

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

12 April, 2026, Second Sunday of Easter



Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am, non-HC Family Service, (Revd Andrew Parry)

Hymns for 10am today:- S 9, 280, 69, 188.

Next Sunday, 19 April

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

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Acts 2: 14a + 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

²⁵ For David says concerning him,
“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with

An oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

John 20: 19-31 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin,^[c] was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side.

Do not disbelieve, but believe."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

YOUNG CHURCH - As it is Easter school holidays, there will be no Young Church this Sunday. There will be a Family service at 10am in the Church which will be child friendly.

NOTICES

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will take place in the hall today. immediately after 10am service, coffee will be served as usual. Please do stay and find out what we have accomplished during the past year, and our plans for the next year. Your support at this important meeting is much valued and appreciated..

BINGO Monday 7.30pm for 7.45pm in the hall. Everybody welcome !

Thursday 16th, 430pm – Church for All planning and review meeting in the hall.

The Bible Class will begin a new series on April 21.. Why not give it a go? Call Revd Chris for more info on 07790366241.

The next time for **Churchyard Care** is **Saturday 2nd May from 10.00 a.m.** and we would love your company and help for however long you can spare. The session will end at mid-day, with refreshments in the hall at 11.00. Work and chat will be varied, no gardening experience is needed and we have tools. Please wear gloves and stout shoes/boots.