



St Anne's Church, Chingford

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5th January 2025 – Epiphany

Parish Eucharist - 10.00

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Welcomers: Jacqui Haniff-Bentham

Servers: Caroline Acton, Phil Hallsworth, Jenny Scotchmer

Chalice: Eira Endersbee, Heather Gwynn

Lessons: Phil Hallsworth

Prayers: Julie Adesina

Leader: Jude Bullock

Preacher: Jude Bullock

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Bill Gloyn

Hymns:

812 What child is this

805 We three kings

424 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

463 Lord Jesus Christ

479 Lord, the light of your love..

"If you really think that the environment is less important than the economy, try holding your breath while you count your money."

Guy McPherson



This week →	Monday	6th Jan	19.30	Plant Committee
	Wednesday	8th Jan	20.00	Environment Committee
	Friday	10th Jan	10.00	Eucharist
	Sunday	12th Jan	10.00	Parish Eucharist

Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the
earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been
drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your
Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60.1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.
Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.”

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3.1-12

I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles –

Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all

things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 2.1-12

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.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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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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. Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.



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Happy New Year

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YES25: This year we will be following a theme during some events and the third Sunday of each month's all age Eucharist. It is the Year of Exploring Spirituality. Hopefully there will be a number of ideas, speakers (including Bishop Guli) to recharge, deepen and renew our spiritual lives.

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The Ukrainian music at the beginning of the Peace is the Carol of the Bells, composed by Mykola Leontovych (1877-1921).

The tune for the carol was derived from a Ukrainian folk song, Shchedryk, which had been sung at New Year for many centuries. Relating the story of a swallow returning after a winter abroad, heralding the spring and the birth of new life, The English carol words, which are not related to the folk song, were written by an American who heard the original performed in New York in 1922.

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 January; 1st Frank Garratt, 2nd Iris Gwynn, Ronald Hughes, 3rd Edward Yuill, Peter Thornton, 4th Monica Harris, 5th George Bates, 6th Gabriel Quehan, 7th Lucy Newnham, 8th Arthur Moxon, 16th Betty Ward, 18th Edna Langsdon, 23rd John Sullivan, 25th Geoff Wood, Colin Smith-Pryor, 27th Joye Thurbon, 29th Stanley Rickard, Mike Neighbour.

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