

# S<sup>+</sup>Mary's Church Wexham

**11 January, 2026, The First Sunday of Epiphany,  
The Baptism of Christ.**



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## **Services today**

8am – Holy Communion, ( Revd Andrew Parry )  
10am – Church for All, in the hall.

**Hymns for 10am today:-** team to choose

## **Services this week**

Wed. 10.30am – Holy Communion at “The Pines”

## **Services next week, 18 January**

8am – Holy Communion  
10am – Holy Communion  
10am - Young Church in the hall

**INTERCESSIONS** - Our prayers have been asked for Lorna and Charles, Hazel and Elle, Jane, Janine, Julie.

**Rest in Peace:** We give thanks for the life of Doreen Bovingdon, from “The Pines”, whose funeral will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January at Slough Crematorium, and we pray for her family and friends. May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

## **COLLECT**

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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.

## **READINGS**

### **Isaiah 42: 1-9 The Lord's Chosen Servant**

**42** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

### **Matthew 3: 13-17 - The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.”

Then he consented.

<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said,  
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**YOUNG CHURCH** - Today is our Church for All in the hall. We will thinking about how we can keep the resolutions and commitments we make. We will be singing Carols and there will be activities to do. Refreshments will be served from 9.30am.

### **Malcolm Wright – funeral details**

Malcolm’s funeral will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am in church, then 12 noon at Slough Crematorium, followed by wake at Wexham Park Golf Club. All welcome ! Family flowers only, please; donations may be made to British Heart Foundation.

### **NOTICES**

**Monday, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, Bingo – all welcome**

**Tuesday, 10.30, Bible Study group** resumes at Chris' house. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Chris. **m. 07790 366 241.**

**Tuesday, 11am – Rector/Warden meeting in the hall.**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friends of St. Mary’s Quiz Night.** Last two tickets available from Lynnette, £10 each to include Ploughman’s Supper. Contact her on **m 07751 659 641 or 01753 771834**

**At Churchyard Care from 10.00am on Saturday 7th February** we will be concentrating on filling holes and hollows in the older section of the churchyard. Your help would be much appreciated even if you can only come along for half an hour or so to fill wheelbarrows with woodchips and push them to the area where the *stunning snowdrops* thrive. Refreshments will be at around 11.00 in the hall and churchyard work will end at mid-day