



Wanstead Parish
St Mary with Christ Church

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Sunday 13th October 2024
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Services today:

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

Eucharist Readings & Hymns:

Amos 5. 6-7, 10-15; Ps.90. 12-end;
Mark 10. 17-31

St Mary's

- 290** – We plough the fields and scatter
284 – For the fruits of all creation
282 – Come, ye thankful people, come

Christ Church

- 790** – Teach me my God & King
335 – My God accept my heart this day
461 – One bread, one body
584 – All my hope on God is founded

The Collect for the Week:

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Sarah Leonard, Pippa, 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: Helen Bostock

Year's Mind: Robert Stone (18th,03)

Wanstead Prayer Diary: Cranbourne Avenue, Ashbourne Avenue, Colvin Gardens, Nelson Road, Rodney Road, Elmcroft Avenue, The Duke, Wellington Road, Halstead Road
Cowley Road, Elmcroft Close

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:

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AT ST MARY'S THIS SUNDAY

Harvest service will take place at **St Mary's this Sunday 13th October at 11am**. Harvest gifts will be welcomed and will be donated to the Redbridge Foodbank via Tin in a Bin and Mill Grove, a Christian sanctuary and home for families in need. Any non-perishable food gifts are hugely appreciated such as; breakfast cereals, sugar, flour, pasta, rice, tinned food. Toiletries; shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and any household goods such as kitchen roll, clingfilm, foil, washing up liquid. Mill Grove would also welcome any fresh produce, including any home grown fruit and vegetables! The food bank is currently short of cereals, toiletries, pasta sauces, dried pulses & pot noddles.

REPAIR CAFÉ THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

The Parish of Wanstead is partnering with Wanstead Climate Action to start a brand-new Repair Cafe in Wanstead on Sunday 13th October 2024 from 2pm-5pm at Christ Church Hall.

PET BLESSING SERVICE

Will take place at 4pm on Sunday 20th October 2024 at St Mary's. All welcome.

PARISH TEA & FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

The Parish Tea & Fellowship afternoon will take place next Sunday at 3pm-4.30pm in the Vestry at Christ Church. There will be refreshments and conversation with fellow parishioners. You will be sure of a warm 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.

CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS

There is going to be a confirmation service at Holy Trinity, Hermon Hill on the afternoon of Sunday 10th November. If you know anyone who is currently at secondary school and who might like to be confirmed, Father James is running four sessions at the Rectory on Sunday evenings starting on 13th October from 6.30-8.30pm where you will help cook and share a meal. If you or your teenage child would like to come along to the sessions or would like further information, please email: jbgilder@hotmail.com or contact the Parish office. After the last session it is absolutely open to people to decide that they would prefer not to be confirmed, but obviously it will be lovely if people do decide to go ahead. Anyone who does wish to be confirmed will need to have attended at least three out of four of the sessions. If you or your teenage child would like to come along to the sessions, please could you let me know via email: jbgilder@hotmail.com

ALL SOULS SERVICE 3rd NOVEMBER

The service will be taking place at 6.30pm on Sunday 3rd November at St Mary's. All welcome. If you would like a name of a deceased loved one read out at this special service, please add their name to the sign-up sheets available in both church from this Sunday.

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.

Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last first.

AV

Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

RSV

I promise you, nobody leaves home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property for my sake and the Gospel's without getting back a hundred times over, now in this present life, homes and brothers and sisters, mothers and children and land—though not without persecution—and in the next world eternal life. But many who are first now will then be last, and the last now will then be first.

J B Phillips

Mark my words, no one who sacrifices house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, and land— whatever— because of me and the Message will lose out. They'll get it all back, but multiplied many times in homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land—but also in troubles. And then the bonus of eternal life! This is once again the Great Reversal: Many who are first will end up last, and the last first.

The Message

Today's gospel reading (Mark 10:17-31) is full of "hard sayings" – paradoxes that jolt us into asking uncomfortable questions (unless familiarity has dulled our sense of how shocking they are!) To start with, there's Jesus' rebuke to the rich young man ("Why do you call me good? No-one is good but God alone") which seems to question his own divinity – Matthew's version (Matt 19:16-17) avoids this implication, which may make us suspect that Mark's is closer to what Jesus was remembered as saying. Then there's the sense that Jesus is setting an impossibly high standard of financial sacrifice for his followers. Where does that leave us? Is it OK to say "But that was then, when they all assumed the world was going to end in a generation or so – surely it doesn't apply to us now"? Is that a legitimate get-out clause? How far are we being challenged about our stewardship, our own consumption etc? By now we may be feeling a little anxious and confused; when Jesus points the moral to the disciples with the famous "camel through the eye of a needle" saying, it's understandable that they ask despairingly whether *anyone* can be saved. His reply that "With God all things are possible" sounds reassuring but also confusing – is Jesus himself offering a get-out clause?

So we've been left asking ourselves difficult questions and perhaps unsure what Jesus is really telling the disciples – and us. It's time for some clarity and – although the strangeness continues – the last three verses, understood correctly, do offer that. Peter rather plaintively points out that the disciples have given up everything in their previous lives to follow Jesus, who reassures them that they will have their reward *in this life* as well as in the age to come. It's worth remembering that back in chapter 3 Jesus had said that those who followed him were his true family, and that's perhaps the key to what he's saying here. Yes, we make sacrifices to follow him – wealth and status, a secure place in society – but we gain by living the strange and paradoxical richness of a life of discipleship. It's not without costs – Jesus strikingly includes "persecutions" in the list of benefits we will enjoy – but there's no doubt that he's telling the disciples that even so they will be the gainers in this life through participation in the Christian community, as well as inheriting the promise of the life to come. There can be no easy answers to the knotty questions raised here, but we are being promised that faithful service will bring its own reward, no matter how great the hardships we may meet along the way.

Lord, help us to face the hard questions about our stewardship and our consumption, but also to appreciate the solid blessings of a life lived faithfully in our church community.

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.

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4pm	Pet Service (STM's)

PARISH OF WANSTEAD:

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

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GIVING:

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