



# Parish Church of St. Anne Chingford

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# W O R S H I P

## Epiphany 3 - 21st January 2024

**All Age Eucharist and Baptism 10.00**

- Welcomers:** Jacqui Haniff-Bentham, Bridget Tongo
- Server:** Phil Hallsworth
- Chalice:** Julie Adesina, Anthony Sullivan
- Lessons:** Clare Fullerton
- Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer
- Music:** Bill Gloyn



*This morning we welcome Brian, Oheneba and Okatakyie into the life of the Christian community by baptism. A very warm welcome to the family, godparents and friends.*



The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

Psalm 19:1-2

<b><i>This week</i></b>	Wednesday	24th Jan	11.30 Bible Study Group
	Thursday	25th Jan	14.00 Café Church
	Friday	26th Jan	10.00 Eucharist
	Sunday	28th Jan	10.00 Parish Eucharist

**HYMN** 172 Father, Lord of all creation

## **GATHERING**

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

**Lord bring new life where we are worn and tired, bring new love where we  
have been hard-hearted. Bring forgiveness where we feel hurt, and where  
we have wounded; Bring the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we  
are prisoners of ourselves.**

**Amen.**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Thanks be to God Amen.**

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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. **Amen.**

## **GLORIA**

Tune: St Helen 453

**Glory be to God in heaven, peace on earth to Humankind.  
Father, heavenly King, Creator, God of power undefined,  
praise and honour, thanks we offer, worship you with heart and mind.**

**Jesus Christ, our Saviour, only Son of God by faith we know  
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer, love and mercy to us show;  
seated at the Father's right hand, intercede for us below.**

**You alone, O Lord, are holy, Jesus Christ, you are Most High  
with the Father and the Spirit; Trinity, to you we cry:  
'Alleluia, alleluia!' - you, O God, we glorify.**

*Please sit*

Let us pray

Heavenly Father,

by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, **Amen**

## **THE DECISION**

Rosemary and Patrick; Brian, Oheneba and Okatakylie depend chiefly on you for the help and encouragement they need. Will you give it to them by your prayers, your example and your guidance?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you, the family, friends and parish community of St. Anne's welcome them and support them on their journey with Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Parents and godparents, as you thank God for the gift of Brian, Oheneba and Okatakylie, do you turn to Christ who forgives our sins and reconciles us to God?

**I turn to Christ.**

*Brian, Oheneba and Okatakylie are anointed with oil*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**May the love of Christ guide you every day of your life.**

May almighty God restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and service of Christ.

**FIRST READING** Revelation 19.6-10

<sup>6</sup>I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready;

<sup>8</sup>to her it has been granted to be clothed

with fine linen, bright and pure’ –

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’ <sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You

must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** 413 Just as I am, without one plea

**GOSPEL** John 2.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

<sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, ‘Now

draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

<sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,

<sup>10</sup>'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But

you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

## REFLECTION

**HYMN**     87     Breathe on me Breath of God

## PRAYER OF FAITH

We all now renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

**With the help of God I will**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised, and into which Phillip will be baptised. The faith in which you live and grow. Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him**



Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ  
who redeemed humankind?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

### **BLESSING OF WATER**

Father we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation; for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life; for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptised in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit, and for your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins.

May your Holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters. Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those who are baptised to new birth in the family of your Church. **Amen.**

### **BRIAN, OHENEBA AND OKATAKYIE ARE BAPTISED**

Brian Obrempong Boakye, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Oheneba Gyamfi, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Okatakyie Kobby , I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THE NEWLY BAPTISED**

May your days be long on this rich earth

May you know health, peace and justice

May your life be filled with laughter and fun

May you be surrounded with good friends

May you know what it is to love and be loved.

May your footing be sure and your pathway clear

May the road rise to meet you

May the wind be always at your back



May the sun shine warm upon your face

May the rains fall softly on your head

And may God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit hold you in the hollow of his hand  
and may his rich blessing be upon you today and for ever more. **Amen**

## **INTERCESSIONS**

*Please sit*

We thank you that you have claimed for yourself  
those who have been washed in the waters of rebirth.

Uphold them in this new life,  
that they may ever remain steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope, and rooted in your love.

Father of life,

**make known your glory.**

Pour your blessing on all your people.

May our hearts ever praise you,  
and find their perfect rest in you.

Grant us the freedom of your service  
and peace in doing your will.

Father of life,

**make known your glory.**

The whole creation is filled with the light of your grace.

Dispel the darkness of our hearts, and forgive our sins and negligences,  
that we may come at last to the light of your glory.

Father of life,

**make known your glory.**

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

*All stand*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All are invited to greet and shake hands with their neighbour.*

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**HYMN** 479 Lord the light of your love is shining

*During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The celebrant washes his hands saying quietly;*

Lord we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord wash away our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
in power and wisdom forever adored.**

Tune: Slane 66

**The earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he  
whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free:  
who comes in the name of the Father of light,  
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

And now, as Jesus taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.**

**Your Kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours.**

**Now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts  
and take our sin away.**

Tune: Repton 152

**O Lamb of God, your grace impart,  
and let our guilty fear depart,  
have mercy, Lord, we pray,  
have mercy, Lord we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,  
our guilty souls release.**

**Into our lives your Spirit pour  
and let us live for evermore  
in perfect heav'nly peace,  
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God; our Lord is coming to us in bread and wine.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Visitors: If you normally receive communion in your own church then you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing. Please keep your hands down.*

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
With the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Through his death and resurrection Jesus has brought the light of hope into the world. Brian, Oheneba and Okatakyie you have received today the light of Christ; the light no darkness can overcome. Walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father**



### BLESSING OF PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for Brian, Oheneba and Okatakyie  
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,  
and protect their home from all evil.  
Fill them with the light of your presence  
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### FINAL BLESSING

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**HYMN**      275    Guide me O thou great Redeemer

*After the Sunday service light refreshments will be served in the hall, all welcome.*

*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.

**Jumble sale Saturday 3 February 10-12** Help welcome, with sorting jumble on Friday 2nd, from 11am, with setting up from 8.30 on Saturday, at the event itself and with clearing away afterwards. If you have jumble, but need help to get it to church, please have a word with Anthony Sullivan. Posters and flyers are available at the back of church. Thank you!

**Gardening Services** Anthony Sullivan has retired, and the gardening service been taken over by Steve White. Steve may be contacted on 07375 605 086

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, 27th Joye Thurbon, 29th Stanley Rickard.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them,  
may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen*