



# St Anne's Church, Chingford

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## 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Holy Innocents Parish Eucharist – 10.00

**Welcomers:** David Sendall, Rosalind Tatam

**Servers:** Terisa Nabukolu, Trisha Nakanwagi, Merisa Narusoke

**Chalice:** Heather Gwyn, Marcia Hall

**Lessons:** Jean Ellis

**Prayers:** Rosalind Tatam

**Preacher:** Tim Scott

**Celebrant:** Tim Scott

**Music:** Bill Gloyn

**Hymns:**

782 Unto us a boy is born!

327 I cannot tell

357 In the bleak midwinter

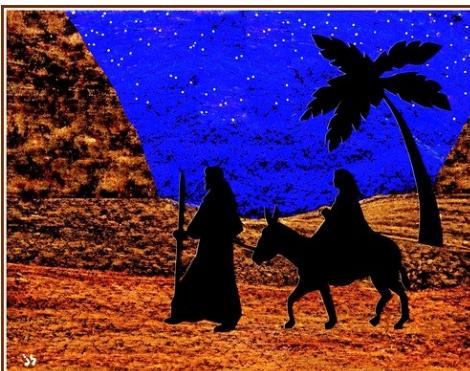
812 What child is this

769 Through all the changing scenes of life

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

Anne Marie Bonneau

*We welcome the Revd. Tim Scott, our Area  
Dean, to preach and celebrate today*



**This week**



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 10.00 Eucharist

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00 Parish Eucharist

## Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,  
though they had done no wrong:  
by the suffering of your Son  
and by the innocence of our lives  
frustrate all evil designs  
and establish your reign of justice and peace;  
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 Jesus Christ,  
in your humility you have stooped to share our  
human life  
with the most defenceless of your children:  
may we who have received these gifts of your  
passion  
rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy  
Innocents  
to the purity of your sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## Old Testament Reading

<sup>15</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
A voice is heard in Ramah,  
    lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
    she refuses to be comforted for her children,  
    because they are no more.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD:  
Keep your voice from weeping,  
    and your eyes from tears;  
for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD:  
    they shall come back from the land of the enemy;  
<sup>17</sup>there is hope for your future, says the LORD:  
    your children shall come back to their own country.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All      Thanks be to God.**

## *Jeremiah 31.15-17*

## New Testament Reading

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All      Thanks be to God.**

## *1 Corinthians 1.26-29*

## Gospel

## Matthew 2.13-18

*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.**

<sup>13</sup>After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’ <sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>‘A voice was heard in Ramah,  
    wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
    she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All      Praise to you, O Christ.**

**N** 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.



**E** **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.

**W** **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.

**S** **This week's music.** Today we have a dark view of the circumstances of Christ's birth. But Joseph obeyed God's instruction to flee from the anger of Herod. Continental composers were inspired by the early French carol "Joseph est bien marié" (Joseph is happily married) to write variations on the melody. Likewise, the original tune to "Unto us", dating back to the 15th century, has been the subject of many pieces since.

#### 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*