



St Anne's Church, Chingford

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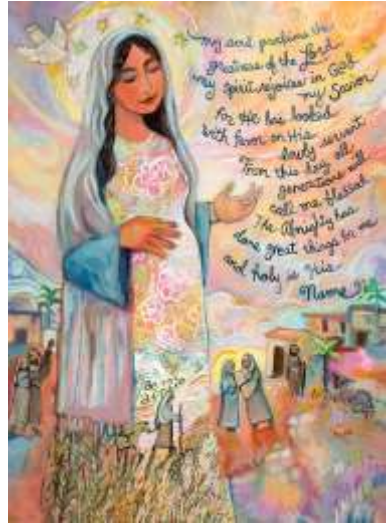
22nd December 2024 – Advent 4

Parish Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Jacqui Haniff-Bentham, Anthony Sullivan
Servers: Caroline Acton, Lindsey Archer, Phil Hallsworth
Chalice: Heather Gwynn, Jenny Scotchmer
Lessons: Bill Gloyn
Prayers: Heather Gwynn
Leader: Julie Adesina
Preacher: Julie Adesina
Celebrant: Jude Bullock
Music: Bill Gloyn

Hymns:
 535 O come, O come Emmanuel
 170 Father I place into your hands
 675 Spirit of the living God
 451 Long ago, prophets knew
 692 Tell out my soul



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



This week 	Tuesday	24th Dec	16.30	Christingle
			23.30	Midnight Mass
	Wednesday	25th Dec	10.00	Parish Eucharist
	Friday	27th Dec	10.00	No Eucharist
	Sunday	29th Dec	10.00	Parish Eucharist

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our
saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy
will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people:

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10.5-10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

⁸When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and

offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law),⁹ then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.¹⁰ And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 1.39-55

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.

³⁹Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

⁴⁶And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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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



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please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens. Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.

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.

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Christingle making - Straight after this service. All welcome!

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

The music before today's service is the Chorale Fantasia on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). He was one of the leading composers and organists of his day. The young J S Bach, aged 20, walked some 250 miles in the winter to hear him play and, having a month's leave from his first full-time job, actually stayed for nearly four months - much to the annoyance of the church elders. The Lutheran chorale, known to us as "How brightly shines the morning star" dates back to 1549 and has inspired many composers since - including Bach and Mendelsohn.

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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*