



Parish Church of St. Anne Chingford

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Advent 2—6th December 2020

Parish Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Nina Hammarberg, Rosalind Tatam

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Server: Jenny Scotchmer

Lessons: Rosalind Tatam

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Prayers: Alan Pearson

Preacher: Mick Scotchmer

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Peter Stannard



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Hymns:

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Do not be afraid

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The Lord will come and not be slow

Lo, He comes with clouds descending

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*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves.
Do not be afraid...*

*When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.
Do not be afraid...*

*When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
Do not be afraid...*

*When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.
Do not be afraid...*

*You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.
Do not be afraid...*

This week	Thurs	10th Dec	14:00	Open Church
			20.00	St Anne's Zoom Social
	Fri	11th Dec	10.00	Holy Communion
	Sun	13th Dec	10.00	Parish Eucharist

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

Isaiah 40.1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶**A voice says, 'Cry out!'**
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mark 1.1-8

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

**“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight”**,”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶**Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.** ⁷He proclaimed, **‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.** ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will **baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

N E W S

We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as most of our regular members are part of our Regular Parish Giving scheme.

***It costs over £1,000 per week to run this church** so if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the Regular Parish Giving scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer, Andy Crawford or the church wardens.*

Christmas 2020

We plan to keep our Christmas as normal as possible this year, but there will need to be some changes

- We will not be able to run our usual Christmas card "Post Office".
- We will however have a notice board in the porch where people can fix a card sent to the congregation in general if they wish.
- We will hold the Carol Service at 5.30pm on 20th December (I need six volunteers to read lessons)
- We cannot hold our Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.

Autumn 2020

During the winter the Covid-19 restrictions mean that we have to keep some windows open for ventilation. This means that it will be colder than usual in church. It would be wise therefore to plan to dress as warmly inside church as you would outside. We will use the church heating to give what warmth we can.

Eat or Heat

There is a box in the entrance porch for donations. Please give generously as there is a real need at this time.

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, Vera Humphreys, 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*