



# St Anne's Church, Chingford

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**14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Advent 3**

**Parish Eucharist - 10.00**

**Welcomers:** Velma Davis, David Sendall

**Servers:** Lisa Markham, Rob Markham, Jenny Scotchmer

**Chalice:** Marcia Hall, Jenny Scotchmer

**Lessons:** Joy Ventour

**Prayers:** Rosalind Tatam

**Preacher:** Mick Scotchmer

**Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer

**Music:** Bill Glyn

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

Anne Marie Bonneau

**Hymns:**

288 Hark the glad sound

280 Hail to the Lord's anointed

506 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

819 When I needed a neighbour

770 Through the night of doubt and sorrow (tune 169)



**This week**



Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	09.30	Longshaw Carol Service
		19.30	Pastoral Committee
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00	Eucharist
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.00	All-Age Eucharist
		17.30	Carol Service
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	14.30	Christingle making
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.45	Carols at Heathlands

## Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your  
mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the  
wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly  
gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
way who is alive and reigns now and for ever.  
sight;

## Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 35.1-10**

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus 2 it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

8 A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,\*

but it shall be for God's people;\*  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.  
9 No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord.

All      **Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Reading

**James 5.7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved,\* until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.\* <sup>9</sup>Beloved,\* do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved,\* take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All      **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

**Matthew 11.2-11**

*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>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah\* was doing, he sent word by his\* disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers\* are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone\* dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet?\* Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**N** 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.



**E** **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. As mentioned last week there are photos of Ukraine at the back of church.

**W** **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.

**S** **Carol Service** The Carol Service will be at 5.30pm next 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.

**February-March rota** – The next rota will be prepared early in the new year. Please let Mick have any dates you will not be available.

**The music this week** is again drawn from compositions with an Advent theme. They range from medieval monastic chants to French Noels, with some Bach and modern pieces 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 Birchall, 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*