

# The Messenger

5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 *Harvest Festival* 

Services today:

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong Preacher: Dr Charlotte Gauthier

### Today's hymns:

144 Come, ye thankful people, come

435 Let us, with a gladsome mind

801 We plough the fields and scatter

273 Great is thy faithfulness

I am sure that many of you now know that St Anne's has been left close to £250,000 from the estate of the late Maureen Rowlands of Kew. We are hugely grateful to Mrs Rowlands and the Rowlands family for this most generous legacy which will make a huge difference to the future of this church.

Deciding how we use this legacy will be a decision of the PCC, but we want everyone to be able to have their say and the process to be as transparent as possible. We have now begun a consultation period where everyone is invited to have their say as to how we use this money. Perhaps we could use it to start an endowment for the church, perhaps we could employ a youth worker, perhaps a house for a future curate, perhaps we could think about replacing the organ, perhaps we could use it to make the church more sustainable and green. There are lots of options, and I expect everyone will have a view - which is great. The more ideas the better - please email me on drgilesfraser@gmail.com. After the consultation, we will whittle the options down to half a dozen and then have a café evening at St Anne's on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm to present the possibilities to you all. There will then be an advisory vote of members of the church (electoral roll members) after which the PCC will make the final decision, probably sometime before Christmas. We know how much responsible stewardship is vital to the future wellbeing of this church and we want everyone to feel involved in helping us think this through.

We also want to thank several others who have generously thought of St Anne's in their will recently, including the late Adam Watson, George Lewis, Victor Hadrys, Willy de Leeuw and John Leach. May they rest in peace.

Best wishes,

Rev'd Canon Dr Giles Fraser

Vicar of St Anne's

# Diary for the Week

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October  Harvest Festival	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong Preacher: Dr Charlotte Gauthier is Assistant Director of Discipleship (overseeing lay training) for the Diocese of Southwark, and a public historian who frequently collaborates with major churches and cathedrals to share their histories with new audiences.
	Music:	Smith – Responses Palestrina – Primi toni Bach – Komm, Jesu, komm BWV 229
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	8.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	7.15pm	M & M Meeting
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	8.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	7.00pm	Eucharist
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	8.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	II.00am	Bible Study – in the Parish Hall
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	8.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	8.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Saturday II <sup>th</sup> October		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings	2 Fremiah 29.1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19

**Collect** 

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Genesis 1.1-25

I In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.6 And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

- I O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Revelation 14.14-18

14 Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! <sup>15</sup>Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' <sup>16</sup>So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup>Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading** 

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6.25-35

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.<sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup>They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

35 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

**Post Communion** 

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Sick and Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick, including Margaret Vince, David, Juliette, Daphne, Caroline Streatfeild, Brian O'Neill (Snr) and Marjorie O'Neill.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Joan Flint, Jean-Pierre Dauvert, Pamela Powley, Norah Watford, Trevor Patterson (Priest) and Nigel Robson.

The flowers are in memory of Paddy Wollen.

RIP: Julian Reindorp (Priest), Phil Martino and Margaret Skinner.

#### **Notices**

The collections taken today at the 8am and 10am services for Harvest Festival will be given to "Dose of Nature" as one of our nominated charities.

**Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, led by Bishop Christopher, Bishop of Southwark, 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, cost for 8-day tour is £2,150.00 p.p. For further details speak to Fr Nick or email <a href="mailto:npdarby@gmail.com">npdarby@gmail.com</a>.

This year's **Christian Aid Richmond Riverside Walk is on Saturday, 27th September** – 9 miles. I should be most grateful if you could sponsor me, and support a leading charity raising funds for some of the poorest people in developing countries, especially at a time when the Government has cut funding for overseas aid. You can do this either in person, or online at <a href="https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/fundraiser-2025/richmond-riverside-walk-2025">https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/fundraiser-2025/richmond-riverside-walk-2025</a>, and add your name, or St. Anne's, so that the amount can be added to our total. With many thanks, Isobel Moses.

Admission and Licencing Service at Southwark Cathedral on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm. I would like to invite all who can spare the time and trouble to come along to the service. Aim to arrive early if you can. There will also be a Welcome service at 10.00am at St Anne's the next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October followed by a glass of sparkly wine to mark the occasion (8.00am all very warmly welcome). Hopefully, this enables everyone to be part of marking this new ministry at St Anne's. Cate Lyon.

