



St Anne's Church, Chingford

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28th December 2025 – Holy Innocents

Parish Eucharist – 10.00

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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

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

Anne Marie Bonneau

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



This week



Friday

2nd Jan

10.00 Eucharist

Sunday

4th 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.

Old Testament Reading

¹⁵Thus 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.

¹⁶Thus 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;

¹⁷there 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.

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.

Jeremiah 31.15-17

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1.26-29

²⁶Consider 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. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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.**

¹³After 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.' ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and 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.' ¹⁶When 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. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸'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.**

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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.

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 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*