

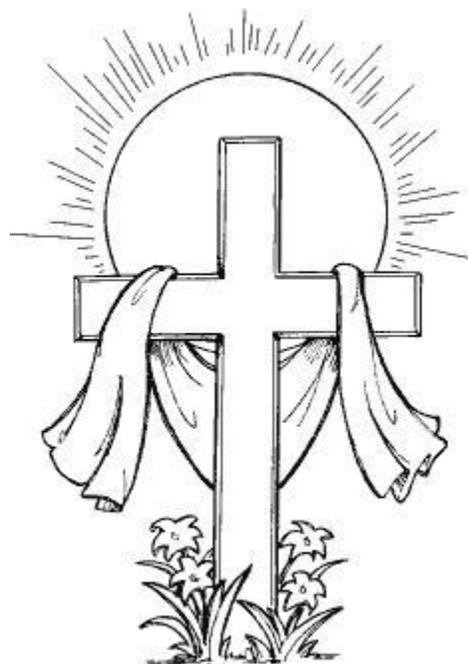
St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet **Sunday 18th April 2021** **Third 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,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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**

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 tells believers that they are part of an ongoing quest to discover, steward, and share the good news that through Jesus Christ God has changed the world and made a pledge about the future. The quest begins in trust. Theology is what you discover as a result.

Acts 3: 12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

The closing lines of chapter 2 reminded the readers of Jesus' expected return, and called for a life of righteousness that will allow "boldness" when he comes. The first two verses of chapter 3 root this confident hope in what God has already done. The text begins with the love of God given to us.

1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel is today taken from Luke

In Luke's resurrection account, women go to the tomb on Sunday morning. The stone is rolled back, and two men in dazzling clothes announce that Jesus was raised. The women return and report the news to the disciples and the rest, but their report seemed to be an "idle tale" and was not believed. Peter, however, ran to the tomb and confirmed that it was empty.

On that same day, two from the group of followers of Jesus were going to Emmaus when they encounter, but do not recognize, Jesus. In Luke's account, however, confirming the physical reality of Jesus is not the ultimate goal. Here is where the attention to Scripture is important. Scriptural fulfilment may be interesting and informative, and it may help confirm what we believe about Jesus. What is more significant, however, is how the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus help us understand what God has been accomplishing throughout all human history. In the reality of Jesus, the reality of God's plan is revealed. As important as this is, Jesus' life does not simply help us comprehend ancient Scripture's true meaning, it also moves us forward into the future. Like the first disciples, we have also experienced Jesus' real presence, and so these statements are not just doctrines we affirm but the basis for our calling also to be witnesses of these marvellous things.

Luke 24: 36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected
by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow.
We pray for all who long for your healing including Piers, Isobel, Peter,
Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth....

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
That all who have died trusting your promises ...
may be raised on the last day amongst them we pray for all who have left
their mark on our lives and those whose anniversaries fall at this time
including Maurice O'Connell, Clifford Saunders, Lily Chamberlain, Harry
Osbourne and Gwynhwyfar Cole.

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...

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
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 next **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** has now been updated and a current list of members is available today for anyone who would like to review it.

Garage Sale—In Lue of Queens Park Day

On Sunday 9th May immediately after the service we will have a garage sale in the Vicarage Driveway offering the 'left over' QPS goods—and anything else you would like to drop off! We need some volunteers to help with this, and then taking any leftovers to either a charity shop or the dump on Monday. Please let Mo C know if you can help.



Possible Pilgrimage to Canterbury

We are hoping to have a day pilgrimage to Canterbury in the Summer. We would go on the fast train from either St Pancras or Stratford; visit the Cathedral and hopefully attend a service, as well as explore other parts of the Cathedral precinct. We would be interested in knowing what you would like to see and whether you would be interested in such a trip.

News from Laurence's Larder and Supra

Laurence's Larder is open on a Thursday for a takeaway - though they are currently not cooking on site—food is being distributed. Donations can be left in the box in church 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 phonline

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, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth;. We remember those who have died and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Maurice O'Connell, Clifford Saunders, Lily Chamberlain, Harry Osbourne and Gwynhwyfar Cole.

Sunday 25th April 2021- Fourth of Easter

8.30am —Morning Prayer on Zoom

9am—Thought for the Day on Facebook

9.30am — Eucharist in Church

10.45am (approximately) APCM—Annual Parish Meeting

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



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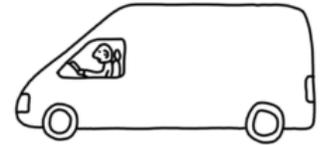


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ACTUALLY LISTENING



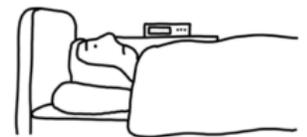
SOMEONE DOING
THE WASHING UP



A DELIVERY DRIVER



A TENNIS FAN WITH
TUNING DIFFICULTIES



AN INSOMNIAC USING THE
RADIO TO GET TO SLEEP

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