

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**



**Wanstead Parish**  
St Mary with Christ Church

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**Services today:**

<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP (CC)</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist with Junior Church (CC &amp; Halls)</b>
<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Nursery Church (Halls)</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist (STM)</b>
<b>2pm</b>	<b>Baptism (CC)</b>
<b>3pm</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Fellowship (CC Vestry)</b>

**Eucharist Readings & Hymns:**

**Psalm 146. 4-10**

**James 5. 7-10**

**Matthew 11. 2-11**

**813** – Through the night of doubt and sorrow

**557** – Beauty for brokenness

**358** – Be still, for the presence of the Lord

**394** – Tell out, my soul

**The Collect for the Week:**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father 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, Charlotte, Ann Cheetham, Chris Cummins, Patricia Head, Richard Francis, Barbara Ridley, Tina Veldi, Eli, Liz Hickson, Molly Liok, Divel Veldi, Jackie Wilkins, Janet Plastow, Wendy, Louisa Hepworth, Andrew Bass, Tricia Don, Jane Heath, Jennifer Hale, Michael, Terry Gadd, Viv Aylward

**RIP:** Philip Hale

**Year's Mind:** Dorothy Manser (14<sup>th</sup>, 92); Eileen Lindsay (15<sup>th</sup>, 79); Peter Lewis (17<sup>th</sup>, 67); Joyce Hunter (17<sup>th</sup>, 05); Edgar Stretton (18<sup>th</sup>, 80); James Cross (20<sup>th</sup>, 96)

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

## NOTICES

**BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY:** The church welcomes with great joy today the family and friends of Elle Blair, whose Baptism will take place at Christ Church. Please keep Elle and her family and Godparents in your prayers.

**TEA & FELLOWSHIP:** will take place **today, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, at 3pm** in the Vestry at Christ Church. Please join us for chat and tea & cake. We look forward to welcoming you.

**TOY SUNDAY GIFTS –** A huge thank you for your great generosity with all the gifts that have been given for Hestia and Redbridge Young Carers. It is not too late to bring your gifts to church – new ladies scarves and gloves are particularly appreciated.

**ADVENT STUDY COURSE – HYMNS OF HOPE AND PROMISE:** Meet during Advent to pray the Magnificat and the Benedictus, and reflect on what these hymns of hope and promise mean for us today. December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in Christ Church Vestry 5-6pm. For further information, please speak to Fr David or email: [wanstead.curate@gmail.com](mailto:wanstead.curate@gmail.com)

On your own Christmas Day? Why not come and be with friendly company at our **FREE CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – 25<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm, The Parish Halls, Christ Church E11 2SW. Pre-booking is essential.** Please only book a ticket if you definitely intend to come. Thank you to The Duke for again generously supporting this event. Please see the weekly email to book online or please contact the parish office to book a place: [office@parishofwanstead.org](mailto:office@parishofwanstead.org) or Tel: 0208 530 8743 – leave a message with your name, telephone number, and how many places you would like.

**TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP:** The group have taken a break for Christmas. The next meeting will be in the new year on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am in Christ Church.

**COMPLINE:** Please note there will be no Compline at St. Mary's on 24<sup>th</sup> December or 31<sup>st</sup> December. The last Compline of 2025 will be 17<sup>th</sup> December and the first one of the new year will be 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**THANK YOU:** to Jack & Danielle Pattison of Jack's DIY Store and The Duke for kindly donating our beautiful Christmas trees this year.

**WEEKLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED:** From January, we will begin a new system for including names for prayers on the pew sheet. After 3 months, a name will come off the list unless we are asked to include it again. We will be very happy to include names again, this is simply a way to reduce the list as we are not always asked to remove a name, and the list is getting very long. We welcome requests for prayer and see it as a very important aspect of our church family support and fellowship.

**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 on 07905 764343 or at [wansteadparishsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:wansteadparishsafeguarding@gmail.com). In an emergency, contact the relevant authority such as the Police.

# Christmas at Wanstead Parish

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

## **Community Carols**

War Memorial Green, 7pm

*In aid of Centrepont*

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## **9 Lessons and Carols**

St Mary's, 6.30pm

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Eve

**Crib Service at Christ Church, 4pm**

**'Not Midnight' Mass at Christ Church, 6pm**

*(for families who don't want to stay up late)*

**Midnight Mass at Christ Church, 11.30pm**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Day

**Sung Eucharist at St Mary's, 10am**

**Free Christmas Dinner in the Parish Halls, 1pm**

*(booking essential)*



## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer (CC)
	<b>10.30am</b>	Prayer Group (CC)
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>9am</b>	Morning Prayer (CC)
	<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>10.30am</b>	Forget-Me-Nots Choir (St M's)
	<b>7pm</b>	The Bridge Youth Club (Parish Halls) <i>Term time only</i>
	<b>7pm</b>	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 21<sup>st</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Nursery Church (Halls)</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer BCP (STM)</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols (STM)</b>

## PARISH OF WANSTEAD:

**Rector:** Revd James Gilder  
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**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)  
Revd Liz Horwell

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## GIVING:

**It costs £4,000 per week to keep our parish running. Please consider making a regular donation.**

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