



Holy Week at Holy Trinity

It is a fact that we live in times when everything moves at an increased speed. It seems like yesterday that we celebrated Christmas and, soon afterwards, we embarked on our journey towards Easter. Lent is a special time when we are invited to conversion, namely to re-orientate ourselves towards God, the source of all being. It is a time when we are invited to nourish our spiritual life more intensely and to strengthen our relationship with those around us. Yet, in times when everything moves at an increased speed, even Lent seems to have passed very quickly. As we are approaching the end of Lent, I hope that this time has been special indeed, a time of change and of enhancement.

Spring is here! As nature comes back to life, we are reminded of the gift of life and the beauty of creation. It is in springtime that we celebrate and give thanks to God for the gift of eternal life, which is the core message of Easter.

The time has come once again to prepare ourselves to enter the Holy Week and celebrate the fundamental truth of our Christian faith. This is what we believe: Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world and lived like one of us; he suffered and died like one of us; yet, he conquered death through his resurrection, giving us the hope of eternal life and opening for us the door of our Father's 'house.' This is what we are going to celebrate at Easter!

We will begin the Holy Week on Palm Sunday, the 9th of April, when we will gather around the altar to listen and meditate at Jesus' Passion. Then, we will continue our celebrations of the Holy Week as follows:

- **Wednesday @ 7:30 pm - Eucharist with Stations of the Cross:** this is a reflective service when we are invited to meditate and pray around the Stations and then share in the Holy Communion.

- **Maundy Thursday @ 7:30 pm - Eucharist with Washing of the Feet:** we will commemorate Jesus' Last Supper and we will enact Jesus' command to "Love and serve one another".

- **Good Friday @ 10:00 am - The Lord's Passion:** During this service, we will meditate on Jesus' Passion and Death. We will venerate the Cross and pray for us and for the entire world. This is a reflective service, which will be followed by sharing hot cross buns in the Lounge.

- **Holy Saturday @ 7:30 pm - The Easter Vigil:** After the quiet hours of Holy Saturday, we will begin the celebration of Easter with the traditional Easter Vigil service. The

liturgy of blessing the fire and the Paschal Candle, the Proclamation of Jesus' Resurrection and the sharing in the Holy Communion give a particular uplifting character to this service. I hope that many will join us for this service!

- **Easter Sunday @ 10:00 am - Parish Eucharist:** The Easter Sunday Eucharist is going to be the service at which we will come together as the community of Holy Trinity Parish to proclaim Jesus' resurrection through readings, prayers, and special hymns. Our choir will lead us in our singing.

While hoping to see you in church at most of the forthcoming services, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed time at Easter! May your hearts be full of hope and peacefulness!

Fr Marius



Church Team Interview

This month, we focus on John Anderson, a member of the PCC and also of the Welcome Team.

Full name please

John Taiwo Anderson

Where were you born?

Freetown, Sierra Leone. West Africa

Brothers and sisters?

Three Brothers - Eugene, Winston & Ponsford

Two Sisters - Joanna & Eugenia

Any children?

Two: Andre & Andrea

How long have you lived in N2?

Since September 1988

Tell us a bit about your educational background.

Holy Trinity School & SL Grammar School Freetown. Went on to the University of London to read for the BSc Economics Degree. After this, I went on to do Post Graduate studies at the University of Leicester and completed the Master's Degree. Further graduate studies followed.

Tell us about your work.

I am retired now and enjoying every minute of it. I spent most of my working life as a lecturer in the tertiary sector of education. Then it was demanding work but quite fulfilling and satisfying.

When did you first decide to join Holy Trinity church?

When I moved from south west London in 1988.

When you are not volunteering at HT, what do you like to do with your free time?

1. Membership of Faculty board and some interest groups and my immediate local community group.

2. Reading is my primary activity with travelling a close second.

3. I do spend a lot of time with my grandchildren such as taking them to the museum, theatre, concert, library and swimming.

4. Of course, there is always something to do at home, some which can be quite time consuming.

5. I am trying to return to the piano, which I learned to play in my early years but unwisely abandoned in my later school years. Now progress is slow, perhaps because commitment is not as strong as my spare time is getting limited.

What is the most interesting country you have ever visited?

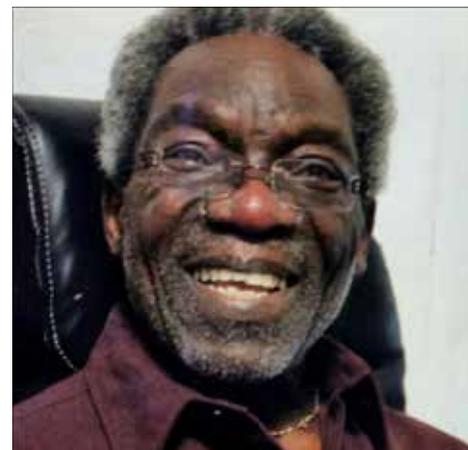
I have visited quite a number of countries but it is difficult to single any one as the most interesting. Each is interesting in its own way. The appeal factor varies from location to location. Suffice it to say, I am more comfortable living here than anywhere else.

Where would you like to go next?

South East Asia – Burma and Thailand, Vietnam.

What is the scariest thing you have ever done?

Getting too close to the big beasts in a zoo as a young child.



Most interesting person you have met?

Virtually impossible to say. I think everybody is interesting, especially if you make the effort to get to know them.

