THE PARISH OF CHINGFORD
SS PETER AND PAUL WITH ALL SAINTS'

PEWS NEWS
for Sunday 29th November 2026
Advent Sunday



The 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.
Amen

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

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.
Amen

Supporting the work of Chingford Parish

It is now possible to support the work and ministry of Chingford Parish by electronic giving, through the "Give A Little" Scheme. Visit this website or use this QR code:

https://bit.ly/ChingfordGiving

8.00 am	**Holy Eucharist** *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*
10.00 am	**Holy Eucharist** *at All Saints Church*
Servers	
Processional hymn	358
OT Reading	Isaiah 64. 1-9 Read by
NT Reading	1 Corinthians 1. 3-9 Read by
Gradual hymn	125 x 2
Gospel	Mark 13. 24-end
Sermon	*Rev'd Maria Holmden*
Intercessions	led by *Sue Renwick*
Hymn	457
	(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
Communion hymn	Peace, perfect peace, is the gift - 414
Final Hymn	Rejoice the Lord is King - 432

10.00 am	**Holy Eucharist** *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*
Servers	Sue, Cynthia, Keith and Jenny
Setting	*Oldroyd* Mass of the Quiet Hour
Processional hymn	9
OT Reading	Isaiah 64. 1-9 *Read by Mary Thorne*
NT Reading	1 Corinthians 1. 3-9 *Read by Ushan Samson*
Gospel	Mark 13. 24-end
Sermon	*The Rector*
Intercessions	led by *Cynthia Wenden*
Offertory	5
	(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
Communion	How beautiful upon the mountains - *Stainer*
Final Hymn	3
Voluntary	Nun freut euch BWV 734 – *J.S. Bach*

6.30pm Advent Carol Service *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*
See Separate order of Service

Today's Readings for the Eucharist

Isaiah 64. 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80. 1-8, 18-20

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦
you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, ♦
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your mighty strength ♦
and come to our salvation.
Turn us again, O God; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, ♦
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears; ♦
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours, ♦
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, O God of hosts; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, ♦
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
And so will we not go back from you; ♦

give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13 24-end

'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This week in the Parish Diary

Morning Prayer is usually said (but subject to change at short notice) at:
8.30am Monday *in the Parish church*
9.00am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday *in the Parish Church* and
Holy Eucharist will be celebrated:
10.00am on Wednesdays *at All Saints'*
10.00am on Thursdays *at Ss Peter & Paul's Church, on the first Thursday of the month only.*

Tuesday 8th December

10.30pm Funeral of Sheila Taylor *at All Saints church*

Wednesday 89th December

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*
10.45 am Coffee and Bible Study *at All Saints Church Hall*
3.30 pm Family Café (Term time only) *at All Saints Church Hall*

Sunday 6th December The Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11: Psalm 85.1-2,8-end; 2 Peter 3.8-15a: Mark 1.1-8

8.00 am Holy Eucharist *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*
Preacher: *The Rector*
Hymns; 172, 52, 401, 328, 15

10.00 am AIM Eucharist & Christingle *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*
Preacher*: Canon Rodney Matthews*
Setting*: Oldroyd Mass of the Quite Hour*
Communion: How beautiful upon the mountains - *Stainer*
Hymns: 345, 446, 443

6.30 pm Evensong *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*
Preacher: *Rev'd Elizabeth Price*
Responses: *Sanders*
Canticles: *Kelly* in C
Anthem: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace - Sumsion
Organ music: Sursam Corda - *Ireland*

For Your Devotions this Week

Monday	Isaiah 42. 18-end
Tuesday	Isaiah 43. 1-13
Wednesday	Isaiah 43. 14-end
Thursday	Isaiah 44. 1-8
Friday	Isaiah 44. 9-23
Saturday	Isaiah 44. 24-45.3

Please pray for:
Jill Bell, Tom Raven, Alison Goulter, Enid Day, Linda Lines, Claire Coan, Chris White, Geraldine Cleveland, Derek Boulind, Alice Melemendjian, Bruno, Ewa, Elisabeth Abbott, Jo Huber, Clare Daniel, Rosie Grove (11 yrs), Alex Wall, Grace Morl, Nicola Giles, Brenda Barker, Joyce Hilton, Audrey Laine, Jane Mazalon, Naomi, Pam Hanley.

We also pray for those who have died:
Carol Harvey, Una Warner, Robert Rider, George Baldwin, Alfred Ford, Valerie Dimney, Patricia Wiseman, Eileen Wood.

