



Wanstead Parish

St Mary with Christ Church

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Sunday 3rd November 2024

All Saints and All Souls

Services today:

- 8am Holy Communion BCP (CC)**
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Nursery and Junior Church (CC & Parish Halls)
11am Morning Prayer CW (STM's)
5.30pm A Place – mental wellbeing support group (CC vestry)
6.30pm All Souls Service (STM's)

Eucharist Readings & Hymns:

**Isaiah 25. 6-9; Ps 24. 1-6; John
11. 32-44**

296 – For all the Saints

305 – Lo, round the throne a
glorious band

422 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus

683 – Jerusalem the golden

The Collect for the Week:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYERS:

Those who are in need of prayer: Pam Messum, Kay Kingham, Kay Sheikh, Julie Black, Sally Hurd, Christine Harrison, Charlotte, Ted Taylor, Ann Cheetham, Chris Cummins, Denis Keeling, Patricia Head, Richard Francis, Barbara Ridley, Simon Tierney.

RIP: Priny Woolcock

Year's Mind: Dennis Green (6th,95); Gwen Hamilton (7th,21); Colvin Johnson (8th,09); Edmond Bradley (9th,91); Albert Foster (9th,99)

Wanstead Prayer Diary: Grosvenor Road, Stanstead Road, Eastway Road, Rutland Road, Leicester Road, Warwick Road, Hereford Road, Gloucester Road, Grove Park, The Avenue, Nutter Lane, Nutter field, Limes Avenue

HOME & HOSPITAL VISITS: Please let the Parish Office know if you would appreciate a visit by a member of the clergy, or if you know of someone who would. Mthr Anne can offer one-off visits for prayer and discussion (perhaps concerning a specific issue), in addition to on-going visits in the case of the elderly, sick and housebound.

NOTICES

ALL SOULS SERVICE THIS SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

The service will be taking place at 6.30pm on Sunday 3rd November at St Mary's. All welcome.

PRINY WOOLCOCK

We were very sad to hear the news this week that a longstanding member of our Parish, Priny Woolcock, has sadly passed away. The funeral will be at Christ Church on Friday 8th November at 2.30pm. All welcome

VISIT TO WINCHESTER

Fr Richard is arranging a parish visit to Winchester for Saturday 23 November. The primary focus of this visit will be a guided tour of the Cathedral at 12.30 pm. The plan is to meet at the appropriate platform at Waterloo station by about 9.45am and to take the 10.03 train from there, returning by the 16.53 train from Winchester. Choral evensong is at 17.30 for those willing to contemplate a later return. It is hoped that we shall be able to meet up in the course of our visit with our former parishioners David and Margaret Ranger, who now live in Winchester.' If you would like to come, or require further information, please contact Fr Richard at rjwyber@aol.com or by phone to his landline number: 020 8504 2447'. Sign-up sheets are available in both churches, for those who unable to respond by email.

KNEELERS FOR CHRIST CHURCH MEETING DATES

The next community sew-ins will take place at Christ Church on: Mon 11th Nov 19.00-20.30; Fri 29th Nov 10.30-12.00; Thu 12th Dec 13.30-15.00; Mon 23rd Dec 19.00-20.30. See you there!

AN EVENING WITH TRAVEL WRITER OLI SMITH

Will take place on Friday 8th November 7-9pm at St Peters in the Forest. Tickets are £5 and are available via [https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/28011#/#/](https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/28011#/). Oli will be talking about his book On This Holy Island: A Modern Pilgrimage Across Britain -- A Financial Times Best Summer Travel book of 2024.

TEA & FELLOWSHIP

The next Tea & Fellowship afternoon will be at 3pm on Sunday 24th November in the vestry at Christ Church. Please join us for chat and tea & cake.

SAFEGUARDING: For safeguarding concerns please contact Gary Vickers at wansteadparishsafeguarding@gmail.com or on 07551 680536. In an emergency, contact the relevant authority such as the Police.

A reflection on this week's readings

From the readings for Sunday 3rd November

Isaiah 25:7-9

And in this mountain the Lord of hosts ... will destroy the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

AV (King James Bible)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts ... will destroy the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

RSV

Here on Mount Zion the Lord Almighty ... will suddenly remove the cloud of sorrow that has been hanging over all the nations. The Sovereign Lord will destroy death forever! He will wipe away the tears from everyone's eyes and take away the disgrace his people have suffered throughout the world. The Lord himself has spoken. When it happens, everyone will say, "He is our God! We have put our trust in him, and he has rescued us. He is the Lord! We have put our trust in him, and now we are happy and joyful because he has saved us."

Good News Bible

But here on this mountain, God-of-the-Angel-Armies ... will banish the pall of doom hanging over all peoples, the shadow of doom darkening all nations. Yes, he'll banish death forever. And God will wipe the tears from every face. He'll remove every sign of disgrace from his people, wherever they are. Yes! God says so! Also at that time, people will say, "Look at what's happened! This is our God! We waited for him and he showed up and saved us!"

The Message

The core of the first part of the book of Isaiah (chaps. 1-39) is a series of prophecies by the historical prophet Isaiah of Jerusalem, who lived in the 8th century BC. These relate to the dangers posed to the kingdom of Judah by the rise of Assyrian power, and focus on the need to trust in God and to live justly. But they have been arranged, commented on and put in context by later editors, and some of the material even in these chapters seems to be much later. Today's reading is a case in point.

In chapter 25 the focus shifts from the immediate threats and warnings to the broader trust we have that God is ultimately in control of events and that "in all things, our good is his desire and his gift". It's as though the camera zooms out to take in the broad cosmic picture – what is God's ultimate purpose for us, his creation? The text makes it clear that this is a promise not only for the Jewish people but for "all nations" – an emphasis that we also find in the work of "Second Isaiah", the probable author of chaps. 40-55. It focuses on the end of history and what lies beyond it – that God's will for his creation is life in all its fulness, not death. But at the same time, by placing it here amid the historical struggles and concerns of the Jewish people in an earlier time, the editor of the text is pointing out to us that God's ultimate cosmic purpose for humanity arises out of, and is of a piece with, his concern for justice in the here and now.

Not surprisingly, these are themes that resonated strongly with the early church, just as they still do today. We can find close verbal echoes of this passage in St Paul: "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor 15:54) and in Revelation: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Rev 21:4).

Lord, you know it can be hard for us to hold on to this ultimate confidence amid the travails of our world and the struggles in our own lives. Help us to trust gratefully that our good really is your desire and your gift.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays:	9am	Morning Prayer (CC)
	10am	Prayer Group (CC)
Wednesdays:	9am	Morning Prayer (CC)
	10am	Little Angels Playgroup (CC) <i>Term time only</i>
	4pm	Forget-Me-Nots Choir (St M's)
	8pm	Compline (St M's)
Thursdays:	9.45am	Morning Prayer (CC)
	10.30am	Holy Communion, coffee and chat (CC)
Fridays:	9am	Morning Prayer (St M's)
	7pm	The Bridge Youth Club for all age 10+ (Parish Hall)
	7pm	Parish Choir Practice (CC Vestry)

Bereavement Cafe: For all who have lost a loved one. Meets in CC vestry, 7-8pm on the second Tuesday and 10.30 - 11.30am on the third Tuesday of the month.

A Place: A group for spiritual wellbeing. We warmly welcome you to join us in the Vestry at Christ Church at 5.30pm on the **first** Sunday of each month.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday 10th November 2024 – Remembrance Sunday

- 8am Holy Communion BCP (CC)**
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Nursery and Junior Church (CC and Parish Halls)**
- 11am Sung Eucharist (STM's)**
- 12.30pm Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial**
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong (STM's)**

PARISH OF WANSTEAD:

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