



Wanstead Parish

St Mary with Christ Church

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**Sunday 17th November 2024**

**Second Sunday before Advent**

**Services today:**

**8am Holy Communion BCP (CC)**

**9.30am Sung Eucharist with Nursery and Junior Church (CC & Parish Halls)**

**11am Morning Prayer (STM's)**

**Eucharist Readings & Hymns:**

**Daniel 12. 1-3; Ps 16;**

**Mark 13. 1-8**

**641** – Glorious things of thee are spoken

**608** – Christ is our corner stone

**506** – The Church's one foundation

**The Collect for the Week:**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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.

**Year's Mind:** Sidney Brown (17<sup>th</sup>,80); John Gower (17<sup>th</sup>,06); John Britchford-Steel (18<sup>th</sup>,92); Ivor Nicholas (20<sup>th</sup>,13); Nora Hemsley (23<sup>rd</sup>,17)

**Wanstead Prayer Diary:** Tarzy wood, Memorial Green, Wanstead Place, Fitzgerald Road, Wanstead Church school, Church Path, Robins Pie and Mash, Enigma Hair and Beauty Krishanco Newsagent, Wanstead Place surgery, Wanstead Children's Centre Christ Church Green, Christ Church.

**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

### MERRY QUIZMAS

The Friends' of the Parish of Wanstead are back with their annual Christmas Quiz, set by our very own Andy Richardson! This year's quiz ticket includes a hotdog and table snacks, and as always there will be a licensed bar and a raffle. £15 per ticket. Max of eight per team. No entry on the door. Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7.30pm at the Parish Halls. Please see Lauren Johnson for tickets or copy the link <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ECUV>

### 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 12.30pm. The plan is to meet at the appropriate platform at Waterloo station by about 9.45am and to take the 10.03am 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](mailto: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.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD: COULD YOU HELP STUFF ENVELOPES OR DELIVER CARDS?

Last year we delivered 1000 Christmas Cards and many copies of Grapevine to streets in Wanstead. The cards included an invitation to our Christmas services as well as Christmas greetings to all, and the feedback we had was that this was well-received. It certainly seemed to have a positive effect on our Christmas Eve attendances, which were better than any for the last decade. This year we would like to deliver 2000 cards - but we need your help! Could you address, stuff and deliver to your street at some point between Weds 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November? Or could you come to our special **delivery day** at the Rectory on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November? On delivery day a team work at addressing the envelopes, and another team go out on delivery rounds. Last year it was a really fun day, and was much fortified by mince pies! If you are happy to help with either task, please contact the parish office. Please let us know what you are able to do (either delivery on your street - and which street(!) or helping out on the big day). Let's try to reach as much of Wanstead as we possibly can this Advent and Christmas!

### CHRISTMAS COMPLINE – ANGELS AND SONGS

Will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's. The service will include poems, readings and music inspired by the first two chapters of St Luke's gospel. All welcome.

### KNEELERS FOR CHRIST CHURCH MEETING DATES

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

### TEA & FELLOWSHIP

The next Tea & Fellowship afternoon will be at 3pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the vestry at Christ Church. Please join us for chat and tea & cake. The Christmas Tea will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### SAVE THE DATE – EAST LONDON CHORUS FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The concert will take place at 4pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at Christ church. Admission free.

**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 17th November

Mark 13:1-8

As he went out of the temple, Jesus said, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down... Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? And Jesus [said] Take heed lest any *man* deceive you: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for *such things* must needs be; but the end *shall not be* yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

**AV (King James Bible)**

As he came out of the temple, Jesus said, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down."... Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign when these things are all to be accomplished?" And Jesus [said], "Take heed that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines; this is but the beginning of the birth-pangs."

**RSV**

As Jesus was leaving the Temple, [he said] "You see these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left standing on another; every one will be thrown down!" ... Peter, James, John and Andrew said to him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will there be that all these things are going to be accomplished?" So Jesus [said]: "Be very careful that no one deceives you. Many are going to come in my name and say, 'I am he', and will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, don't be alarmed. Such things are bound to happen, but the end is not yet. Nation will take up arms against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in different places and terrible famines. But this is only the beginnings of the pains."

**J B Phillips**

As he walked away from the Temple, Jesus said, "There's not a stone in the whole works that is not going to end up in a heap of rubble." ... Peter, James, John, and Andrew got him off by himself and asked, "Tell us, when is this going to happen? What sign will we get that things are coming to a head?" Jesus began, "Watch out for doomsday deceivers. Many leaders are going to show up with forged identities claiming, 'I'm the One.' They will deceive a lot of people. When you hear of wars and rumored wars, keep your head and don't panic. This is routine history, and no sign of the end. Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines. But these things are nothing compared to what's coming."

**The Message**

Mark 13 is a chapter of apocalyptic prophecy. In ch.11 Jesus drove the moneylenders out of the temple, so it's not surprising that ch.13 begins with the coming destruction of the temple, before proceeding to wars and earthquakes, the appearance of false prophets and false Messiahs, persecution and ultimately the "coming of the Son of Man". The temple was in fact destroyed by the Romans in AD70, around the time Mark's gospel was written, which would have lent weight and credibility to these prophecies. The sequence of events foretold is carefully constructed, with warnings not to leap to premature conclusions, to be awake and alert at all times, to be prepared for persecutions, and not to heed false prophets. It's clear from Paul's letters, written in the 50s AD, that the early church lived in expectation of Jesus' imminent return, a source of hope but also of anxiety. It can be hard for modern Christians to read these prophecies, knowing that these "end time" events did not happen when Jesus seems to be saying they would.

Lord help us, as we live through troubling times, not to be taken in by the certainties of false prophets, but to live our lives as faithful Christians, mindful that "here is no abiding city"; may our lives be shaped by our knowledge that our hope and peace, and final resting place, is in you.

## 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 24th November 2024 - Christ the King

<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b> (CC)
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Eucharist</b> (CC)
<b>11am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> (STM's)
<b>3pm</b>	<b>Tea and Fellowship</b> (CC vestry)

## PARISH OF WANSTEAD:

<b>Rector:</b>	Revd James Gilder ( <i>Day off: Mondays</i> )
<b>Assoc. Priest:</b>	Revd Charles Brown ( <i>Works: Thurs, Fri, Sun</i> )
<b>Curate:</b>	Revd David Lappano
<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:

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