



St Anne's Church, Chingford

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3rd December 2023– Advent Sunday

Parish Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Anthony Sullivan, Rosalind Tatam

Server: Rob Markham

Chalice: Lindsey Archer,
Jenny Scotchmer

Lessons: Rosalind Tatam

Prayers: Alan Pearson

Leader: Jude Bullock

Preacher: Jude Bullock

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Peter Stannard

Hymns:

- 286 Hark! A herald voice
- 699 The advent of our King
- 246 God is working his purpose out
- 198 For the healing of the nations
- 449 Lo he comes with clouds..



*December
Eco thought*

***The world sings of an infinite Love:
how can we fail to take care of
it?***

***HH Pope Francis
(from Laudate si)***



<i>This week</i> →	Tuesday	5th Dec	20.00 Ministry Leadership Team
	Wednesday	6th Dec	20.00 Advent Course (by Zoom)
	Thursday	7th Dec	14.00 Café Church
	Friday	8th Dec	10.00 Eucharist
	Sunday	10th Dec	10.00 Parish Eucharist

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64.1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence –
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil –
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

My brothers and sisters: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 13.24-37

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁴In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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



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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 please be generous.

A mega thank you - to all who came to, helped, ran stalls, baked cakes, brought food to sell and worked the kitchen, and above all gave your time. At the time of writing this (Friday) we have no idea how much has been raised since there is still Saturday to go.

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A feast of seasonal music, with favourite carols for everyone to

join in: Valentine singers, Church of the Assumption Manford Way, Hainault: IG 4DF. Friday 15th December at 7.30 pm Tickets from Lindsey £12 adults £6 students and those receiving benefits.

Advent Course - Our MMU Advent Course "Three Roads to Bethlehem – thoughts on spirituality" begins this week and will be held by Zoom at 8pm on 6th, 13th and 20th December. The Zoom connection details have been sent by email. Please speak to Mick if you need them in hard copy.

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Roy Stratton RIP — Beryl's husband (of a few months shy of 60 years) passed into eternity on Tuesday last. We hold in prayer the family, especially Beryl in their loss. His funeral will be at St. Anne's on Friday 5th January at 12.30

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*