Year's mind this week:
Mary Channer, Rosina Head, Ari Patel, Rita Foster, Vi Tattersfield.

'Prayer for a new Honorary Associate Priest'
Almighty God, giver of every good gift,
look graciously on our parish as we look for a new Honorary Associate Priest.
Send your Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us,
that we may continue to work together in love and mission.
Give wisdom, discernment, and patience
to those who are tasked with choosing the new priest,
and prepare the heart of the person you are calling to this place.
May they be a wise and gentle shepherd,
walking alongside us in joy and faith,
to the glory of your name.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

PEWS NEWS

You are invited to take this sheet home with you for your reference during the coming week.

A Diocese Authorised Spiritual Companion course will be taking place at a venue in Manor Park on three Saturdays in November. For further information, see https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vocations-and-discipleship/exploring-vocations/become-a-spiritual-companion or contact Joan Dallas dallas.lin7@gmail.com, or Gill Hopkins *gill_hopkins@yahoo.co.uk*

Advent Group – This year we'll explore four themes that emerged from the 'Curiosity Cards' completed by members of the congregation on 'Curiosity Sunday' back in September. The themes will be (in order): mission, multi-faith, doubt and suffering. We'll meet on four Sundays in the Parish Church and on four Wednesdays in the Old Church. The Parish Church dates are Sunday 29 November as well as Sundays 6, 13 and 20 December, all at 11.45am. The Old Church dates are Wednesday 25 November as well as Wednesdays 2, 9 and 16 December, all at 10.45am. All are welcome.

200 Club 2026/27 - thank you to everyone who has joined up for the new year of the 200 club. We have raised an amazing £1,128.00 which is a little more than last year. Half of the money goes to the parish and the other half is given out in prize money.

A meeting of the PCC will be held in All Saints Church at 8pm on Thursday 3rd December.

Purple Praise. All are welcome at Purple Praise's Christmas Concert on Saturday December 12th at 1.30 pm in All Saints Church, Old Church Road E4. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music, song and celebration. Tickets cost £5, including refreshments. Children under 16 come free of charge. For tickets, please contact Katie Alam: caloriekatie@yahoo.co.uk or Anne Clayden: anneellenc@gmail.com
All proceeds raised for Haven House.

Tickets for the 43rd GRAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Saturday December 19th: The only seats still available are a few in the Lady Chapel - £25.50 (concessions £23.50); Under 8s £12. Email music@parishofchingford.org.uk or phone 020 8529 6092. There may be some returned tickets nearer the time (unlikely) or a few promenade tickets just to stand at the back, available on the night!

Flower arranging event on 21st December. There will be another opportunity to attend a Christmas Flower Arrangers Day on Monday 21st December at the Parish Church Hall from 10- 12.30
We will be making either arrangements for display in our churches or table decorations for personal use. If you are interested or for more information, please give your name and contact details to Kirsty in the office
Office@parishofchingford.org.uk or phone 020 8529 0323.
Christine Rampton

Confirmation – A Deanery Confirmation Service will be held here in Chingford – at the Parish Church of Saints Peter and Paul – at 4pm on Sunday 31 January 2027. The preparation classes will be held on five Sundays, from 11.45am to 12.30pm, as follows:
Sunday 6 December in the Old Church
Sunday 13 December in the Old Church
Sunday 10 January in the Parish Church Hall
Sunday 17 January in the Parish Church Hall
Sunday 24 January in the Parish Church Hall
We will use the resource 'Faith Confirmed' by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright. It can be ordered from most bookshops or online sellers. Please speak to the Rector if you're interested in being confirmed.

Pilgrimage to Malta: Information Evening Jan Hawkins and Bishop Hall Speers invite you to an online Information Evening about their Pilgrimage to Malta, In the Footsteps of St Paul (17 to 22 October 2027), on Monday 11 January at 6.30pm on Zoom. Come and hear the plans, from St Paul's Grotto in Rabat to the walled city of Mdina and ask any questions. Free to join: register using the form link or the QR code and the Zoom details will be sent to you. Supported by McCabe Pilgrimages, 01252 226133, mccabe-travel.co.uk/malta-jan-hawkins.

