



Parish Church of St. Anne Chingford

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Advent 3—13th December 2020

Parish Eucharist 10.00

Welcomers: Jenny Miller

Server: Alan Pearson

Lessons: Clare Fullerton

Prayers: Rosalind Tatam

Preacher: Mick Scotchmer

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Peter Stannard

Hymns:

Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes

God is working his purpose out

Thou didst leave thy throne and the kingly crown

Rejoice, the Lord is King



<i>This week</i>	Thurs	17th Dec	14:00	Open Church
			20.00	St Anne's Zoom Social
	Fri	18th Dec	10.00	Holy Communion
	Sun	20th Dec	10.00	Informal Eucharist
			17.30	Carol Service

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your
mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the
wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these
heavenly gifts:
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11

The servant of the Lord said:

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

²**to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,**
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to provide for those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

My brothers and sisters, ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; ²¹hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 1.6-8,19-28

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²²Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

"Make straight the way of the Lord",

as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NEWS

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 Cards 2020

Due to Covid restrictions will not be able to run our usual Christmas card "Post Office" this year. 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 also take a collection for Christian Aid if people wish to make a donation for the cards they have not sent.

Winter 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*