



St Anne's Church, Chingford

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30th November 2025 – Advent 1

Parish Eucharist - 10.00

Welcomers: Velma Davis, Jacqui Haniff-Bentham

Servers: Lindsey Archer, Phil Hallsworth, Jenny Scotchmer

Chalice: Heather Gwynn, Jenny Scotchmer

Lessons: Phil Hallsworth

Prayers: Heather Gwynn

Preacher: Mick Scotchmer

Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Bill Glyn

Hymns:

535 O come, O come Emmanuel

500 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

24 All that I am, all that I do

327 I cannot tell

449 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

“We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.”

Aldo Leopold



This week



Tuesday 2nd Dec 19.30 Ministry Leadership Team

Wednesday 3rd Dec 20.00 Advent Course by Zoom

Friday 5th Dec 10.00 Eucharist

Sunday 7th 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 2.1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

 the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways

 and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
 and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Romans 13.11-14

¹¹Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 24.36-44

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.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ³⁶'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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 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.

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Christmas Bazaar – Many thanks for all the hard work put in to run the bazaar on Thursday and Saturday. As usual this has contributed to making it the biggest fund-raising event of the church year.

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Advent Course on 3rd, 10th and 17th December at 8pm 'The Road to Bethlehem.' All welcome and log in details will be sent in a separate email or text.

The music this week is all inspired by Advent. This Sunday is a major celebration in Germany and lots of music was written for it in the early days of the Protestant church.

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 November: 1st Frederica Wood, Thelma Mensing, Maude Stannard 2nd Wilhelmina Hoffman 4th Gwendoline Salen 5th David Rolfe 6th Grace Pickard, Pauline Rolph, 8th Emily Ralph, 12th Elsie Maloney, 13th Donald Patton, 14th Jack Newnham, 15th Henry Hebbard, Alfred Burnett, 21st George Digman, 23rd, Graham Miller, Brian Warner, 27th, Gladys Larsen, Peter John Smith, 28th Lillian Taylor, Roy Stratton, 30th, Laurence Mountford.

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