



# St Anne's Church, Chingford

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7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Advent 2

Parish Eucharist - 10.00

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**Welcomers:** Eira Endersbee, Heather Gwynn

**Servers:** Terisa Nabukolu, Trisha Nakanwagi, Merisa Narusoke

**Chalice:** Lindsey Archer, Lisa Markham

**Lessons:** Rosalind Tatam

**Prayers:** Heather Gwynn

**Preacher:** Mick Scotchmer

**Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer

**Music:** Bill Gloyn

*We don't need a handful of people  
doing zero waste perfectly. We need  
millions of people doing it  
imperfectly.*

Anne Marie Bonneau

**Hymns:**

451 Long ago, prophets knew

481 Lord, thy word abideth

246 God is working his purpose out

63 Be still my soul: the Lord is at your side

589 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry



**This week**



Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	19.30	Projects and Events Committee
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.30	Bible Study Group
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00	Eucharist
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00	Carol Singing at the Hatch
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00	Parish 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 11.1-10***

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading**

### ***Romans 15.4-13***

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name’;

<sup>10</sup>and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

<sup>11</sup>and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him’;

<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

## *Matthew 3.1-12*

*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.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

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

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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. <sup>11</sup>I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

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.



**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.

**Carols in the Hatch** We will be Carol Singing in the Hatch next Saturday at 10am. We meet around the middle of the shops, usually outside the bed shop. After carols we usually retire for a hot drink. This is one of the few occasions when we go out into the parish as the St Anne's family, please join us if you can.

**Carol Service Choir**—will have a rehearsal after the service today. Please attend if possible as the choir will do much to enhance the carol service.

**Carol Service** The Carol Service will be at 5.30pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. This is always a joyful service and an excellent start to our Christmas celebrations. We are going to make it a bit different this year and it will be much enhanced by the choir. Please make every effort to join us. It is also an excellent opportunity to bring friends for a slightly less formal service than usual. After the service we will have Mulled wine and mince pies.

**The music this week** is again drawn from compositions with an Advent theme. They range from medieval monastic chants to modern chorale preludes, with some Bach on the way.

#### 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, Clarrie Mayhew, 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*