

St Mary's Church Wexham

22 December 2024, Fourth Sunday of Advent



Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
1pm Baptism
4pm – Carol Service

Hymns for 10am today, (22nd):- 467, 471, 490, 377.

Services this week, Christmas Eve, (Tuesday)

4pm – Crib Service
11.30pm – Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10am Family Communion

Services next Sunday, 29th Dec.

10am – Family Communion

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

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Micah 5: 2 - 5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he shall be their peace.

Luke 1: 39 – 55

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.
And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?



⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.
⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.”

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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YOUNG CHURCH - There is no Young church today as there is a Carol Service at 4pm today and a Crib for all service on Christmas Eve at 4pm in the Church You will be able to take part to make a Nativity Crib scene by dressing up in one of our Nativity character costumes we have, or wear your own. You will also be able to help make the Crib with figure plus sing lots of carols. Come and celebrate the real reason for Christmas before putting up your stocking.

NOTICES

NO BINGO tomorrow, (23rd) – back on 6th January.

MEETINGS:-

Tuesday, Bible Study Home - BSHG is having a holiday and will be back on 21st January when we will look at important church dates in January before we rejoin Paul on his second missionary journey as he reaches Corinth.
If you'd like to join us **contact Jill on 07812741279.**

There is **no Community Hub on 28 December.** Back in January.

Vicky has had a dozen or so cards through the post - is anybody collecting stamps? Just normal U.K. 2nd class, nothing fancy.....

