



# St Anne's Church, Chingford

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**4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Epiphany**

**Parish Eucharist – 10.00**

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**Welcomers:** Jacqui Haniff-Bentham, Jenny Miller

**Servers:** Caroline Acton, Lisa Markham, Rob Markham

**Chalice:** Lindsey Archer, Lisa Markham

**Lessons:** Lisa Markham

**Prayers:** Heather Gwynn

**Preacher:** Mick Scotchmer

**Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer

**Music:** Bill Gloyn

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has*

Margaret Mead

**Hymns:**

46 As with gladness men of old

89 Brightest and best

207 From the eastern mountains

583 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

805 We three kings



**This week**



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 19.30 Plant Committee

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 19.30 Environment Committee

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00 Eucharist

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Reading

*Ephesians 3.1-12*

<sup>1</sup>I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former

generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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.**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup>'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.** - Epiphany is a public holiday in Bavaria, with processions of children around the streets and a blessing with the initials of the three wise men chalked up on the door frame of houses they visit. It is also a festival with parades in Provence, in the south of France, and elsewhere. Not surprisingly, there has been a lot of music composed to mark the season.

### 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*