

Sunday 30th March 2025
Mothering Sunday



Wanstead Parish
St Mary with Christ Church

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Services today:

- 8am Holy Communion BCP (CC)**
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church (CC & Halls)
9.45am Nursery Church (Halls)
11am Sung Eucharist (STM's)

Eucharist Readings & Hymns:

Psalm 34.11-20
2 Corinthians 1.3-7
Luke 2.33-35

- 357** - All people that on earth
do dwell
721 - Love divine, all loves
excelling
430 - Bread of heaven, on thee
we feed
739 – Now thank we all our God

The Collect for the Week:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Margaret Watts, 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, Tina Veldi, Eli

RIP: James Stewart, Peter Huber, Mary Dorothy Blackburn

Year's Mind: Gertrude Riches (30th, 78); David Joshua (31st, 81)

Wanstead Prayer Diary: Hermon Hill, Sylvan Close, Snaresbrook Newsagent, Wanstead Driving Centre, Jolliffe Ltd, Lillies of Wanstead, Phones Fix, Tool Box, Makepeace Road, Heronwood and Galleon Unit, Victory Road, Trafalgar Road, Sukkat Shalom Reform Synagogue, Forest Dene Care Home, Little Diamonds Nursery, Wanstead Methodist Church

NOTICES

FUNERAL AT CHRIST CHURCH: The funeral of Peter Huber will take place on Monday 31st March at 10.30am. Please remember Peter and his family in your prayers.

FUNERAL AT ST MARY'S: The funeral of Mary Dorothy Blackburn will take place on Wednesday 2nd April at 11am. Please remember Mary Dorothy and her family in your prayers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: For the Pre-Easter Spring Clean at Christ Church on Friday 4th April 9.30 to 12.30 pm. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet in church if you can help or just turn up!

KNEELERS FOR CHRIST CHURCH: Our next sew-in will take place on Friday 4th April 10.30 to 12.00 in Christ Church Vestry.

EVENSONG AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: The Parish choir will be singing Evensong at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 5th April at 5.15pm. Please do come along and support our choir – All welcome!

LENT LUNCH: We are hosting a Lent Lunch in the Parish Halls on **Thursday 10 April 2025, 1pm.** (Doors open at 12.45) Come and join us for a simple Lent Lunch: homemade soup, bread, cheese, pickle, tea, coffee and biscuits. Tickets are £8 per person. The £8 will be donated to the **Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal.** Bookings can be made online via the Wanstead Parish website. Alternatively, you can add your name to the sign-up sheet at either church and pay in cash at the door. Any enquiries email Beryl Darling. bdarling2022@outlook.com

CHIGWELL ROW OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY: presents *Me and My Girl*, the rags-to-riches story of Bill Snibson who has become an Earl and whose new family want him to become posh and forget his little Lambeth gal Sally. What could possibly go wrong? Packed with tunes (*The Lambeth Walk, Leaning on a Lamp-post, The Sun Has Got His Hat On*) and full of fun, it is the happiest show in town. Licensed bar. Show times: Wednesday 9th April - Saturday 12th April 2025 at 7.45pm; Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm. Venue: Holy Trinity Church Hall, 185 Hermon Hill, South Woodford, E18 1QQ Tickets £15 from www.croads.co.uk

HOME AND 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.

SAFEGUARDING: For safeguarding concerns please contact Avril Carnelley at wansteadparishsafeguarding@gmail.com or on 07905 764343. In an emergency, contact the relevant authority such as the Police.

A reflection on this week's readings

From the readings for Sunday 30th March

2 Corinthians 1:3-6

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation.

AV (King James Bible)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.

RSV

Thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he is our Father and the source of all mercy and comfort. For he gives us comfort in our trials so that we in turn may be able to give the same sort of strong sympathy to others in theirs. Indeed, experience shows that the more we share Christ's suffering the more we are able to give of his encouragement. This means that if we experience trouble we can pass on to you comfort and spiritual help; for if we ourselves have been comforted we know how to encourage you to endure patiently the same sort of troubles that we have ourselves endured.

J B Phillips

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes! He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God. Just as we have a share in Christ's many sufferings, so also through Christ we share in God's great help. If we suffer, it is for your help and salvation; if we are helped, then you too are helped and given the strength to endure with patience the same sufferings that we also endure.

Good News Bible

Paul's relationship with his church in Corinth was complicated. In 1 Cor we see it in a positive phase: for all the difficult issues raised, there's an underlying confidence and optimism that the church, and Paul's relationship with it, are basically sound. Later things became much more difficult, and this is reflected in 2 Cor, which was almost certainly not originally a single letter but a composite document combining all or parts of two or more letters. It's difficult to reconstruct the exact sequence of events, but it clearly involved rival preachers, damaging accusations against Paul himself, and a partial reconciliation, probably followed by another painful rift. It's not an easy read, but as always with Paul, there are pearls of spiritual wisdom among the anger and self-justification – in particular a strong sense of Christ's actual presence amid the conflict and turmoil, and of the church, and individual Christians, as a work in progress.

The opening of 2 Cor, from which today's reading is taken, reflects a mood of slightly strained reconciliation after the initial conflict. Some hard truths are going to be spoken, but Paul is seeking to rebuild bridges and establish common ground.

Lord, we thank you for the comfort you provide even in the most difficult situations; help us in our attempts to hear your voice amid the turmoil.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays:	9am	Morning Prayer (CC)
	10.30am	Prayer Group (CC)
Wednesdays:	9am	Morning Prayer (CC)
	10am	Refreshed (CC) <i>Term time only</i>
	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)
	10.30am	Forget-Me-Nots Choir (St M's)
	7pm	The Bridge Youth Club for all age 10+ (Parish Halls)
	7pm	Parish Choir Practice (CC Vestry)

Bereavement Cafe: For all who have lost a loved one. Meets in CC vestry, 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 6th April 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide

8am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
9.30am	Sung Eucharist with Junior Church (CC & Halls)
9.45am	Nursery Church (Halls)
11am	Morning Prayer CW (STM's)
1.30pm	Baptism at Christ Church
5.30pm	A Place (CC Vestry)
6.30pm	Healing Service (CC)

PARISH OF WANSTEAD:

Rector:	Revd James Gilder (Day off: Mondays)
Assoc. Priest:	Revd Charles Brown (Works: Thurs, Fri, Sun)
Curate:	Revd David Lappano
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GIVING:

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