



St. Anne's Church, Chingford

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Advent 2 - 5th December 2021

Parish Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Phill Hallsworth, Jenny Miller

Server: Alan Pearson

Lessons: Phil Hallsworth

Prayers: Beryl Stratton

Preacher: Mick Scotchmer

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Peter Stannard

Hymns

286 Hark! A herald voice is calling

589 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

19 All my hope on God is founded

451 Long ago, prophets knew

491 Love divine, all loves excelling



This week

Tuesday	7th Dec	20.00	MLT
Wednesday	8th Dec	11.30	Study Prayer Group
		20.00	MMU Advent Course (Zoom)
Friday	10th Dec	10.00	Eucharist
Sunday	12th 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

Malachi 3.1-4

Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1.3-11

My brothers and sisters, ³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you

to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Luke 3.1-6

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We do not take a collection during the service 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.*

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Advent Course—We are running an Advent Course for the MMU with St Andrews and St Edmunds again this year. The course will be on Wednesdays 1st, 8th and 15th December at 8pm. Once again this will be held by Zoom. The course is entitled Light in the Darkness. It aims to help us to reflect, at the darkest time of the year, on our calling to be Lights for Christ and has been written in the context of the COVID crisis.

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Carols in the Hatch—We shall once again be carol singing in the hatch on Saturday 18th December at 10.30am. Please join us for one of our outreach activities.

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Eat or Heat—We continue to support Eat or Heat which is meeting a real need. The following items are particularly required at this time: Boxes of Cereal, Canned meat, Canned tomatoes, Canned vegetables (i.e. carrots, peas etc.), Canned dessert, Long Life milk/Milk Powder, Instant Coffee, Pulses, Kidney Beans, Chick Peas, Sanitary Towels, Tampons.

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Rotas—The rotas for Feb to April 2022 will soon be prepared. If you are on the rotas please let Mick know of any dates you will not be available.

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, 13th Joyce Sullivan, 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*