Favourite hymn?

“And can it be that I should gain An interest In the Saviour’s blood?” by Charles Wesley, 1738

What is the next thing you are looking forward to doing?

My summer holiday.

Favourite quote.

Moderation in all things. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” [Kant The Categorical Imperative]

Wine or beer? Wine

Tea or coffee? Coffee

Good book or good movie? Good book

Cats or dogs? Dogs

Nice walk or sit on the beach? Nice Walk

Summer or winter? Summer

City or country? City

Email or phone? Phone

Morning or evening? Evening

Chips or spaghetti? Chips

Prayer

Lord of life,

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us. When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see, forgive us. When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us. Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to believe!

In this faith, We pray for all who bring your word of life
As a light to those in darkness
For those who bring your word of peace To those enslaved by fear
For those who bring your word of love To those in need of comfort
Lord of love and Lord of peace, Lord of resurrection life,
Be known through our lives and through your power!



All roads led to All Saints Church, East Finchley on Saturday 25th February, as their branch of the Mother's Union hosted a tea party. Holy Trinity Church was well represented as the photograph shows and Father Marius was also in attendance!

There were prayers, tea, coffee, delicious scones, sandwiches and an assorted array of cakes. The event ended with a raffle draw.

Holy Trinity Support for Others

One of the key principles established by the early church was a spirit of generosity.

Individual churches enthusiastically supported the mission work of others and individuals in need were cared for by congregations. That sense of generosity has been evident down the generations, wherever people have been spreading the good news, trying to reflect of what God has done for us.

Obviously at Holy Trinity we try to encourage individual giving and provide opportunities for people to respond to specific needs. However, we also aim to give away a proportion of our church income, remembering that no matter how strapped for cash we may feel sometimes, there is always a greater need elsewhere. So, at its recent meeting the PCC agreed to send £600 to Homeless Action in Barnet and £600 to the Bishop of London's Fund for Mission. The former speaks for itself. The Bishop's Fund

marks the retirement of Bishop Richard Chartres as Bishop of London and is intended to support the aim to maintain a confident, compassionate and creative church at the heart of every community. When you think that the population of London is projected to grow by another million people that is a big ask!

If you would like to know more you can watch the video at <https://vimeo.com/200957666>

The total of £1,200 represents about 10% of our income from renting out the church during the week. The biblical idea of giving a tithe (or 10%) of your income back to God is a good yardstick for measuring our response. It is one that, even with my hard-pressed Treasurer's hat on, I hope we will maintain, perhaps even go beyond, in the years to come.

Stephen Hiscock

A New Churchwarden

Please remember that David Smith will be stepping down as one of our two churchwardens at the end of April. David has done a fantastic job over the last 6 years and there will be more opportunities to thank him very soon. Right now it is time to identify his successor. Churchwardens work closely with the vicar, and the PCC, in helping to shape and put into practice the church's mission.

If we are going to provide maximum support to Fr Marius, as he leads us into new adventures, it is very important that the right person is identified, to join Chinelo, before the annual meeting on April 30th. Please do think and pray about it. It may not be you, but it may be someone you know, who is just waiting for a word of encouragement!

Stephen Hiscock



When Churchwardens dream...



Holy Trinity School Easter Service

Friday 17th March; Year 5 at Holy Trinity School treated us to their personalised performance of the Easter Story told engagingly and reflectively, watched by the complete school, teachers and parents.

The children treated us to some classic Easter songs and hymns including a rousing rendition of "Make me a channel of your peace" by the school choir. Children across all years came up to read prayers they had written in class.

Father Marius completed the service by discussing with the children what their plans were for the Easter break whilst highlighting the story of Easter.

Nic Robinson

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New Electoral Roll Officer

Many thanks to Jenny Borst for stepping forward and taking on the roll of Electoral Roll Office at HT.

This year's revision starts on Saturday April 1st for 2 weeks.

If you are unsure whether or not you are on the roll already or if you would like to sign up, please get in touch with Jenny, Fr Marius or Stephen. Application forms are now available at the back of the church and are also downloadable from the church website (www.holytrinityeastfinchley.org.uk)

Diocesan Lent Appeal

Sowing seeds for tomorrow

For more information, please see

<http://www.london.anglican.org/mission/lent-appeal-2017-sowing-seeds-tomorrow-angola-mozambique/>

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to make a donation for the flowers which are going to decorate our church at Easter, please do contact Pauline Crilly.

Confirmation

If you would like to be confirmed, please write down your name and contact details on the list at the back of the church and we will contact you to talk more about it.

Home Visits

Please use my contact details to the left, to let me know if you would like to be visited at home and have an opportunity to get to know each other better. Thank you.

Fr Marius

Happy 3rd Birthday to the Newsletter!

If you would like to included anything in future editions, please email Paula at newsletter@htef.org.uk

And finally...

A diary of forthcoming events.



April 5th	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross and Eucharist
April 8th	2pm - 4pm	Church Cleaning
April 9th	10am	Palm Sunday
April 12th	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross and Eucharist
April 13th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday
April 14th	10am	Good Friday
April 15th	7.30pm	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
April 16th	10am	Easter Sunday
April 30th	11.30am	APCM in church, after the Service
May 25th	10am	Ascension Day
June 11th	10am	Trinity Sunday (Patronal Festival)

Comments or suggestions? Send them to Paula at newsletter@htef.org.uk