

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**



**Wanstead Parish**  
St Mary with Christ Church

[www.wansteadparish.org](http://www.wansteadparish.org)

**Services today:**

**8am Holy Communion BCP (CC)**

**9.30am Joint Sung Eucharist with Junior Church (CC & Halls)**

**Eucharist Readings & Hymns:**

**Psalm 112**

**Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16**

**Luke 14. 1, 7-14**

**451** – Just as I am

**799** – The Lord's my Shepherd

**330** – Do not be afraid

**794** – The King of love my  
shepherd is

**The Collect for the Week:**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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, Debbie Binns, Jenny Tebbutt, Molly Liok, Divel Veldi and Jackie Wilkins.

**RIP:**

**Year's Mind:** Julie Glinane (1<sup>st</sup>, 94); John Knight (6<sup>th</sup>, 06); Gerald Heath (6<sup>th</sup>, 10)

**Wanstead Prayer Diary:** Snaresbrook Road, Eagle Pond, Woodham Court, Audley Court, Rivenhall Gardens, Bradwell Close, Rayne Court, Hermitage Walk, Laurel Way, Coppice Way, Malford Grove, The Drive, Hermitage Close

## NOTICES

**FESTIVAL CLEAN – HELP NEEDED!** In preparation for the Christ Church Flower Festival, we shall be having a spring clean in church on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10am-12noon**. Please pop the date in your diary - any help will be greatly appreciated – just turn up!

**HARVEST SUPPER – SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, ST MARY'S, 5-9PM:** there will be a shared harvest supper at St Mary's to which all are invited. Tickets are £7, drinks available from the bar and there will be live music and a raffle. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up sheets are available at both churches or tickets can be booked online here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FFFJ>  
For further information, please contact Lesley Wyness ([lesleydennis101@gmail.com](mailto:lesleydennis101@gmail.com) 07860 341769) or Beryl Darling ([bdarling2022@outlook.com](mailto:bdarling2022@outlook.com) 07825 559343)

**NURSERY CHURCH AND FAMILIES BARBECUE:** Nursery Church will be returning on Sun **7<sup>th</sup> September** with Nursery Church at 9.45am (books and toys from 9.30am). There will also be a free **Church Family Barbecue** in the Rectory Garden on the **7<sup>th</sup> September from 2-4.30pm** and families and children are very welcome. Please sign up using this contact form: [Church Family Barbecue](#)

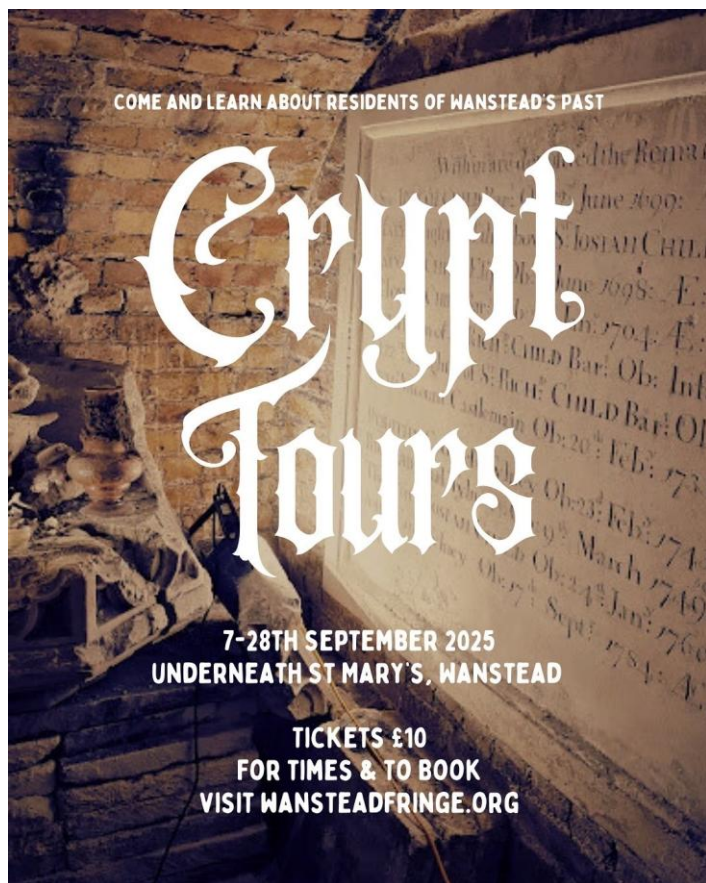
**YOUR CHANCE TO OWN A PIECE OF WANSTEAD HISTORY!** We have received a Faculty to remove a set of pews at Christ Church (the ones to the right, immediately as you come into the church, going towards the back). There are nine pews which will be removed. This will make way for an area for welcoming, storage 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](mailto:office@parishofwanstead.org)

**THE DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD PASTORAL CARE COURSE:** This course for Lay people is an introduction to pastoral care skills rooted in a Christian context and is suitable for all who are in some way involved in caring informally for others and wish to develop their pastoral skills and grow their pastoral role within their church. This course takes place on Saturdays in September at The Diocesan Office, 53 New Street, Chelmsford CMI 1AT. For further information, please see here: [Pastoral Assistant | The Diocese of Chelmsford](#) or 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](mailto: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:

|                    |                |  |
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| <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)                          |

*Please see the main notices or weekly email for changes to regular events over the summer period*

**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 7<sup>th</sup> September – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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| <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>Morning Prayer BCP (STM's)</b>                         |
| <b>5.30pm</b> | <b>A Place (CC Vestry)</b>                                |
| <b>6.30pm</b> | <b>Healing Service (CC)</b>                               |

## PARISH OF WANSTEAD:

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

**Parish Office:** 020 8530 8743  
[office@parishofwanstead.org](mailto:office@parishofwanstead.org)  
Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm during term time

## GIVING:

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

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