



St. Anne's Church, Chingford

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11th December 2022– Advent 3

Parish Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Jacqui Haniff-Bentham, Nina Hammarberg

Servers: Lindsey Archer

Chalice: Eira Endersbee

Lessons: Joy Ventour

Prayers: Alan Pearson

Lead: Mick Scotchmer

Preacher: Mick Scotchmer

Celebrant: Jude Bullock

Music: Peter Stannard

Hymns:

774 Thy Kingdom come

727 The people that sat

63 Be still my soul

690 Teach me, my God

691 Rejoice the Lord is King



December thought

'We must not seek the child Jesus in the pretty figures of our Christmas cribs.

We must seek him among the undernourished children who have gone to bed with nothing to eat'

St. Oscar Romero

This week →	Monday	12th Dec	09.00 Longshaw Rehearsal
	Tuesday	13th Dec	09.00 Longshaw Concert
	Wednesday	14th Dec	11.30 No Bible Study Group 20.00 Advent Course (by Zoom)
	Friday	16th Dec	10.00 Eucharist
	Saturday	17th Dec	10.30 Carol Singing in the Hatch
	Sunday	18th 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 35.1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

James 5.7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, * until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. * ⁹Beloved, * do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, * take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 11.2-11

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.

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah * was doing, he sent word by his * disciples ³and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers * are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone * dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? * Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

N *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 Lindsey Archer , Andy Crawford or the church wardens.*

E **Christmas cards.** There is a table at the back of church for the exchange of Christmas cards - and a board for cards addressed to the whole church for those who prefer to do that

W **Carol Singing.** We shall be singing carols at the Hatch at 10.30 on Saturday 17th December, in aid of Christian Aid, meeting outside the lower parade of shops in the Hatch. All welcome—dress warmly!

W **Carol service** Service of lessons and carols, starting our Christmas worship, at 5.30pm on Sunday 18th December, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. [offers of homemade pies welcome]

S **Christingle Service. At 4.30 on Christmas Eve.** Help welcome with making the Christingles at 10.45 on Friday 23rd Dec, after the 10am communion

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*