



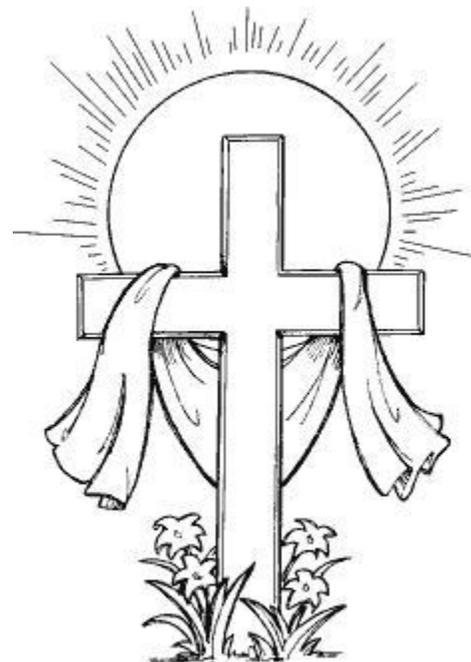
St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet **Sunday 11th April 2021** **Second Sunday of Easter**

Today we continue our Easter Celebration.

Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2). In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians. As “Easter people,” we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples.



The Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During Easter Season instead of a reading from the Hebrew scriptures, each Sunday we hear from the Acts of the Apostles, which accounts for the growth and development of the early Church, and the days that followed Jesus resurrection.

Acts 4:32-35 provides the second snapshot of the believing community. We encounter the first in Acts 2:42-47, which follows immediately upon the Pentecost outbreak and Peter's first great sermon. According to Acts, the early community of Christ-followers arises in response to Pentecost (2:1-41), and thereafter devotes itself to worship, instruction, fellowship, and sharing (vv. 42-45).

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Epistle reading from the letter to the first letter of John

In Early church leaders referred to 1 John as a "catholic epistle" (also known as a "general letter") because of its formal treatise-like tone and lack of personal address or distinctive audience. The author's overarching purpose in writing these epistles, therefore, is to root out these splintering notions and urge unity in the community.

1 John 1: 1-2:2

So We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we

deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel is today taken from John

Jesus appears to the disciples who have locked themselves in a room for fear that they will be the next to die; and also fear of what the resurrection might mean. In their midst Jesus appears, in the absence of Thomas of course. John's gospel exhibits a pattern in which someone hears about Jesus and needs more -- and then receives what they need to come to their own experience of the life Jesus is embodying in the world. The earliest example is in John 1, when Philip says to Nathaniel, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth" (John 1:45) Nathaniel replies with scepticism: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" All Philip can say in reply is, "Come and see." Thomas replies with the post-resurrection equivalent! Thomas will not be shamed into believing, or shamed into at least keeping his unbelief to himself. Neither will Thomas ignore what he knows in order to believe something he does not know. Thus Thomas's journey to faith make his story especially important for the audience of would-be believers (see also John 20:31) for whom John writes. (Thoughts offered by Mary Hinkle Shore, Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Brevard, N.C)

John 20: 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples

told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.
Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,

recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the living bread,
sustain us in times of struggle,
reveal the light of your presence,
and restore us to wholeness.

We pray especially at this time for all who are in hospital and care at this time, and any others known to us including Piers, Cathy, Gill, Jean-Anne, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth....

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...
That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day amongst them Vivienne Brown and those whose anniversaries fall at this time including Maude New, Dorothy Wilmont, Elsie Bateman and George Atkins; and all who have left a mark on our lives...

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 of this moment, we lift to you our other concerns and prayers...

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:
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

Returning to in person worship

We have now been closed for in-person worship since the beginning of January 2021, and we were closed for a great deal of time in 2020. This will be a strange time for many of us. Not everyone will be ready to, or feel safe to return just yet—so we will be continuing to offer some online alternatives each week as well.

Things will also be different (*like when we were in church at times in 2020*). We still need wear a mask, maintain social distancing, wash hands on arrival and as you leave, wear masks and leave immediately after the service. We will only receive communion in one kind (the host/bread); and there will be no singing.

We have also changed! Many of us have been on our own in many ways since Easter last year. During this time we have lost friends and family members. We may miss the way we have been able to worship in the past. Church will feel a little different, as will our contact with each other. Please be aware of what you are feeling and honour it!

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.

Bishop of Willesden to retire

The Bishop of Willesden, the Rt Revd Pete Broadbent, has announced his intention to resign as from 30th September 2021. Bishop Pete has volunteered to stand down a year before his normal retirement date. The Bishop of London is exploring with him another role, which would see him facilitating some of the transition and implementation work for the Diocese of London's 2030 Vision. This will enable the potential appointment of a new Bishop of Willesden and provide an opportunity for the Diocese's senior team in London to become more diverse.

Annual General Meeting and update of Electoral Roll

This year our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday 25th April**. Please make sure this date is in your diary! For this meeting we also need to update our Church Electoral Roll. **Electoral Roll Forms** will be available for completion NOW and must be completed by **12th April**.

Diabetic screening

Shanika Brown, is an Outreach worker for the North West London Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (NWL DESP). Her role is to improve the knowledge of the importance of screening within faith-based communities served through appropriate promotional activities. They have observed that are large numbers of patients who do not attend their annual diabetic eye screening appointments. More information about how to take up your health appointment can be found at <http://www.nwldesp.co.uk> or by speaking with your GP.

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 Piers, Cathy, Gill, Jean-Anne, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth;. We remember those who have died recently including Vivienne Brown and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Maude New, Dorothy Wilmont, Elsie Bateman and George Atkins.

Sunday 18th April 2021– Third of Easter

8.30am —Morning Prayer on Zoom

9am—Thought for the Day on Facebook

9.30am — Palm Sunday Service in Church

5pm—Service for the day on Zoom

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

THE VICAR IS ON
'THOUGHT FOR THE DAY'



PEOPLE SHE HOPES
ARE LISTENING



THE BISHOP



ALL HER SOCIAL
MEDIA FOLLOWERS



A TV TALENT SCOUT

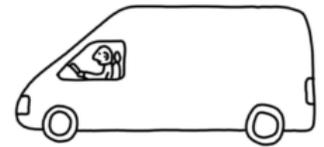


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PEOPLE WHO ARE
ACTUALLY LISTENING



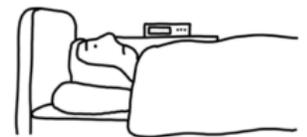
SOMEONE DOING
THE WASHING UP



A DELIVERY DRIVER



A TENNIS FAN WITH
TUNING DIFFICULTIES



AN INSOMNIAC USING THE
RADIO TO GET TO SLEEP

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