



St Anne's Church, Chingford

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10th December 2023– Advent 2

Parish Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Marcia Hall, Bridget Tongo
Server: Alan Pearson
Chalice: Julie Adesina, Eira Endersbee
Lessons: Clare Fullerton
Prayers: Heather Gwynn
Leader: Mick Scotchmer
Preacher: Mick Scotchmer
Celebrant: Jude Bullock
Music:
Hymns:

288 Hark, the glad sound
589 On Jordan's bank
327 I cannot tell
307 Hill of the north, rejoice
399 Jesus shall reign



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

HH Pope Francis
(from Laudate si)



This week

Monday	11th Dec	09.30 Longshaw Rehearsal
Wednesday	13th Dec	09.30 Longshaw Carol Service 11.30 Bible Study Group 20.00 Advent Course (by Zoom)
Thursday	14th Dec	14.00 Café Church
Friday	15th Dec	10.00 Eucharist
Sunday	17th Dec	10.00 All Age Eucharist



Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the
humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40.1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 3.8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 1.1-8

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.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight”’,

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

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.

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Ukraine and Eat or Heat - We are still collecting please be generous.

Longshaw Carol Service We welcome Longshaw staff and pupils for the annual carol service this coming Wednesday at 09.30.

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Carols and Christingle at Heathlands On Tuesday 19th at 11.00 we have been invited by the care home to celebrate a Christingle and to sing Carols for the residents. All welcome to join in and swell the voices. Accordingly we will be making Christingles for that service after next Sunday's Eucharist.

Advent course. This Wednesday at 8.00pm—join by Zoom. The theme of the three sessions is '3 roads to Bethlehem—thoughts on spirituality'. All welcome.

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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.

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*