

Sunday 15th June 2025
Trinity 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 **Morning Prayer BCP (STM's)**
7pm **Pilgrim '25 Meeting (CC)**

Eucharist Readings & Hymns:

Psalm 8

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

272 – Father, Lord of earth and
heaven

277 – I bind unto myself today

725 – Make me a channel of your
peace

276 – Holy, holy, Holy! Lord God
Almighty!

The Collect for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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, Patricia Head, Richard Francis, Barbara Ridley, Tina Veldi, Eli, Liz Hickson and Archie.

RIP:

Year's Mind: David John Smith (16th, 10); Charles Webbe (19th, 07); Patty Hart (20th, 88); Henry Champness (21st, 80); Peter Brown (21st, 15)

Wanstead Prayer Diary: Joice café, The Bull, High Street, Kingfisher Avenue, Gardner Close, Harrier Avenue, Wanstead Opticians, British Heart Foundation, Must Wine Bar, Keating Jewellers, Café Chicchi, Daisy Florist, Francis C Walters Funeral care.

NOTICES

TODAY'S PLANNED 'WELCOME' THEMED SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH: has been postponed as Reverend Liz has broken her arm. She sends her apologies, and we send her all our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

PILGRIM '25 MEETING: for all who are planning on attending all or part of Pilgrim '25, there will be a briefing meeting this **Sunday 15th June at 7pm in Christ Church**. Whilst it is not crucial for anyone planning on coming on any part of the pilgrimage to attend on that evening, all are very welcome and encouraged to do so.

BEREAVEMENT CAFE: For all who have lost a loved one. Meets on **Tuesday 17th June** at 10.30-11.30am in CC vestry. All welcome.

KNEELERS FOR CHRIST CHURCH: There will be a demonstration and workshop on making up the kneelers on **Saturday 21st June 2.30 - 5.00pm** in Christ Church. All welcome - especially those who have made-up their kneeler and can help others on the day.

- Please bring your own refreshments
- If you intend making-up your kneeler on the day, please give it a light press on the wrong side under a damp cloth before coming – although there will be a small iron available
- Don't forget your label, backing canvas and kneeler pad
- If you have dressmaking or upholstery pins, please bring them if possible

TEA & FELLOWSHIP - will take place on Sunday 22nd June, at 3pm in the vestry at Christ Church. Please join us for chat and tea & cake. We look forward to welcoming you.

FCENS NIGHT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS: To the team of volunteers who helped with the night shelter over the last year, you are invited to a Midsummer Celebration on Sunday 22nd June. For further information, please see the weekly email or contact the Parish Office.

FIRST COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN FROM YEAR 3 UPWARDS: Our first communion classes start in school soon, ready for admission to first communion on **Sunday 22nd June or 29th June**. Children can sign up through school for this. If your child does not attend WCS but would like to be admitted to communion, Fr James hopes to run some classes at the Rectory, starting soon. Please contact him directly: jbgilder@hotmail.com

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES – If you are an adult who would like to learn more about the basics of the Christian faith or would like to be confirmed, please see Fr Charles or email him: chbrown1816@gmail.com

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. In an emergency, contact the relevant authority such as the Police.

A reflection on this week's readings

From the readings for Sunday June 15

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

AV (King James Bible)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

RSV

Since then it is by faith that we are justified ... we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have confidently entered into this new relationship of grace, and here we take our stand, in happy certainty of the glorious things he has for us in the future. This doesn't mean, of course, that we have only a hope of future joys—we can be full of joy here and now even in our trials and troubles. Taken in the right spirit, these very things will give us patient endurance; this in turn will develop a mature character, and a character of this sort produces a steady hope, a hope that will never disappoint us. Already we have some experience of the love of God flooding through our hearts by the Holy Spirit given to us.

J B Phillips

Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. He has brought us by faith into this experience of God's grace, in which we now live. And so we boast of the hope we have of sharing God's glory! We also boast of our troubles, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance brings God's approval, and his approval creates hope. This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us.

Good News Bible

Paul's letter to the Romans has been called the Mount Everest of New Testament studies, a magnificent eminence, but full of challenges and difficult passages. Today's reading comes at the beginning of a section (chapters 5-8) on the infinite love of God for fallen humanity, culminating in the overwhelming promises of 8:26 (quoted in last week's reflection!) and 8:38-39: "Neither death, nor life ... nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (RSV)

At the end of chapter 4, Paul has just told us how Abraham's trust in God "was reckoned to him as righteousness." (Gen 15:6), which is why today's reading begins: "Now that we have been put right with God through faith" (GNB). The all-too-familiar phrase "justification by faith" is in some ways unhelpful; (a) the Greek word translated "faith" also means "trust", and (b) "justification" isn't quite right either (though of course it's sanctified by long use). The GNB translation "being put right with God" seems to me closer to what Paul's getting at. Perhaps we should say something like "being *made righteous* through our trust in God". It's not about coming out on the right side of a moral argument, more about being in a state of grace. On the other hand, the GNB's "boast of our troubles" feels quite wrong; Tom Wright points out that while we rejoice in (that is *because of*) our hope, we don't rejoice "in" our troubles in the same way. We're not masochists, but we have something to rejoice in when troubles come, as they surely will. Perhaps Phillips, though a bit long-winded, comes closest of all the versions here to the right meaning.

Lord, help us to share Paul's sense of wonder at the richness of your gifts, and at the sheer strength of the love shown to us through Christ Jesus your Son.

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 (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 22nd June 2025 – 1st Sunday after Trinity

8am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
9.30am	Family Eucharist with First Communions (CC)
11am	Sung Eucharist (STM's)
1.30pm	Baptism (CC)
2.15pm	Baptism (CC)
3pm	Tea & Fellowship (CC Vestry)

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