

St Anne's Church, Kew



8am Eucharist

Introduction to the Season of Advent

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ at Christmas, and also looks ahead to his final advent as Judge at the end of time.

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have traditionally been themes for Advent meditation, although each Sunday in Advent also has its own character, as the readings reflect God's dawning light through the patriarchs, prophets, John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary, culminating in the birth of Christ, the Light of the world, at Christmas. The character of the season therefore is expectation, and the fundamental Advent prayer is 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (I Corinthians 16.22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. To symbolise the dawning light, we have an Advent wreath, with a new candle lit each week as the season progresses. Advent is a season of expectation and anticipation, as we prepare to welcome Christ who comes as Saviour and Judge.

The Gathering

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

The priest introduces the confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**All Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Lord have mercy
All Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy
All **Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy
All **Lord have mercy**

The priest says

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The Collect is said and all respond

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Please sit for a reading from the Old Testament. At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm is said.

A reading from the New Testament. At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is announced. Please stand.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
All Glory to you O Lord

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you O Christ

Please sit.

Sermon

The Creed

Please stand

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit. And at the end

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All Amen.

Please stand.

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Lift up your hearts
All We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

From the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December the following preface is used. Thereafter an alternative will be used.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human
flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the
world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Anne and all
the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

The priest invites the congregation to join in saying the Lord's Prayer

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**All we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

All Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The people receive communion as guided by the sidesmen. Communicant members of other denominations are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Ask a priest at the altar rail if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

After Communion

All **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.

Please sit for the Notices.

The Dismissal

We stand to sing a Post Communion hymn (see The Messenger).

The priest uses this or another seasonal blessing

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Morning Prayer (via Zoom) - each weekday at 8.30am. To join in please contact Tina Ruygrok at tina.ruygrok@gmail.com

Notices and prayers for the sick – please contact the Parish Office on saintannekew@gmail.com with any Notices for the Messenger (Service Booklet) or with a name to add / remove from the sick list. The weekly deadline for inclusion is Wednesday 1pm.

Hall Hire is available. Please contact the Parish Office.

Welcomers needed – please sign up at the back of church to offer 1 hour per week to welcome those who visit St Anne's. For more information contact John Mortley at john.onc@hotmail.com.

Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 11.00am in the Hall and on Zoom. Contact Ann Eldridge for more information at annviviendridge@gmail.com.

Join St Anne's WhatsApp Group, available for all the congregation. To join please text Fr Giles on 07811 444011.

Safeguarding – for safeguarding concerns please contact our safeguarding officer, Kate Higham, at safeguarding@saintannekew.org.uk or tel: 07561 662613 or contact Fr Giles or the Churchwardens. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

Fr Giles is available for any member of St Anne's congregation and can be contacted on 07811 444011 or via the Parish Office. His regular day off is Friday.

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