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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 .

**Advent Course**—During Advent a study course will be run at St Edmund's Church, Larkwood Road, E4 9DS at 8pm on Wednesday and 1pm on Thursday. All are welcome.

**Valentines Singers Christmas Concert** - The Valentines Singers will be holding their Christmas Concert at St Anne's at 7:30pm on Sat 14th December. Tickets £10 from Lindsey Archer.

**Children's Christmas Party 15th December 2-4pm** Our children's Christmas party is next Sunday. Please come and help if you can. Lists for offers of help and providing food are at the back of church.

**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 receiving 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.

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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**Advent 2 - 8th December 2019**

**Parish Eucharist 10.00**

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**Welcomers:** Margaret Halford, Beryl Stratton, Bridget Tongo  
**Servers:** Lindsey Archer, Eira Endersbee, Jenny Scotchmer  
**Chalice:** Julie Adesina, Lindsey Archer  
**Lessons:** Nina Hammarberg  
**Prayers:** Beryl Stratton  
**Preacher:** Mick Scotchmer  
**Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer  
**Music:** Peter Stannard  
**Hymns:**

288 Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes  
 589 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
 337 I, the Lord of sea and sky  
 246 God is working his purpose out  
 722 The Lord will come and not be slow



**This week**



Mon	9th Dec	09.30	Longshaw Rehearsal
		20.00	Plant Committee
Tues	10th Dec	09.30	Longshaw Carol Concert
Wed	11th Dec	11.30	Study Prayer Group <b>(In Main Hall)</b>
		20.00	Pastoral Committee
		20.00	Advent Group— <b>at St Edmund's</b>
Thurs	12th Dec	13.00	Advent Group— <b>at St Edmund's</b>
		14.00	Open Church
Fri	13th Dec	10.00	Holy Communion
Sat	14th Dec	19.30	Valentines Singers Christmas Concert
Sun	15th Dec	10.00	Informal Eucharist
		14.00	Children's Christmas Party

## Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us: that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Old Testament Reading

*Psalms 72.1-7,18-19*

- 1 Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.
- 4 May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things.
- 19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever. May all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## New Testament Reading

*Romans 15.4-13*

- <sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is

written,

**‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’;**

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

**‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;**

<sup>11</sup>and again,

**‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’;**

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

**‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.’**

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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## Gospel

*Matthew 3.1-12*

*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.

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>**‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’** <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

**‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’**

<sup>4</sup>**Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.** <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, **‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.