**Kew Theology & Gardening autumn events.** Wednesday 22nd October: Retreat Day for Southwark Diocese. Open to all parishioners across the Southwark Diocese. *Tuesday 28th October*: Eternity in a grain of sand? - the attention economy and climate breakdown. Lecture in Kew Gardens by Revd Lucy Winkett. For further details and to purchase tickets or sign up for an event go to: <a href="https://kewtheologyandgardening.org.uk/events-schedule">https://kewtheologyandgardening.org.uk/events-schedule</a>.

**Flowers** – would you like to sponsor the flowers? For available dates, please contact Judy Perkins at <a href="mailto:judyperkins@gmail.com">judyperkins@gmail.com</a>.

**Pastoral Support:** If anyone needs pastoral support or knows of anyone that might need this support, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Churchwardens.

**Morning Prayer - online**. A group from our congregation meets regularly each weekday at 8.30am to say the Daily Office together. If you would like to join us, please contact: <a href="mailto:catelyon@talk21.com">catelyon@talk21.com</a>.

Hall hire is available. Please contact the Parish Office on 020 8332 7156.

**Coffee after 8.00am and 10.00am services.** Please join us for coffee after each service to meet with members of the congregation. All are welcome. If you would like to help with serving coffees after the 10.00am service, please contact Rebecca on email at <u>r.phelps119@btinternet.com</u>.

**Zaytoun**, fair trade Palestinian products. These are now available from Zaytoun rep. in Ham, Richard Smith. Richard is always well stocked and welcomes customers from Kew. Contact him on: <a href="mailto:rdsmith27@gmail.com">rdsmith27@gmail.com</a> or 07815 107973.

To join the Parish WhatsApp group text Fr Giles on 07811 444011.

For **Safeguarding** concerns, please contact Kristen Anderson on 07791 960000, email: <a href="mailto:safeguarding@saintanne-kew.org.uk">safeguarding@saintanne-kew.org.uk</a>, or contact the Churchwardens. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.** 



Revd Lucy Winkett



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# Medieval Theology Deep Dives -

# 2025/6 Term Rev'd Canon Dr Giles Fraser

This course takes place at St Anne's Church, mostly on the last Tuesday of every month, after the 7pm Eucharist. It is the fourth year of this series, on the history of Christianity, though newcomers are most welcome. The lecture is usually about 40 mins with questions afterwards, then we go over to the Coach & Horses for refreshment.

23<sup>rd</sup> September: Boethius (480-524) - Stoicism and Christianity

21st October (NB date): Anselm (1033-1109) - Why a God-Man?

25<sup>th</sup> November: **Peter and Heloise Abelard** (1079-1142, 1100-1164) - On Love and Salvation

#### NB No December Deep Dive

27<sup>th</sup> January: Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) - Preaching the Crusades

24th February: Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) - Girl Power in the Middle Ages

31<sup>st</sup> March: **Maimonides and Nachmanides** (1138-1204, 1194-1270) - Jewish takes on Medieval Christianity

28th April: Thomas Aquinas 1 (1225-1274) 1 - A Philosophy of Being

26<sup>th</sup> May: Thomas Aquinas 2 - Proofs of the Existence of God

30<sup>th</sup> June **Dante** (1265-1321) - Sin, Death and Hell

28<sup>th</sup> July Meister Eckhart (1260-1328) - Mysticism and Emptiness.

25<sup>th</sup> August Duns Scotus and William of Ockham (1266-1308) - On Reason

#### **Finance**

It costs £5,000 a week to run the whole ministry of this beautiful and historic church. We do not have any endowment and rely solely upon the generosity of individuals to keep going. We hugely appreciate the support that we receive from you. Thank you for helping us contribute to the Christian presence in this part of the world.

You can support the work of the church in any of the following ways:

- With cash or contactless credit/debit card on leaving the church. Use a white envelope for cash if a UK taxpayer.
- Online donation at <a href="https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/st-annes-church-kew-green">https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/st-annes-church-kew-green</a>
- Using the QR code on your smartphone:



• Join our planned giving scheme – Standing Order & Gift Aid forms are available at a desk on the left at the back of the church.

Many thanks!

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