

St Mary's Church Wexham

14 July 2024, Trinity 7



SERVICES

TODAY

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)

10am – Church for All in the hall

(We will have light refreshments after the service as this will be TJ's last CfA service)

Services next Sunday, 21 July

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Holy Communion

10am – Young Church

Hymns for today: Team to choose

INTERCESSIONS

Our prayers have been asked for Lorna and Charles F, Hazel B, Malcolm W, Jane A, Janine J, Julie M, Simon.

COLLECT

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Ephesians Ch. 1: v 3 – 14 Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



Mark Ch. 6: v 14 – 29

The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him."

¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.

¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe.

When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.

²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests.

And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you."

²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."

²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.

²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head.

He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday is Church For All when we all join to worship together in the hall. We will be getting back the resolution envelopes we might have done back in January. There will be things for you to join in with, including mazes, a treasure hunt, hymns and prayers. Refreshments will be served from 9.30.

MEETINGS:-

Tuesday, Bible Study Home Group will be meeting at Jeanette's as usual. This Tuesday marks the last Bible Study Home Group before our summer break. We are marking getting to the last lines of the Lord's Prayer by having communion and are delighted Revd TJ will be celebrating with us. If you'd like to join us **contact Jill on 07812741279.**

Tuesday, 08.30 SFC

Tuesday, 10.00 Deanery inspection

Thursday, 18.00 CfA meeting

Thursday, Emmaus Road

Saturday 20 July "Meet the neighbours" on the Green at The Cherries.

NOTICES

JULY 28 – You may have seen in the magazine that there is no 8am service. This has now changed and there WILL BE 8am service on the 28th.

BINGO tomorrow – 7.30 for 7.45pm, all welcome

Our next **Churchyard Care** gathering will be from **10.00 on Saturday 3rd August** with refreshments at 11.00, finishing round about 12.00 (or earlier if you can't stay until then). If you have a little time, we would welcome your company and your help as we work and chat. Things to do are varied and you won't need any gardening experience.