



# St. Anne's Church, Chingford

## Advent 3 - 15th December 2024

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### Informal Eucharist 10.00

**Welcomers:** Jenny Miller, Rosalind Tatam

**Server:** Rob Markham

**Chalice:** Lindsey Archer, Marcia Hall

**Lessons:** Rosalind Tatam

**Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer

**Music:** Bill Gloyn

The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.



*The Advent Candle is then lit and we sing the Advent Carol.*

The Holly and the Ivy  
Are dancing in a ring,  
Round the pink and purple candles,  
And the white and shining King

**This week**

Today	17.30	Carol Service
Wednesday 18th Dec.	20.00	Advent Course (by Zoom)
Saturday 21st Dec.	10.00	Carols in the Hatch
Sunday 22nd Dec.	10.00	Parish Eucharist over coffee Christingle Making

And one for God's people  
In every age and day  
We are watching for his coming  
We believe and we obey

O, two is for the Prophets  
And for the light they bring  
They are Candles in the darkness  
All alight for Christ the King

And three for John the Baptist  
He call on us to sing  
'O prepare the way for Jesus Christ  
He is coming, Christ the King

**HYMN 774** Thy kingdom come, O God

### **GATHERING**

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

**Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*Silence is kept.*

### **PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess before God that we have sinned. We ask for forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Thanks be to God Amen.**

In a time of silence,  
let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one who  
has created all things.

## **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. **Amen.**



## FIRST READING

Philippians 4.4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** 114 Colours of day

## GOSPEL

Luke 3.7-18

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' <sup>12</sup>Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' <sup>13</sup>He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' <sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize

you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'



This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **REFLECTION**

**HYMN** 506 - May the mind of Christ my Saviour

## **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.**

## INTERCESSIONS

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations  
his sceptre of righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures  
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,  
restore the sick  
and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is now alive  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **SIGN OF PEACE**

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

**HYMN 777** To God be the glory!

*During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table*

*A little water is added to the wine as the celebrant says quietly*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the  
Divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The celebrant offers the gifts*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread  
to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine  
to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The celebrant washes his/her hands saying quietly;*

Lord we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the  
sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.  
Lord wash away our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.

*Then*

**As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once  
dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered  
Together from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

**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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.



**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
in power and wisdom forever adored.  
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

Tune: Slane 66

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he  
whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free:  
who comes in the name of the Father of light,  
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

And now, as Jesus taught us so we pray:

**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**



We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one  
bread.**

**O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts  
and take our sin away.**

Tune: Repton 152

**O Lamb of God, your grace impart,  
and let our guilty fear depart,  
have mercy, Lord, we pray,  
have mercy, Lord we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,  
our guilty souls release.  
Into our lives your Spirit pour  
and let us live for evermore  
in perfect heav'nly peace,  
in perfect heav'nly 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*

*Silence is kept.*

## **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. **Amen.**

*Notices*

## **DISMISSAL**

'Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN 638** Rejoice, the Lord is King

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*We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Parish Giving scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church and a card reader if you prefer to donate in that way. If you would like to join the Parish Giving scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens.*

**Advent course** Wed 18th December by Zoom, 8.00pm

**Carols at the Hatch** - 10am Saturday 21st Dec

**Christingle making** - after the service on Sun 22nd Dec

**Carols and Christingle at Heathlands Care home**- 11am Monday 23rd Dec

**Christmas Greetings**—We are providing our “post office” at the back of church this year for those who wish to send Christmas cards to other members of the congregation. Please check for cards sent to you. For those who do not wish to send cards there will be a general “card” on the whiteboard where you can send a message to the St Anne’s congregation and donate the money saved to Christian Aid.

**Ukraine and Eat or Heat** - We are still collecting for both at the back of the church—children, toddler’s and baby items are still very much needed as the war takes its toll on the people of Ukraine. As are long lasting food products and hygiene products for Eat or Heat.

**Rotas**—The rotas for Feb to April 2025 will soon be prepared. If you are on the rotas please let Mick know af 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, Clarrie Mayhew, 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*