighbours; and for all who live with injustice and inequality each day... (allow a brief silence)

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us**

God who comforts all, we pray for those in pain, those who face change and those who mourn. At this time we particularly pray for Cathy, Gill, Adam, Jean-Anne, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth....

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us**

Finally we pray for all who have died and left their mark on our lives, amongst them we remember including Evelyn, as well as those know to us and those whose anniversaries fall at this time including Reg Holder, George Shipman, Margaret Gayler, Charles Lee, Anna White and Max O'Connell

*(Allow a moment to reflect)*

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

In the stillness and beauty of this morning, we lift to you our other concerns and prayers...

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
this we ask as we pray in the words you taught us:  
**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**

## Notices

### Response to National Lockdown

As you are aware in January 2020 the St Anne's PCC reflected not only on what might be legal; but the plea from our community leaders to stay home as much as possible; and also the feedback from members of our congregation who work in frontline services. We also reviewed the guidance from the Church of England. As a result St Anne's closed to in person worship from 4th January. This was reviewed at our PCC meeting on the 11th February and agreed that while progress is being made we are not in a position to re-open for in person services until the current lockdown is lifted. Instead we will continue to offer services online via Zoom, as well as other ways to connect with each. **The PCC met again on Thursday 11th March to make a decision about when to reopen for worship. After much discussion the PCC has decided to re-open for public worship from Palm Sunday 28th March for the 9.30am service; observing all social distancing rules.**

**From this date we will continue to offer a mix of services, some in person and some on line. More information on this will follow in the coming weeks.**

We will not be opening the Church until this time, but if you need someone to speak to, or prayer with, please contact Mo C either by email or phone and she can arrange to see you safely in person; or talk with you over the phone or Zoom.

***St Anne's and St Andrew's will remain closed to all groups at least until the 19th April 2021. The Nursery may be open and is following the Early Years Guidance. The building will remain closed.***



### ***Prayer Window***

We are once again creating window of prayers in the rotunda at the front of the church. If you would like to contribute a prayer, either drop in through the letter box at the church or vicarage—postcard size or smaller is best. *(current prayers are on heart shapes, but any shape is fine)* **OR** email you prayer request to Mo C and she will ensure that it is added to the window.

### Confirmation Classes

Given the limits which will be still upon us on Sunday 18th April; our confirmation date with the Bishop has been postponed until Sunday 19th September 2021. Classes will now take place in the Summer.



## **Keeping a Holy Lent 2021**

*Lent continues to our celebration of Easter on 4th April. During Lent our faith is focused through prayer, charity and fasting.*

## **Stations of the Cross on Zoom**

Stations of the Cross is traditionally a series of meditations which follow through the story of the last hours of Jesus life. Using images and prayers which lasts around 30 minutes. This will take place on **4pm Sunday 14th March, 21st and 28th March.**

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## **Lent Reflection—Meditation on 40 bags in 40 days**

We are each invited to declutter our lives of things, issues or concerns during the 40—one small bag each day!

## **Lent Study—7pm Monday Evenings in Lent on Zoom**

The sessions will include input, reflection and discussion. This year we will explore five themes outlined in the Bishop of London's Lent Book *Rooted in Love*. Each session will last around 45mins to an hour. Study will continue on 15th and 22nd March. **Check out our Lent Page on our Website!**

## **News from Laurence's Larder and Sufra**

**Laurence's Larder will remain open on a Thursday for a takeaway** - though they are currently not cooking on site—food is being distributed. This **week they distribute 60 bags of food.** Donations can be left in the green box by Mo C's front door, or at the Larder on a Thursday Morning. Please see their website : <https://www.laurenceslarder.org.uk>

**We are also sharing our food donations with Sufra.** You can read all about what they are doing during this period on their website <https://www.sufra-nwlondon.org.uk/> **We have some wonderful volunteers from St Anne's supporting both Laurence's Larder and Sufra.**

**If you need assistance getting to an appointment, or you need things dropped off, we have some drivers who are willing to help.**

## **Daily Hope 24hour phonenumber**

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044.**



**For our prayers** Cathy, Gill, Adam, Jean-Anne, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth;. We remember those who have died including Evelyn; and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Reg Holder, George Shipman, Margaret Gayler, Charles Lee, Anna White and Max O'Connell.

**Services this coming week starting 14th March 2021**

Monday 15th **2pm**—Christian Contemplation on Zoom

**7pm**—Lent Study—session 1 on Zoom

Tuesday 16th **8.30am** Morning Prayer on Zoom

Thursday 18th **8.30am** Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday 19th **10am** Coffee and Chat on Zoom

**Sunday 21st March 2021—Passion Sunday**

**8.30am** —Morning Prayer on Zoom

**9am**—Thought for the Day on Facebook

**9.30am** — Morning Service on Zoom

**5pm**—Service for the day on Zoom



- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS.
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE.
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE.
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE.
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD.
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY.
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL.
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY.
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others.
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED.
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen.