

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

16 February 2025,



Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am Young Church

Hymns for 10am today:- 121, 328, 15, 228,

Services next week, 23 Feb.

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
11.30am – Service of wholeness and Healing

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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

1 Corinthians 15: v 12 – 20 The Resurrection of the Dead

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Luke 6: v 17-26

Blessings and Woes

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea,

from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday we will talk about happiness and how Jesus would like us all to be kind, humble, loving and gentle. We will make and decorate heart biscuits, make a heart snack bag and play Treasure heart hunt.

AT LAST, THE HALL CAR PARK IS TO BE RESURFACED.

**THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO EITHER THE HALL OR
THE CAR PARK ON THURSDAY 20TH
OR FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY.**

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS TO
PAUL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

MEETINGS:-

Tuesday, 8am in the hall, Home Communion Meeting.

Tuesday, Bible Study Home - Paul has reached Jerusalem so we will focus on what happens there and his plans for what happens next. If you'd like to join us **contact Jill on 07812741279.**

Thursday, 7.30pm Emmaus Road Fellowship in church.

COMING UP

PANTO Saturday 15th MARCH at 3pm

Exciting news about our panto. Anyone in fancy dress or wearing an Easter bonnet is invited to join us on stage for the final scene so get your creative ideas working and join Prince Charming at the ball. There are still a few tickets left but we are nearing our limit. Tickets are £10 adults and £5 children and include refreshments. **To book contact, Jill on 07812741279.**

THE NEXT REHEARSAL is on TUESDAY 18TH FEB AT 4PM IN THE HALL

Churchyard Care - On Saturday 1st March at 10.00 we will meet to work together in the churchyard and, half way through, we'll share refreshments in the hall. If you, or someone you know, would like to come along we would be delighted. Stay until mid-day if you like or for a shorter time if that suits you better. In the meantime, enjoy the spectacular snowdrops!