Advance notice of two events for you to be thinking about:
There will be a Quiet Day on Tuesday January 12th 2027, 10am-3.30pm, at Chelmsford Cathedral.
It is a joint Quiet Day for anyone in the parishes of St Edmunds, St Annes, and Chingford (St Peters and St Paul's and All Saints')
Please contact Mthr. Marilyn if you are interested in attending, as numbers are limited. Also, if you would need transport, let her know. Email: mthr.marilyn@parishofchingford.org.uk

There will also be a joint parish day pilgrimage to St Albans to join the procession and service celebrating the Feast of St Alban on Saturday19th June 2027.

All are welcome, and if there are many who wish to come, we may be able to arrange transport which will keep costs down and enable more people to come. Again, if you are interested, please let Mthr. Marilyn know.

Ss Peter & Paul west end floor: please note that there is now a public notice about the faculty application for the refurbishment of the floor. It is displayed on the outside notice boards and a copy is inside the church at the west end.

Safeguarding Survey – INEQE Safeguarding Group has been commissioned to conduct independent safeguarding audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. As part of the audit process, they want to engage with parishioners through an online survey which will act as a mechanism through which individuals can comment on any matters relevant to the Audit's focus. The survey is anonymous and confidential with the results received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England. The survey is now live and will close at 11.30 pm on Tuesday 1 December 2026. To access the survey relevant to you please visit: *https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chelmsford/*

Eco Church Tip

As winter creeps in, we need to think about warm cosy homes for our garden friends. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Is there a messy area where insects can burrow down for the winter. Can you leave some of those leaves in a pile to provide shelter for insects and butterflies? Could you and your neighbours consider a 'hedgehog highway' - that is small holes in the bottom of fences so that hedgehogs can get through and take advantage of your gardens? For lots of ideas about how to make your garden nature friendly try https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/encourage-wildlife-to-your-garden.

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TOWARDS THE COST OF RUNNING OUR CHOIRS: As usual at this time of year, we are asking our congregations for some financial help towards giving our choristers a really good outing as a "thank you" for their loyal support and hard work during the year, and also to help meet the high costs of maintaining our choirs, most of which is met by members' fundraising events.

Did you know that.....

There are over 50 boys and girls of school age in our choirs, all of whom attend a number of rehearsals every week? The boys and girls generally sustain two choral services every Sunday during term time? Their membership is voluntary, and their huge commitment is much appreciated. Please help us to reward them all by helping towards their annual outing. Any contributions are gratefully

appreciated. Donations may be given to Mike Emerson at church or sent to 6 South Avenue, E4 7NW. (Cheques: Chingford Parish Church Choir Fund) If you wish to make a donation online, please contact Mike Emerson for the choir's account details *mike.emerson@parishofchingford.org.uk*

Thursday Eucharist at the Parish Church – From October onwards, the midweek Eucharist at the Parish Church will be held on the first Thursday of the month only.

Sermons Online – Audio recordings of the Rector's sermons are available on the parish website on *https://parishofchingford.org.uk/all-sermons/*

Honorary Associate Priest

The Parish of Chingford: Ss Peter and Paul with All Saints'

We are seeking a prayerful and collaborative colleague, with a lively and generous faith, to serve as Associate Priest (self supporting) and share in ministry across this large and growing parish with a particular focus on the congregation at All Saints' Chingford.

Working alongside the incumbent, we seek someone who will:

- Lead and preach on Sundays and at mid-week services
- Share in pastoral care, including occasional offices
- Support and encourage lay ministry and volunteer teams
- Play a part in developing mission, discipleship and community engagement
- Work closely within a supportive ministry team and deanery context

We can offer:

- A vibrant parish with active, friendly and musical congregations
- Strong practical and prayerful support from the incumbent, the ministry team, churchwardens and lay leaders
- A well-established pattern of worship rooted in the Anglican liturgical tradition
- A commitment to meet expenses of office in full
- A parish office with administrative support

Closing Date: 2 December 2026.

Interviews: 13 January 2027.

We would like the Honorary Associate Priest to offer the equivalent of two days per week, plus Sundays, to the role. For an application pack and Parish Profile, or to arrange an informal conversation about this opportunity, please contact The Rev Darren McCallig by email rector@parishofchingford.org.uk or telephone 020 8529 1291.

Appointment subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure.

Parish Contacts

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Treasurer	Awaiting a new appointment.	
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- **Ss Peter & Paul:** Sue Emerson and George Neophytou
- **All Saints:** Larry Relfe and Gary Young

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Safeguarding

The Parish of Chingford is wholly committed to the House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy for children, young people & adults. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Teresa Law, who can be contacted on 07821 838598 or via *safeguarding@parishofchingford.org.uk*.