

Sunday 7th September 2025
12th Sunday after Trinity



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 Morning Prayer BCP (STM's)
5.30pm A Place (CC Vestry)
6.30pm Healing Service (CC)

Eucharist Readings & Hymns:

Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 12. 25-33

753 – O Praise Ye the Lord
764 – Peace, perfect peace
334 – In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
593 – At the name of Jesus

The Collect for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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, Patricia Head, Richard Francis, Barbara Ridley, Tina Veldi, Eli, Liz Hickson, Debbie Binns, Jenny Tebbutt, Molly Liok, Divel Veldi, Jackie Wilkins and Mark Taylor

RIP:

Year's Mind: Eileen Thursby (8th, 71); Margaret Manser (8th, 23); Ken Ireland (9th, 89); Vena Adams (9th, 07); Majorie Hinderwell (11th, 01); June Harrison (12th, 13); Jean Newman (12th, 20)

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

NOTICES

A PLACE: A support group open to adults who wish to improve their mental wellbeing, meets in the Vestry at Christ Church **today**, Sunday 7th September at 5.30pm. All welcome.

TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP: The prayer group will not meet on Tuesday 9th as previously advertised. The next meeting is postponed until further notice.

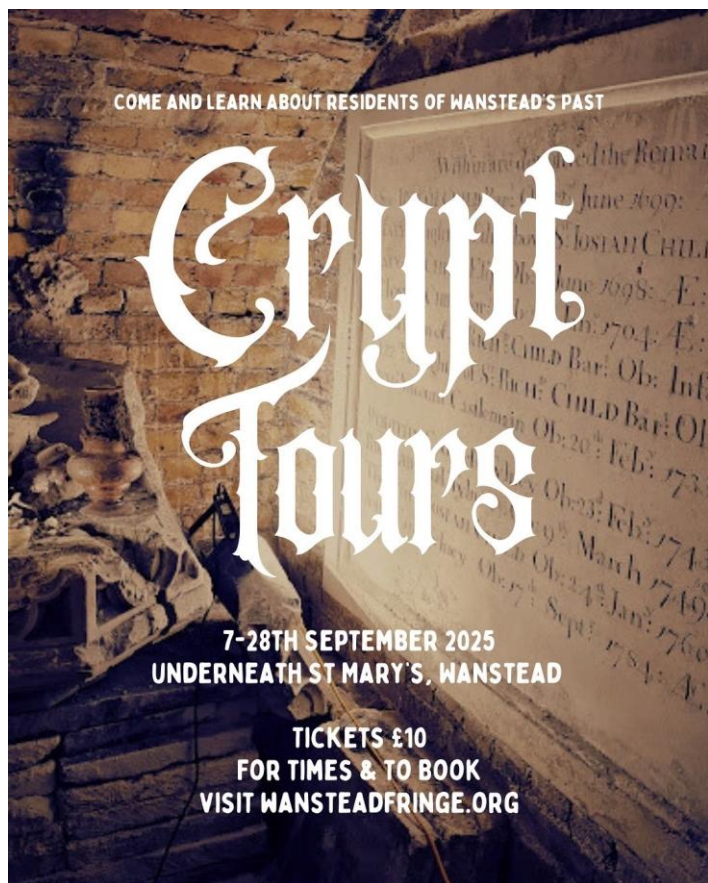
FR DAVID'S ORDINATION: will take place at 10.30am on Saturday 27th September at Christ Church. All are welcome to this special service – please do join us to support Fr David.

YOUR CHANCE TO OWN A PIECE OF WANSTEAD HISTORY! We have received a Faculty to remove a set of pews at Christ Church (the ones to the right, immediately as you come into the church, going towards the back). There are nine pews which will be removed. This will make way for an area for welcoming, storage and for a table and chairs, as well as making it easier to reach the lighting cupboard. This means we have nine pews to dispose of! Would anyone like one? They are made of stained pine, and were probably installed after Christ Church was extended in the late 1870s. The pews have a bookrest on the back and several of them have numbers inscribed on them. This is because in the 19th Century many families would 'rent' their pew, although some of the less good pews would be kept free for the poor. The numbers on the pews in Christ Church are not in any order, which suggests they have either been moved around at some point, possibly when the church was enlarged, or perhaps some came from another church. Each pew is small enough to fit alongside a normal size dining table: length 7ft exactly, depth (including bookstand at back) 18 1/2", height to top of pew 34", height to seat 16". You are welcome to come and take a look at the pews during normal church opening hours. If you decide you would like a pew, could we suggest a donation of £50 to the *Inspire Wanstead* campaign to save the tower. You would need to arrange collection during October. Please contact the Parish Office to reserve one! office@parishofwanstead.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COOK FOR THE 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 12-15 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.

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 Cernelley on 07905 764343 or at wansteadparishsafeguarding@gmail.com. In an emergency, contact the relevant authority such as the Police.



WANSTEAD WAR TALK

by **Davis Watson**

Monday 15th September 2025
7.30pm
Christ Church

Free to attend, raising funds for **Inspire Wanstead**

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays:	9am	Morning Prayer (CC)
	10.30am	Prayer Group (CC)
Wednesdays:	9am	Morning Prayer (CC)
	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 (Parish Halls) <i>Term time only</i>
	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 14th September – Holy Cross Day

8am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
9.30am	Sung Eucharist with Junior Church (CC & Halls)
9.45am	Nursery Church (Halls)
11am	Sung Eucharist (STM's)
6pm	Jazz Vespers (CC)

PARISH OF WANSTEAD:

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Assoc. Priest: Revd Charles Brown
(Works: Thurs, Fri, Sun)

Curate: Revd David Lappano

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Revd Olive Thursby (High Street Chaplain)
Revd Richard Wyber
Revd Chris Mackenna
Revd Anne Mackenna (Parish Deacon)
Revd Liz Horwell

Parish Office: 020 8530 8743
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Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm during term time

GIVING:

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