

St Anne's Church, Chingford

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W O R S H I P

15th November 2026 – 2nd before Advent

Informal Eucharist with Baptism - 10.00

Welcomers: Ethlyn Lawrence, David Sendall
Server: Caroline Acton
Chalice: Lindsey Archer, Jenny Scotchmer
Lessons: Clare Fullerton
Preacher: Mick Scotchmer
Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer
Music: Bill Gloyn



This morning we welcome Mikael Dawood into the life of the Christian community by baptism.
A very warm welcome to the family, godparents and friends.

Only we humans make waste that nature can't digest"
Charles Moore, oceanographer and marine researcher.

This week

Monday	16th Nov	19.30	Parochial Church Council
Friday	20th Nov	10.00	Eucharist
Sunday	22nd Nov	10.00	Parish Eucharist

*During the service the words in normal type will be said by a leader and those in **bold** by all.*

HYMN 66 Be thou my vision

GATHERING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the 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

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,

may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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

Anita and Niaz; Mikael depends chiefly on you for the help and encouragement he needs. Will you give it to him by your prayers, your example and your guidance?
Parents: **With the help of God, we will.**

Parents and Godparents, as you thank God for the gift of Mikael, do you turn to Christ who forgives our sins and reconciles us to God?
Parents and Godparents: **I turn to Christ.**

Will you, the family, friends and parish community of St. Anne's welcome him and support him on his journey with Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

Mikael is 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. **Amen**

FIRST READING *1 Thessalonians 5.1-11*

[1]Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 26 All things bright and beautiful

GOSPEL *Matthew 25.14-30*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, [14]'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled

accounts with them. [20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” [21]His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” [22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” [23]His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” [26]But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

REFLECTION

HYMN 563 O Lord, my 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 Mikael 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
Please sit

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.**

MIKAEL IS BAPTISED

Mikael, 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

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

Uphold him in this new life,
that he 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

Please stand

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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 532 Now thank we all our God

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:

SANCTUS

Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord, Tune: Slane 66
in power and wisdom forever adored.
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.

Please sit.

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.**

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.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts Tune: Repton 152
and take our sin away.
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

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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. Mikael 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 Mikael
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 our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
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 479 Lord the light of your love is shining

NEWS

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.

Christmas Bazaar - Thursday 26th November 2-5pm, Saturday 28th November 10am-3pm - Less than 2 weeks to go!

The bazaar is approaching fast and we still need your help.
Please take raffle tickets to buy or sell to family and friends and be sure to sign the appropriate lists offering help with stalls, setting up/taking down, loaning of crib scenes etc.
Lastly, we still need items to sell, such as soft toys for the teddy tombola, bottles and cans for the tombola, Christmas cards/decorations/gift wrap etc and homemade cakes. Anything will be greatly received and appreciated.

The music this week is influenced by the baptism today. There are pieces written for children and about them. Not surprisingly, they have been a great inspiration to composers over the ages - as was the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan.

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 Mikael 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