



St. Anne's Church, Chingford

Lent 3 Lent - 20th March 2022

Informal Eucharist and Baptism 10.00

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- Welcomers:** Nina Hammarberg, Anthony Sullivan
- Server:** Lindsey Archer
- Lessons:** Nina Hammarberg
- Prayers:** Beryl Stratton
- Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer
- Music:** Peter Stannard



This morning we welcome Noah into the life of the Christian community by baptism.

A very warm welcome to the family, godparents and friends.



<i>This week</i>	Today	15.00	Welcome to Bishop Lynne (St John, Leytonstone)
	Wednesday 23rd Mar	20.00	Lent Course (by Zoom) No Study Prayer Group
	Thursday 24th Mar	11.30	Study Prayer Group
	Friday 25th Mar	10.00	Eucharist
	Sunday 27th Mar	10.00	Informal Eucharist No Simple Lunch

HYMN 67 Beauty for brokenness

GATHERING

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Silence is kept.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Lord bring new life where we are worn and tired, bring new love where we have been hard-hearted. Bring forgiveness where we feel hurt, and where we have wounded; Bring the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

Pause for silent reflection

To all and to each, on your community and friends, where regret is real, God pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.
Thanks be to God Amen.

GLORIA



**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;
Peace to all your people through the Earth be given.
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Sing Alleluia to our heavenly King**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son;
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.**

**Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
In the Father's Glory, all the praise be yours!**

Let us pray

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow
into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, **Amen**

THE DECISION

Resty and James; Noah depends chiefly on you for the help and encouragement he needs. Will you give it to him by your prayers, your example and your guidance?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you, the family, friends and parish community of St. Anne's welcome him and support him on his journey with Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, as you thank God for the gift of Noah, do you turn to Christ who forgives our sins and reconciles us to God?

I turn to Christ.

Noah is anointed with oil

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

May the love of Christ guide you every day of your life.

May almighty God restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and service of Christ.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

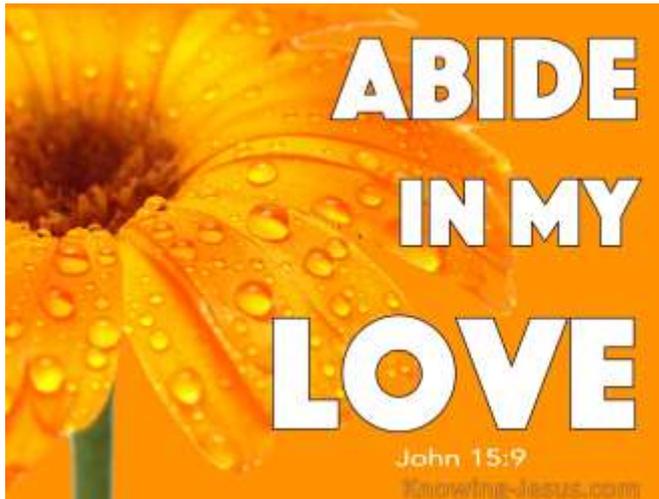
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 62 Be still, for the presence of the Lord





GOSPEL *John 15:9-17*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

HYMN 73 Bind us together, Lord

PRAYER OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

BLESSING OF WATER

Father we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation; for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life; for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptised in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit, and for your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins.

May your Holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters. Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those who are baptised to new birth in the family of your Church. **Amen.**



NOAH IS BAPTISED

Noah, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THE NEWLY BAPTISED

May your days be long on this rich earth
May you know health, peace and justice
May your life be filled with laughter and fun
May you be surrounded with good friends
May you know what it is to love and be loved.

May your footing be sure and your pathway clear
May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rains fall softly on your head

And may God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit hold you in the hollow of his hand and may his rich blessing be upon you today and for ever more.

Amen

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray

A member of the congregation now leads us in intercessory prayer, each prayer may have a response determined by the leader or;

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

HYMN 75 Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine

During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table

And now, following Jesus' example and command we take this bread
and wine, the ordinary things of the world which Christ will make
special. And as he prayed before sharing, let us do so too.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever. Amen**

The Lord is here.
His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of Power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na Ho - sa - na Ho - san - na
in the high - est Bless - ed Bless - ed is he who comes comes in the
name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na Ho
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Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised, what have we to offer?

Our hands are empty, Our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things, We are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table.

But with you is mercy, and the power to change us. So we do here what you did in an upstairs room. Send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body and blood, healing, forgiving and making us whole, and that we may become, for you, your body, living and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. **Amen.**

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, This is my body. It is broken, for you.

And later he took the cup of wine and said
This is my blood, the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take this, all of you.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God your take away the sin of the world. Grant us your Peace.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God; our Lord is coming to us in bread and wine.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The celebrant and people receive communion.

Visitors: If you normally receive communion in your own church then you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please keep your hands down.

SILENT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING THEN NOTICES

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Through his death and resurrection Jesus has brought the light of hope into the world. Noah you have received today the light of Christ; the light no darkness can overcome. Walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father

BLESSING OF PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Noah
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

May God embrace you with love
and make kindness flow out from you.
May God ignite courage within you
and transform you into agents of justice and peace.
May God grant you humility
and give you perseverance to nurture unity.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN 34 Amazing grace!



We do not take a collection 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 .

Ukrainian Crisis- To support those affected by the war in Ukraine we will continue to take retiring collections for the Christian Aid DEC appeal and to collect goods to be sent to Children's homes in Ukraine. For this we only need items on the list. These are all children's items and **do not include clothes.**

Saturday 2nd April: two events

Coffee morning At 10am: we shall be holding a coffee morning with stalls on - our first fundraising event of the year. We shall need to match the number of stalls to the number of helpers, so if you are able to help, please sign the list at the back of church.

Chingford Hatch Litter pick: At 2-3.30pm we shall meet at St Anne's to hold a local litter pick to contribute to the LB Waltham Forest litter pick, We aim to cover Hatch Lane. Waltham Forest will supply bags and litter picks, and we have some high vis bibs. Please bring your own gardening/ protective gloves, and a high vis jacket if you have one. Please sign the list at the back of church by Sunday 27th `March if possible, to help us arrange the right amount of kit.

We hope as many people as possible will support one or other event (or both!!) as we welcome more people back to our church Centre, and join in looking after our local environment as part of our EcoChurch vision.

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 March: 6th Lily Burnett, 9th Dorothy Rossiter, Joan Page-Webster, 10th Peter Simpson, 11th Florence Digman, 12th Elsie Muscutt, 15th Linda Smith-Pryor, 17th John Barwick, Violet Gibbs, 18th Aglaia Macropoulos, Cyril Ives, 21st Bernice Foster, Anthony Foster, 22nd Kim Runeckles, 23rd Derek Palmer, 24th Betty Crawford, 27th John Wood.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen