



Wanstead Parish  
St Mary with Christ Church

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Services today:**

- 8am **Holy Communion BCP** (CC)  
9.30am **Sung Eucharist with Nursery and Junior Church** (CC and Parish Halls)  
11am **Sung Eucharist** (STM's)  
6.30pm **Choral Evensong** (CC)

**The next Tea & Fellowship afternoon on 19<sup>th</sup> May, will be at 3pm in the Rectory instead of the vestry as there is a Confirmation service in Christ Church that afternoon.**

**Eucharist Readings & Hymns:**

Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end; Ps.1; John 17. 6-19

- 227** – Crown him with many crowns  
**218** – Thine be the glory  
**462** – Soul of my saviour (CC)  
**612** – Christ triumphant ever reigning

**The Collect for the Week:**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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:** Kay Kingham, Kay Sheikh, Martin Wheatley, Martin Julie Black, Sally Hurd, Christine Harrison, Charlotte, Ted Taylor, Ann Cheetham, Chris Cummins, Denis Keeling, Patricia Head, Richard Francis, Martin, Mary Wales, Barbara Ridley, Simon Tierney.

**Year's Mind:** Eric Coote (13<sup>th</sup>,98); Ian Don (13<sup>th</sup>,15); Donald Warren (17<sup>th</sup>,82); Gerry East (17<sup>th</sup>,03); Jim Creed (17<sup>th</sup>,09); Arthur Cuff, Reader (18<sup>th</sup>,98)

**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:**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

Copies of the Annual Report are available in both churches. Our **APCM will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** in the Parish Hall at Christ Church.

### **CONFIRMATION AT CHRIST CHURCH ON 19 MAY**

'Confirmation' is a word that basically means 'making firm or strong.' In the Church it refers to a service in which people after a time of discernment solemnly commit themselves to follow Christ. It's a time when the seeds of faith implanted by God at our baptism come, so to speak, to fruition. If you feel that God is calling you to make this commitment, please contact Fr. Charles at [chbrown1816@gmail.com](mailto:chbrown1816@gmail.com)

### **MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. For more information, please pick up a flyer in either church.

### **RETREAT AT AYLESFORD PRIORY**

This will take place over the weekend of 19-20 October 2024 at Aylesford Priory in Kent. It will be led by members of the ministry teams in our local mission area, which includes our parish, Aldersbrook, and Woodford. The cost will be £230 for a single room and £200 for a shared room. For more information please see Fr. James or Fr. Charles.

### **MENTAL WELLBEING SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you struggling? We warmly invite you to **A Place**, a mental wellbeing support group open to adults who wish to improve their mental wellbeing, irrespective of outlook on faith. Please join us in the Vestry at Christ Church at 5.30pm on the **First** Sunday of each month.

### **LOUGHTON OPERATIC SOCIETY**

Presents Sweet Charity telling the story of Charity Hope Valentine's musical and romantic adventures. 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May 2024. All evening shows at 7.30pm; Saturday matinee at 2pm. At Lopping Hall High Road, Loughton IG10 4LF (5 min walk from Loughton station, on the Central Line. Tickets £15 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/los](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/los)

### **EAST LONDON CHORUS**

Presents Mozart's 'Piccolomini' and Musical gems from Monteverdi to Mvula. 6.30pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Christ Church Tickets £15 (under 25s £5) from [www.eastlondonchorus.org.uk](http://www.eastlondonchorus.org.uk)

### **FLOWER ARRANGERS REQUIRED**

We are looking for more volunteers to help with flower arranging at Christ Church. It is not a big commitment and no previous experience is necessary. If you would like more information, please contact the Parish office.

**SAFEGUARDING:** For safeguarding concerns please contact Gary Vickers at [wansteadparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> May

John 17:11, 14-17

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*... I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

**AV (King James Bible)**

And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.... I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth.

**RSV**

Now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world and I am returning to you. Holy Father, keep the men you gave me by your power that they may be one, as we are one... I have given them your word, and the world has hated them, for they are no more sons of the world than I am. I am not praying that you will take them out of the world but that you will keep them from the evil one. They are no more the sons of the world than I am—make them holy by the truth; for your word is the truth.

**J B Phillips**

For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world; they'll continue in the world while I return to you. Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life that you conferred as a gift through me, so they can be one heart and mind as we are one heart and mind.... I gave them your word; the godless world hated them because of it, because they didn't join the world's ways, just as I didn't join the world's ways. I'm not asking that you take them out of the world but that you guard them from the Evil One. They are no more defined by the world than I am defined by the world. Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth; your word is consecrating truth.

**The Message**

We're approaching the climax of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper, and the tone becomes darker and more mysterious. Jesus is praying to the Father for the disciples gathered with him, but he says, strangely, "I am no longer in the world". (The Message version here rather destroys the mystery in trying to make the meaning accessible.) It's as though for him the Passion and Resurrection have already happened; the disciples must have felt suddenly and radically alone, even abandoned. We've already seen how Jesus in John shows an amazingly calm detachment at the prospect of his death, very unlike the picture we get in the other gospels. (If we take v.11 literally, it could suggest that Jesus only *seemed* to suffer on the cross, a position that the mainstream church, with its stress on the redemptive power of his suffering and death, judged to be heretical. This might go some way to explain the hesitation that some in the early church seem to have felt about admitting John's gospel into the canon of the New Testament.)

We see in this passage a deep ambivalence about "the world" (Greek *kosmos*). In John 3:16-17 we're told that God so loved the world that he sent his only son, not to condemn it but that it might be saved. Yet here the world in which Jesus is leaving the disciples is seen as a hostile place, in which they can *and should* feel alienated, and from which they need protection. No doubt this reflects the persecution that John's community suffered, but surely it has a wider resonance. The final verses of ch.17 (20-26, not included in this week's reading) make it clear that Jesus is praying, not only for the disciples with him, but for all who believe in him through their word – in other words for us and for all Christians. Lord, may we appreciate the beauty and glory of your creation, but protect us from conformity or subjection to the dominant forces of this fallen world.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer (CC)
	<b>10am</b>	Prayer Group (CC)
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer (CC)
	<b>10am</b>	Little Angels Playgroup (CC) <i>Term time only</i>
	<b>4pm</b>	Forget-Me-Nots Choir (St M's)
	<b>8pm</b>	Compline (St M's)
<b>Thursdays:</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	Morning Prayer (CC)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion, coffee and chat (CC)
<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer (St M's)
	<b>7pm</b>	The Bridge Youth Club for all age 10+ (Parish Hall)
	<b>7pm</b>	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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Pentecost

<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP (CC)</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Joint Sung Eucharist with Nursery and Junior Church (CC and Parish Halls). Followed by APCM at 10.45am in the Parish Hall. All Welcome</b>
<b>3pm</b>	<b>Tea and Fellowship (The Rectory)</b>
<b>4pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Service (CC)</b>

## PARISH OF WANSTEAD:

<b>Rector:</b>	Revd James Gilder (Day off: Mondays)
<b>Assoc. Priest:</b>	Revd Charles Brown (Works: Thurs, Fri, Sun)
<b>Assistant Priests:</b>	Revd Olive Thursby (High Street Chaplain) Revd Richard Wyber Revd Chris Mackenna Revd Anne Mackenna (Parish Deacon)

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## GIVING:

**It costs £4,000 per week to keep our parish running. Please consider making a regular donation.**

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