



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet **Sunday 4th April 2021** **Easter Sunday**

Today is Easter Sunday. May we all have a blessed Easter and find signs of Holy Hope!

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the victory of Christ over death and the powers that threaten to destroy our world. Last night we lit the Pascal Candle that symbolises Christ as the light of the world, bringing the light of God into the darkness and a great hymn of praise is sung. Traditionally, as the children of the new Covenant we would renew our commitment to Christ by renewing our baptismal vows and celebrate Christ's

Resurrection in the first Eucharist of Easter. This year some of us will share in Eucharist, others will prayer at home. Wherever you are celebrating this Feast—may God be with you!



Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Epistle reading from the letter to the first letter to the Corinthians

In many ways 1 Corinthians 15 is Paul's closing argument for this letter. After a series of reminders of his previous teachings and addressing various issues that had arisen in the community, here, Paul reminds them of the what is "first importance." This is the distillation of the gospel. In its simplest form the good news is that Christ died, was buried, and was raised. The repetition of the phrase "in accordance with the scriptures" emphasizes that Jesus' death and resurrection were both foretold and fulfilled.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the

message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel is today taken from Mark

The ending of Mark's gospel is notoriously odd. While Jesus is mentioned and his promise is invoked, he does not even come by for a cameo.

Throughout the gospel Jesus has begged people to keep quiet about his activities, but the more he urges them, the more they insist on announcing what he is up to. In the empty tomb, we finally hear a word sent by him that the followers are authorized to speak, but this time they keep quiet. Add to all this the feeling that the story ends midsentence and you have plenty to process with the faithful and those who were asked to accompany them on this high holy day. Much of the story agrees with the accounts found in the other gospels. All of them place this story at the tomb; the time is early in the morning on the day after the Sabbath. Unlike Jesus, Mary Magdalene shows up in all the accounts.

The story leaves many wanting more resolution, but has the restraint not to give it away cheaply. If you want to experience the risen Jesus, you have to go back to Galilee where he promises to meet us. Going back to Galilee means going back to the margins where Jesus ministered and encountering him again feeding the hungry, driving out the demons that torment people, preaching words of hope to the broken-hearted, healing those in distress, and breaking down the barrier walls that separate people. Entering into the power of God's coming kingdom, we experience the resurrected Jesus meeting and leading us into newness.

What does resurrection newness look like for us?

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

In joy and hope let us pray to the Creator;
That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious
and life-giving resurrection,
we pray to the Lord

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength
in the good news of Easter , we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian
love , we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter,
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world,
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That all who are weighed down by the pain of the Covid 19 pandemic, for
all who are working for the care and safety of others, for all who are
exhausted, and for those who feel that God is far from them,
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the
dying, to comfort and strengthen them. We prayer 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, Adam, Jean-Anne, Isobel, Peter, Pearl,
Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth....
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

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 Harry Judge and
Kathleen Heckford,
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Lord

Hear our prayer.

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; As we prayer...

**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

Annual Leave

Mo C is on annual leave this coming week, so there will be no weekday services.

Preparing to return 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, Adam, 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 Harry Judge and Kathleen Heckford,

Sunday 11th April 2021– Second 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

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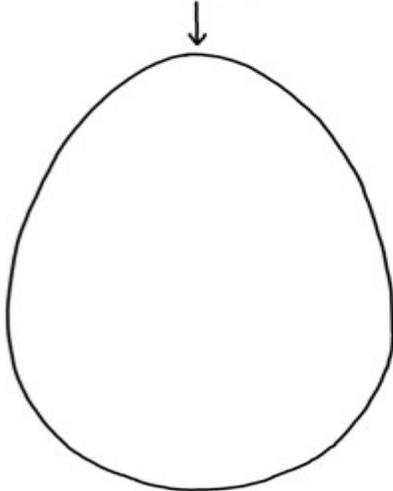
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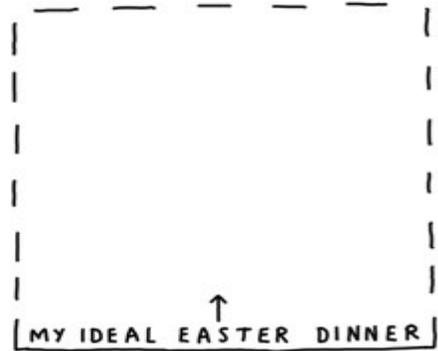
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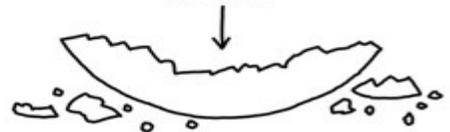
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SOMETHING WE COULD
MAKE THIS WEEK



THINGS TO BE HOPEFUL ABOUT:

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