



# St. Anne's Church, Chingford

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## 26th December 2021– Christmas 1

### Parish Eucharist 10.00

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**Welcomer:** Marcia Hall, Anthony Sullivan

**Server:** Alan Pearson

**Lessons:** Claire Fullerton

**Prayers:** Rosalind Tatam

**Preacher:** David Britton

**Celebrant:** David Britton

**Music:** Peter Stannard

#### Hymns

584 Of the Father's love begotten

39 Angels from the realms of glory      omit vs 3 & 5

363 It came upon the midnight clear

782 Unto us a boy is born

705 The first Nowell



*We welcome the Revd David Britton, our Area Dean, to celebrate and preach this morning.*

<b>This week</b> →	<b>Friday</b>	<b>31st Dec</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Jan</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Post Communion**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the  
life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in  
heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Old Testament Reading

*1 Samuel 2.18-20,26*

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.  
<sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year,  
when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli  
would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with  
children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then  
they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with  
the LORD and with the people.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Reading

*Colossians 3.12-17*

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with  
compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one  
another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other;  
just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all,  
clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect  
harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed  
you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ  
dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with  
gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

<sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Gospel

Luke 2.41-52

*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.*

<sup>41</sup>Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

<sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup>He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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**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.*

**N** **Face Covering**—Following the change in government regulations we are now required to wear face coverings while in church. You may remove them while singing if you wish and while reading lessons and leading intercessions.

**E** **Heat or Eat**— Many thanks to those who donated food or money to give a special donation to Eat or Heat for the Christmas season.

**W** **Christian Aid**— We have collected for the Christian Aid Afghanistan Crisis Appeal when carol singing, through church Christmas card donations and with retiring collections last Sunday. In total we have donated £290 to the appeal. Many thanks to everyone.

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**A Blessed Christmas  
and a  
Healthy New Year**

**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*