



St. Anne's Church, Chingford

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Advent 3 - 12th December 2021

Parish Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Velma Davis, Rosalind Tatam

Server: Lindsey Archer

Lessons: Claire Fullerton

Prayers: Alan Pearson

Preacher: Mick Scotchmer

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Peter Stannard

Hymns

774 Thy kingdom come, O God

114 Colours of day

506 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

821 When Jesus came to Jordan

777 To God be the glory



<i>This week</i> →	Monday	13th Dec	20.00	Plant Committee
	Wednesday	15th Dec	09.00	Longshaw Carol Concert
			20.00	MMU Advent Course (Zoom)
	Thursday	16th Dec	20.00	Pastoral Committee
	Friday	17th Dec	10.00	Eucharist
	Saturday	18th Dec	10.30	Carols in the Hatch
	Sunday	19th Dec	10.00	Informal Eucharist
		17.30	Carol Service	

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3.14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4.4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Luke 3.7-18

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?'

¹³He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Free Will Offering scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the **Free Will Offering** scheme please speak to Andy Crawford, Lindsey Archer or the church wardens.*

Face Covering—Following the change in government regulations we are now required to wear face coverings while in church. You may remove them while singing if you wish and while reading lessons and leading intercessions.

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Christmas Greetings—We shall be providing our “post office” at the back of church this year for those who wish to send Christmas cards to other members of the congregation. Please check for cards sent to you. For those who do not wish to send cards there will be a general “card” on the whiteboard where you can send a message to the St Anne's congregation and donate the money saved to Christian Aid.

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Carols in the Hatch—We shall once again be carol singing in the Hatch on Saturday 18th December at 10.30am. Please join us for one of our outreach activities.

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Christingle Service—Our Christingle Service will be at 4.30pm on 24th December as usual. For this we need to make the Christingles. We will be running our usual production line at 10.30am on Wednesday 22nd December. If you can help please join us.

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Eat or Heat— There is a special need for help for Eat or heat over the festive season. Next Sunday will be our last chance to support Eat or Heat before Christmas. It would be wonderful if everyone could bring at least one can for them next week so that we can make a bumper Christmas donation as a small gift from us to those in real need over Christmas. There will also be a box beside the gifts for cash donations.

Rotas—The rotas for Feb to April 2022 will soon be prepared. If you are on the rotas please let Mick know of any dates you will not be available.

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, 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*