

Sunday 26th July 2026
8th Sunday after Trinity



Wanstead Parish
St Mary with Christ Church

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Services today:

8am Holy Communion BCP (CC)
9.30am Family Eucharist (CC)
11am Sung Eucharist (STM)
1.30pm Baptism (CC)

Eucharist Readings & Hymns:

Romans 8. 26-end
Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

Christ Church Family Eucharist:

537 For the beauty of the earth
42 Christ, Be our Light
462 Soul of My Saviour
667 Lord of the Dance

St Mary's Sung Eucharist:

537 For the Beauty of the Earth
129 Lord, teach us how to pray aright
462 Soul of my Saviour
748 O Jesus, I have promised

The Collect for the Week:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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: Kay Kingham, Richard Coy, Liz Hickson, Jackie Wilkins, Jane Heath, Thomas

RIP: Hazel Swan

Year's Mind: Mabel Trott (29th, 79); Joyce Hathaway (29th, 86); Robert Norwood Pr. (29th, 17); Mollie Kimber (31st, 99); Edna Victoria Brown (31st, 96)

Wanstead Prayer Diary: Woodbury Close, Florence Court, Foxglove Gardens, Merino Close, Wanstead Youth Centre, Longcourt Mews, Elderfield Walk, Melmead House NELFT NHS (Community Mental Health), Sultan Road, Bal Beauty, Essex Engineering and Coin Co-op Controls

NOTICES

BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY: The church welcomes with great joy today the family and friends of Tristan Popplestone whose Baptism will take place at Christ Church. Please keep Tristan and his family and Godparents in your prayers.

CHRIST CHURCH TOWER INSPECTION NEXT WEEK: The architects will be inspecting the tower on Wednesday (29th July) next week. To enable this, we are having a lifting platform delivered to the church on Tuesday. It will remain on site for the inspection on Wednesday and will be collected on Thursday. **It will be necessary to close the car park for some of this time.** Please note **Christ Church will be closed on Wednesday** during the inspection as a safety precaution. St Mary's will be open as usual on Wednesday between 10am-12noon.

WANSTEAD CHURCH SCHOOL - FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY:

Fr James and the PCC are looking to recruit a Foundation Governor to sit on the Governing Board of Wanstead Church School. Foundation Governors form the majority of governors at the school. Their role is to have oversight of the school's operations, to hold the senior leadership of the school appropriately to account and to ensure that the school's Christian character is upheld. The term is for four years. The governors meet seven times per year (six are evening meetings, one per half of each term, and one tends to be an all-day meeting in September) and there is a small amount of additional committee work. You do not have to be a school parent to be a governor, and we are keen to hear from people with a wide variety of backgrounds and skills. If you think you might be interested, please contact Fr James jbgilder@hotmail.com

VISITOR NEEDED: We are looking for someone to regularly visit a resident in Chestnut Manor who would like a little company every now and again and to chat. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS IN AUGUST: The Parish office will be **closed** on 3rd August, for the whole week of 10th -14th August, and on the 19th, 26th & 31st August. Outside of those times, the office will be open as usual Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm.

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.

Are you struggling? We warmly invite you to...

A Place

A Place is where we can share our experiences, be listened to without judgment, and support each other in our wellbeing journey where we also reflect on what psychology and what the Bible tells us about our mental wellbeing.

A Place is a mental wellbeing support group open to adults who wish to improve their mental wellbeing, irrespective of outlook on faith. Please join us in the Vestry at Christ Church at 5.30pm on the first Sunday of each month. We begin with refreshments and you are welcome to arrive from 5.15pm.

**First Sunday of the month
Christ Church Vestry**

5.30pm



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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 mental 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 2nd August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

8am	Holy Communion BCP (CC)
9.30am	Sung Eucharist (CC)
11am	Morning Prayer CW (STM)
12.30pm	Baptism (CC)
2pm	Baptism (CC)
3pm	Interment of Ashes (CC)
5.30pm	A Place (CC Vestry)

PARISH OF WANSTEAD:

Rector: Revd James Gilder
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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

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Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm

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