

**Vine Church**  
ILFORD



**1st Sunday In Advent**

**Service led by Mrs Grace Smith**

**Sunday 2nd December 2018**

**10.30 am**

# Today's Service

We are delighted that you could join us today and extend a warm welcome.  
Please sign the Visitors Book if this is your first visit.

The lighting of the candle is the sign for your own silent preparation for  
worship.

We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service today.

## Worship Today

Our thanks to Mrs Grace Smith for leading our worship.

## Readings

Isaiah 46: v 1 - 7 (OT p704)

John 1 v 1 - 5 (NT p116)

## Hymns

R&S 319 | R&S 141 | R&S 166 |

\*When out of poverty | R&S 135 |

\* *words on back of notices*

## Prayers for our Friends

Please remember all the members of Vine and our extended family, for those who are not well or facing difficult times. Prayers are asked for Florence, Sylvia, Viola and all those who are battling with illness.

## Flowers in Church

Flowers today kindly given by the Flower Fund

## Diary Dates

**TODAY**

**6.30 pm:** East London Group Advent Carol Service at Vine. As Vine is hosting, we encourage you to come along to support.

**Tuesday 4th December**

**4.30 – 7 pm:** Education Workshop

**6.30 pm:** Advent Bible Study at Ilford Methodist Church

**Wednesday 5th December:**

**10 am:** Schools Christmas Get Together at Vine.

**Sunday 9th December**

**10.30 am:** Toy Service led by Rev John Danso. 2nd Sunday in Advent. This service includes the sacrament of holy communion.

## Notices

**Future Dates for your diary and Notices:**

There are **Traidcraft Christmas Cards** for sale—very low prices but we need to sell them! They are in Joy's Traidcraft cupboard.

**The Christmas Card Box** is at the back of church. Donations will be given to the Salvation Army for the Night Shelter and Malachi Project.

**It's the Toy Service next week, so please remember to bring gifts.**

**Dates for next week's notices**

To be given to Dulcie by Thursday. The Church Secretary will be in the Office from 9am–11am Monday to Friday.

**When out of poverty was born**  
a dream that will not die,  
and landless weary folk find strength  
to stand with heads held high,  
it's then we learn from those who wait  
to greet the promised day,  
'The Lord is coming: don't lose heart  
'Be blest; prepare the way!'

When people wander far from God,  
And forget to share their bread,  
They find their wealth an empty thing;  
their spirits are not fed.  
For only just and tender love  
the hungry soul will stay.  
And so God's prophets echo still  
'Be blest; prepare the way!'

When God took flesh and came to earth  
the world turned upside down,  
and in the strength of woman's faith  
the Word of Life was born.  
She knew that God would raise the low  
it pleased her to obey.  
Rejoice with Mary in the call,  
'Be blest; prepare the Way!'