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St Mary with Christ Church

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SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY

1 Samuel 16.1-13; John 9.1-41

THIS WEEK

All Services, with the exception of weddings
And funerals have now been suspended until
further notice

Christ Church will be open from 8am to 11am
on Sunday morning for prayer.

St. Mary's will be open from 10.30am to
12.30pm on Sunday for prayer and also on
Wednesday from 8 – 8.30pm

St Mary's will be open 10.00-13.00 on
Saturday

Christ Church will be open 14.00-17.00 on
Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY 29th MARCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37.1-14; John 11.1-45

COLLECT

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: *1 Samuel 16.1-13*

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before

Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

GOSPEL: John 9.1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Connie FitzGerald, Deborah Martin, Helen, Jack, Allan Cooper, Raffa Lomasto, Elizabeth Palmer, Arianna, Terry Warren, John Eyre, Gladys Blackborow, Mary Colmer, Christopher Head, Sheila Linaker, Valerie, Donna Coote, Richard Francis, Dennis Kaye, Charlotte, Michael.

RIP: Colin, Iris Andrews

RIP ANNIVERSARY: John Michael Carrington (23rd,12); Mary Mann (24th,72); Doris Powell (25th,04); May Gadd (28th,88); Beth legge (28th,12); Jane Crick (28th,16)

FOODBANK: urgently need tinned tomatoes, noodles, all toiletries and toilet rolls. Please remember those families already in need over the coming weeks. Thank you for your kindness. Donations can be dropped of at Christ Church and St Mary's.

WANSTEAD REFUGEE WELCOME – HELP NEEDED!: Volunteers from Wanstead Parish have joined with four other parishes in the area to apply to resettle a Syrian refugee family here in Wanstead, and we now need your help! We only have a few weeks to reach the £5,000 fundraising target to help meet accommodation costs as part of our application to the Home Office. If you are able to donate, please do visit: crowdfunder.co.uk/wanstead Thank you.

THE VESTRY MEETING AND APCM: We will update you with details of the APCM as soon as we have more information from the Diocese of Chelmsford.

THE LENT LUNCH: on Friday 13th March at Christchurch was enjoyed by 19 parishioners from Christchurch and St Mary's South Woodford and raised a total of £130 for the Syrian Refugee Project. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus the remaining Lent Lunches at Christ Church and St Mary's South Woodford has been cancelled.

HOLY WEEK: an update about Holy week and Easter and about increased church opening will follow soon.

ENGELSKIRCHEN VISIT: Owing to the current Covid 19 emergency the group visit from our partner church in Germany has now been cancelled. We hope to revive it at some future date once the emergency has passed. Enquiries to Margaret Adams or Fr Richard.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for Easter Spring Clean at Christ Church on Saturday 28th March 2.00 to 5pm. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet in church if you are able to help.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: If you have any questions regarding getting your children into faith schools please speak to Father Jack sooner rather than later. He is always happy to help.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: The following slots are still free for the Vigil in Christ Church **which will go ahead.** Please let Lorraine know in the Parish Office if you are able to help.

Thursday 9th April	
8pm – 9pm	2 people required
9pm – 10pm	2 people required
10pm -11pm	1 person required
11pm - midnight	Filled
Friday 10th April	
Midnight – 1am	Filled
1am – 2am	1 person required
2am – 3am	2 people required
3am – 4am	2 people required
4am – 5am	2 people required
5am – 8am	Filled

ELECTORAL ROLL IMPORTANT NOTICE: The PCC review of the current Electoral roll will take place between 31st March and 7th April. A copy of the ER will then be published in both churches on 8th April for 14 days for you to check your name is included, if you are eligible to join the Parish Electoral Roll. Any additions or changes must be notified to the Electoral Roll officer Lorraine Bucknall in the Parish Office at wansteadparishadmin@uwclub.net. or on 020 8530 8743 by 22nd April.