



St Anne's Church, Chingford

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21st December 2025 –Advent 4

All-Age Eucharist - 10.00

Welcomers: Heather Gwynn, Bridget Tongo

Server: Lindsey Archer

Chalice: Lisa Markham, Anthony Sullivan

Lessons: Bill Gloyn

Preacher: Mick Scotchmer

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Bill Gloyn

We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly.

Anne Marie Bonneau



**This
week**



Monday	22 nd Dec	14.30	Christingle making
Tuesday	23 rd Dec	10.45	Carols at Heathlands
Wednesday	24 th Dec	16.30	Christingle
		11.30	Midnight Eucharist
Thursday	25 th Dec	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Friday	26 th Dec	10.00	No Eucharist
Sunday	28 th Dec	10.00	Parish Eucharist

*During the service the words in normal type will be said by a leader and those in **bold** by all.*

Before the service begins the leader will introduce the service and ask for a moment of prayerful silence.

Please then stand while the Advent Candle is then lit and we sing the Advent Carol. More verses are added each week.

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

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 alright 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

And four for Mother Mary
The Queen of Heaven proclaimed
Our most highly favoured Lady
We magnify your name

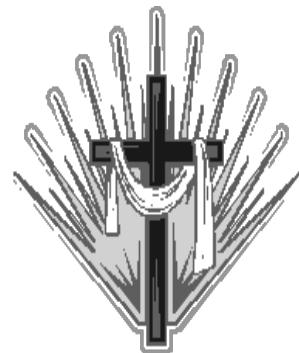
HYMN 140 Come thou long expected Jesus

GATHERING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

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

In the wilderness we find your grace;
you love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our cause;
our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;
restore us and we shall know your joy.

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.



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. **Amen**

GLORIA

Tune: St Helen 453

Glory be to God in heaven, peace on earth to Humankind.
Father, heavenly King, Creator, God of power undefined,
praise and honour, thanks we offer, worship you with heart and mind.
Jesus Christ, our Saviour, only Son of God by faith we know
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer, love and mercy to us show;
seated at the Father's right hand, intercede for us below.
You alone, O Lord, are holy, Jesus Christ, you are Most High
with the Father and the Spirit; Trinity, to you we cry:
'Alleluia, alleluia!' - you, O God, we glorify.

Please sit

FIRST READING

Psalm 80.1-8,18-20

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
- 2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim,
 Benjamin and Manasseh.
- 3 Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.
- 4 Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
 saved.
- 5 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 6 You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to
 drink.
- 7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to
 scorn.
- 8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we
 shall be saved.
- 18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, the son of man you
 made so strong for yourself.

19 And so will we not go back from you; give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 194 For Mary, mother of our Lord

GOSPEL

Matthew 1.18-25

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.**

¹⁸The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’

²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:



²³‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel’,

which means, ‘God is with us.’ ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

REFLECTION

HYMN 169 Father, hear the prayer we offer

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.

Please sit

INTERCESSIONS

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us

For peace in the world ...
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow
among nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer...
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;
that they may be relieved and protected,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness ...
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence
with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline,
and when we fall by our weakness,
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

Please stand

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.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All are invited to greet and shake hands with their neighbour.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

HYMN 666 Sing we of the blessed Mother

During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

The celebrant washes his 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.

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.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life,

you created the universe,

where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,

to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times

and things to celebrate.

In these we taste your kingdom,

a feast for all your children.

You made us all,

each wonderfully different,

to join with the angels

and praise you:

SANCTUS

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom forever adored.**

Tune: Slane 66

**The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**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.**

Please sit.

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day

when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St Anne, St Andrew, St Edmund and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

AGNUS DEI

**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

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
With the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES

FINAL BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN 692 Tell out my soul

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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.*



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.

February-March rota – The next rota will be prepared early in the new year. Please let Mick have any dates you will not be available.

Sunday 28th December – Next Sunday we will welcome the Revd. Tim Scott, our Area Dean, to preside and preach at our Eucharist.

This week's music. The focus of this Advent Sunday is Mother Mary. Her story has inspired art and music throughout the history of the church. The music today is just a small selection of works by composers across the centuries.

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 Birchall, 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*