



Wanstead Parish

St Mary with Christ Church

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**Sunday 22nd September 2024**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Services today:**

- 8am**            **Holy Communion BCP (CC)**  
**9.30am**        **All Age Eucharist (CC)**  
**11am**          **Sung Eucharist (STM)**  
**3pm**            **Tea & Fellowship (CC vestry)**

**Eucharist Readings & Hymns:**

Wisdom 1. 16-2.1, 12-22; Ps.54; Mark 9. 30-37

**667** – I danced in the morning

**675** – Immortal Love for ever full

**258** – O thou who camest from above

**601** – Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine

**The Collect for the Week:**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

**Year's Mind:** George Barham (22<sup>nd</sup>,13); Gladys Moore (23<sup>rd</sup>,92); George Tierney (23<sup>rd</sup>,16); Bernard Wiltsher (26<sup>th</sup>,85); Nancie Ireland (26<sup>th</sup>,86); John Bates (26<sup>th</sup>,95); Oliver Mann (27<sup>th</sup>,75); John Wyber (27<sup>th</sup>,09)

**Wanstead Prayer Diary:** High Street, Malcolm Way, Epping Forest Scout District HQ, Travelodge, Toby Carvery, Tiffin Tin, 5sp Café, Eat Lift Lose Gym, Sun Goddess Tanning Salon, Beauty Parfaite, Same Day Dry Cleaning, Station Parade, Sial Accountant

**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:**

### **OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Both churches will be open during the Open House weekend. On Saturday Christ Church will be open 10.30am-4pm and St Mary's 12pm-4pm. On Sunday Christ Church will be open 11am-4pm and St Mary's 12.30pm -4pm.

### **PARISH TEA & FELLOWSHIP THIS AFTERNOON**

The Parish Tea & Fellowship afternoon will take place this afternoon 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.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COOK FOR NIGHT SHELTER**

We help to run the Forest Churches Night Shelter throughout the winter months. Starting on the 1st November and running through to the start of April, the shelter provides beds and warm meals for homeless people in north-east London. You might recall that in the old days we used to run this from the parish halls, but now it is all run in conjunction with the YMCA on Forest Road, Walthamstow. This enables service users to have a proper bed and a shower, as well as an evening meal, and means people don't have to pack up their belongings every night to travel to a new church hall the next day. Wanstead volunteers' night at the shelter is Tuesdays. The volunteers cook a meal at home for about 15 people, and then take it along to the shelter in Walthamstow, serve it up and eat with the service users. Afterwards, the volunteers clear up and chat or play some board games with the service users. Volunteers are always paired-up and a professional member of staff is on hand at all times to assist. You don't need to stay overnight. The meal is usually served about 6.45pm and the shift is over by 9.30pm. People who volunteered last year really enjoyed the experience and the interactions they had, and we were all on the rota only about five times throughout the winter, so it wasn't arduous. If you would like to volunteer to cook or to assist, please contact the parish office.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Fr Richard has arranged a visit to Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 23rd November. Full details will be provided on his return from holiday at the end of September.

### **PARISH AND MISSION PARTNERSHIP AWAY DAY - AYLESFORD PRIORY, SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

A chance to join our friends from other nearby churches for an away day at Aylesford Priory near Maidstone. The day costs £22 including lunch and refreshments (organise own travel) and will be led by Fr Martyn Hawkes with input from our own Fr Chris. A great chance for spiritual refreshment and fellowship. Contact the Parish office if you would like to sign up. (no payment necessary at this stage - we will contact you).

### **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2025**

A group from our parish will be making the annual pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk over the weekend of Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - Sun 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025. For those who have not been before, Walsingham is set in beautiful north Norfolk, only a couple of miles from Wells next the Sea. It is a charming and peaceful place, which has been a site of pilgrimage for many years. The weekend includes a mixture of services and prayer, plus the opportunity to explore the local area and to meet other Christians from around the country. The cost is roughly £200 per person, full board. We are asking for a £20 deposit to secure your place, as soon as possible. Anyone interested can speak to Fr James for more details, and please contact the Parish Office to book.

### **MENTAL WELLBEING SUPPORT**

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.

### **CHRIST CHURCH GARDENING CLUB**

The Saturday gardening club at Christ Church are looking for more volunteers. The group meets fortnightly 9am – 12.30pm and the next time they will meet will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. If you can spare some time, even if it is for an hour, please just turn up. No skills required and tools are provided. If you would like more information, please speak to Father James, Father Charles or 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.

## From the readings for Sunday 22nd September

Mark 9:31-34

He taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who *should be* the greatest.

**AV (King James Bible)**

He was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him. And they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they were silent; for on the way they had discussed with one another who was the greatest.

**RSV**

He was teaching his disciples that the Son of Man would be betrayed into the power of men, that they would kill him and that three days after his death he would rise again. But they were completely mystified by this saying, and were afraid to question him about it. So they came to Capernaum. And when they were indoors he asked them, "What were you discussing as we came along?" They were silent, for on the way they had been arguing about who should be the greatest.

**J B Phillips**

He told them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed to some people who want nothing to do with God. They will murder him. Three days after his murder, he will rise, alive." They didn't know what he was talking about, but were afraid to ask him about it. They came to Capernaum. When he was safe at home, he asked them, "What were you discussing on the road?" The silence was deafening—they had been arguing with one another over who among them was greatest.

**The Message**

Do you remember last week's gospel reading, in which Jesus explained that it was necessary for him to suffer and die, and be resurrected? Peter couldn't accept this, and Jesus rebuked him harshly. He then made a point of "summoning the crowd" before challenging them (and us) to take up their/our crosses and follow him. Since then we've had the Transfiguration, but the disciples still seem to be stuck in the same place. (To be fair, most of them hadn't been up there on the mountain with Peter and James and John.) Now once again Jesus is withdrawing from public view, concentrating on trying to explain once again to the disciples what Peter had failed to grasp.

And they spectacularly don't get it. Something (fear of knowing the truth?) prevents them from engaging, from asking Jesus to explain. And to underline their not getting it, they start bickering about who'll get the top roles when Jesus, their Messiah, comes into his own. Many have wondered why Mark seems so determined to portray the disciples as – well, if not stupid exactly, at least regularly failing to rise to the occasion, to understand the mind-blowing, revolutionary novelty of a resurrection perspective, how that changes everything. Rowan Williams suggests that this is not to make us feel superior to the disciples, but to comfort and reassure us when we regularly fail to "get it" in our own lives.

So Jesus carefully explains that in a resurrection perspective to lead is to serve, so leadership needs to look very different. We're so used to that image of Jesus taking a little child that we can easily forget how shockingly counter-cultural it must have been at that time to equate the child, not just with himself but with God the Father. Pope Gregory the Great (590-604), one of the dominant saintly figures in the early mediaeval church, famously described himself as "the servant of the servants of God".

Lord Jesus, help us never to lose sight of the way your resurrection has turned the world upside down, and help us to live our lives in the light of that revelation.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Michaelmas

- 8am Holy Communion BCP (CC)**
- 9.30am Joint Eucharist with Nursery & Junior Church (CC & Vestry)**
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong (CC)**

## 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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