



Wanstead Parish

St Mary with Christ Church

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**Sunday 20th October 2024**  
**Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**

**Services today:**

- 8am**            **Holy Communion BCP (CC)**  
**9.30am**        **Sung Eucharist with Nursery and Junior Church (CC and Parish Halls)**  
**11am**          **Morning Prayer (STM's)**  
**3pm**            **Tea & Fellowship (CC Vestry)**  
**4pm**            **Pet Service (STM's)**

**Eucharist Readings & Hymns:**  
**Isaiah 53. 4-end; Ps 91. 9-end;**  
**Mark 10. 35-45**

- 650** – Great is thy faithfulness  
**604**– Brother, sister, let me serve  
    you  
**433** – Broken for me, broken for  
    you  
**676** – Immortal, invisible, God  
    only wise

**The Collect for the Week:**

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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:** Douglas Collard (22<sup>nd</sup>,07); Norma Maiden (25<sup>th</sup>,95)

**Wanstead Prayer Diary:** Woodbury Close, Florence Court, Foxglove Gardens, Merino Close, Wanstead Youth Centre, Longcourt Mews, Elderfield Walk, Melmead House NELFT NHS (community mental health), Sultan Road, Bal Beauty, Essex Engineering and Coin Co-op Controls

**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:**

### **PARISH TEA & FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

The Parish Tea & Fellowship afternoon will take place this Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>) 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.

### **PET BLESSING SERVICE THIS AFTERNOON**

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

### **ALL SOULS SERVICE 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER**

The service will be taking place at 6.30pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **HELEN BOSTOCK'S FUNERAL**

Helen's funeral will be held at the City of London Crematorium on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, at 2.30pm, and thereafter at The Prince Regent, Manor Road, Chigwell. 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](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.

### **CONFIRMATION FOR TEENS**

There is going to be a confirmation service at Holy Trinity, Hermon Hill on the afternoon of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:jbgilder@hotmail.com)

### **KNEELERS FOR CHRIST CHURCH MEETING DATES**

The next community sew-ins will take place at Christ Church on: Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.30-12pm; Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 13.30-15.00; Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 19.00-20.30; 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!

**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.

## From the readings for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Isaiah 53:5, 11-12

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.... He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great.... because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**AV (King James Bible)**

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed... He shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great ... because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**RSV**

But he was wounded because of our crimes, crushed because of our sins; the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him, and by his bruises we are healed... After this ordeal, he will see satisfaction. "By his knowing [pain and sacrifice], my righteous servant makes many righteous; it is for their sins that he suffers. Therefore I will assign him a share with the great, for having exposed himself to death and being counted among the sinners, while actually bearing the sin of many and interceding for the offenders."

**Complete Jewish Bible**

But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him—*our sins!* He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed... Out of that terrible travail of soul, he'll see that it's worth it and be glad he did it. Through what he experienced, my righteous one, my servant, will make many "righteous ones," as he himself carries the burden of their sins. Therefore I'll reward him extravagantly...because he looked death in the face and didn't flinch, because he embraced the company of the lowest. He took on his own shoulders the sin of the many, he took up the cause of all the black sheep.

**The Message**

Today's gospel reading has the disciples still arguing about precedence; in rebuking them Jesus repeats that in the new order to lead is to serve, and refers indirectly ("Can you drink the cup that I drink?") to his coming Passion, which he has already spelt out to them more than once. This is all too familiar territory, and I thought it might be more fruitful to focus on the OT reading, which is the climax of the suffering servant songs from "Second Isaiah". We had a reading from these on 15<sup>th</sup> September, so I won't repeat the general points made then. Enough to say that these texts are generally taken by Christians to refer prophetically – and with uncanny accuracy – to the redemptive suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

The servant has been sent by Yahweh to restore harmony and justice on earth, but has been despised and rejected by those he was sent to because, rather than being regal and magnificent, he seemed sickly and ill-favoured. Indeed, some of the language used of him is used elsewhere in the OT to refer to people with disabilities. Most of the text in the songs is voiced by an unspecified "we" – those who at first rejected the servant but are in the process of coming to see their mistake.

In the short extract above, the anonymous "we" are finally glimpsing Yahweh's plan – that the suffering and humiliation heaped on the servant with their (at least) passive agreement has been redemptive for them. The first verse (v.5) is the "we" finally coming to this stupendously shocking revelation, while the rest of the extract is the voice of Yahweh affirming both the redemptive value of the servant's work in taking on himself the guilt of us sinners, and his exalted status in heaven. These ideas may well have shaped Jesus' acceptance of the necessity of his Passion, and the way Christians have understood it ever since.

Lord Jesus, help us to be aware of your presence and your grace in the despised and rejected – "as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me".

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – The Last Sunday after Trinity

<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)

## 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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