



# St Anne's Church, Chingford

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## 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

### Parish Eucharist – 10.00

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**Welcomers:** Jenny Miller, David Sendall

**Servers:** Caroline Acton, Lindsey Archer, Phil Hallsworth

**Chalice:** Lisa Markham, Anthony Sullivan

**Lessons:** Phil Hallsworth

**Prayers:** Rosalind Tatam

**Preacher:** Mick Scotchmer

**Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer

**Music:** Bill Gloyn

*Mankind owns its own destiny, and  
its destiny is the earth. We are  
destroying it until we have no destiny.*

Frída Kahlo

#### Hymns:

10 All creatures of our God and King

75 Blessed assurance

338 I watch the sunrise

273 Great is thy faithfulness

435 Let us with a gladsome mind



#### This week



Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	19.30	Projects and Events Committee
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.30	Bible Study Group
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00	Eucharist
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00	All-Age Eucharist

## Collect

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme  
over all things,  
now and for ever.

## Post Communion

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the  
earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table  
on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Old Testament Reading

## Genesis 1.1-2.3

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

<sup>29</sup>God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading**

***Romans 8.18-25***

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, <sup>21</sup>in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

***Matthew 6.25-34***

*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 taught his disciples, saying: <sup>25</sup>'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"

<sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup>So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

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.

**Lent Course** – We will again have a Lent course this year. It will be on Wednesday evenings from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March and will be held by Zoom. More details in due course.

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**Valentine Singers** - The next concert, Danube Discovery, is at St. Anne's on Saturday 28th February at 4.30pm. It takes a musical voyage along the Danube, featuring music by Mozart, Haydn, Bruckner, Kodaly and Schubert. Advance tickets, available from Lindsey Archer: £15 for adults (£8 for students/benefit holders); on the door: £17 (£10). Free for under 16s.

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**This week's music.** - Last week marked the 125th anniversary of the death of Giuseppe Verdi. He is best known for his operas, many of which are among the most popular around the world. Although he had negative feelings against the established church, he also wrote some profound sacred works, amongst which is his Requiem - a firm favourite in the choral repertoire.

#### 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 February:** 2nd George Radford, 3rd Emily Brewis, 5th Gladys Travis, 6th Walter Rolfe, 16th Angela Birchnall, 17th Ted Bulled, 20th William Sherman, 21st Gordon Wilkinson, 22nd Beryl Lovitt, 23rd Arthur Runeckles, Victor Foster, 24th Dorothy Potter, Albert Gates, 25th Maureen Cope, Sheila Treadwell 26th Gladys Gloyn, Kenneth Gwynn, 27th Lillian Bates. 28th Teresa Carroll.

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