

NEWS

We do not take a collection at St. Anne's as we have a Free Will Offering scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the **Free Will Offering** scheme please speak to Andy Crawford, Lindsey Archer or the church wardens.

Bible Reading Notes—For many years some members of the congregation have used the BRF Bible Reading notes to aid their bible study. With the loss of some of them we are now below the minimum number needed to continue in 2020. If you are interested in subscribing to these, please speak with Jill Rooke-Matthews.

Feb to April Rotas—These will be prepared early in the New Year. Please let Mick have any dates you are not available before Christmas. We are getting very short of Welcomers, Servers and Prayer Leaders. Please consider volunteering. Training is given for all of these.

Carol Singing—Many thanks to those who turned up for Carol Singing in the Hatch yesterday on a damp morning. We raised £50 for Christian Aid.

Christmas services	Today	16.30	Service of Carols and Readings
	Christmas Eve		
	Tues 24th Dec	16.30	Christingle
		23.30	Midnight Mass
	Christmas day		
	Wed 25th Dec	10.00	Eucharist

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for December: 1st Violet Tattersfield, 2nd Arthur Toms, 5th Doris Acons, 6th Michael Barwick, 7th Eileen Sellwood, David Lovitt, 8th Hans Larsen, 9th Anne Jones, 10th Arthur Hughes, 12th Kathryn Anderson, 15th Elizabeth Salen, 16th Nellie Thacker, 18th Sheila Birchnall, 19th Winifred White, 21st Florence Palmer, 22nd Beryl Banks, 23rd Grace Skeggs, 24th Arthur Langsdon, 25th Gill Head, 26th Allan Taylor, 27th Alfred Salen, Les Acklam, 29th Edward Gooch, 30th David Anderson, Joan Trapnell, 31st Mavis Symonds.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen



Parish Church of St. Anne Chingford

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WORSHIP

Advent 4 - 22nd December 2019

Parish Eucharist 10.00

Welcomers: Beryl Stratton, Rosalind Tatam, Bridget Tongo

Servers: Julie Adesina, Isaac Denis, Miles Denis

Chalice: Jenny Scotchmer, Val Woodward

Lessons: Beryl Stratton

Prayers: Alan Pearson

Preacher: Mick Scotchmer

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Peter Stannard

Hymns:

535 O come, O come Emmanuel

773 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

834 Will you come and follow me

451 Long ago, prophets knew

692 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!



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Fri 27th Dec	10.00	Holy Communion	
Sun 29th Dec	10.00	Parish Eucharist	

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7.10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³**Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.**

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Romans 1.1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷**To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Gospel

Matthew 1.18-25

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of **the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'** ²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³**Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel',**

which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

