

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

23 February 2025, Second Sunday before Lent



“The Lord God made all kinds of trees.....” (this is a mighty oak)

Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Collinge)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Collinge)
11.30am – Service of Wholeness and Healing

Hymns for 10am today:- 56, 69, 426, 571.

Services this week

Thursday – Holy Communion at Oak House

Services next week, 2nd March

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
10am - Young Church

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,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

READINGS

Genesis 2: v 4b-9, 15-25

.....when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶ but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

⁷ Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸ Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

⁹ The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

¹⁸ The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky.

He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Luke 8: v 22-25

Jesus Calms the Storm

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake."

So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

²⁵ "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another,

"Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
by your gift

the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUNG CHURCH - As it is Half term this week there will be no Young church this Sunday. As always you are welcome in church.

NOTICES

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

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. Bring your own drinks and glasses. **To book contact, Jill on 07812741279.** **Next rehearsal is Tuesday 25th Feb in the hall at 4pm.**

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 churchyard snowdrops!

MEETINGS:-

Tuesday:-

9.30am - Rector / Wardens meeting in the hall.

10.30am - Bible Study Home Group. This week we will be meeting at Anne's and be looking at Paul's time in Jerusalem. If you'd like to join us **contact Jill on 07812741279.**

Wednesday 26th

7:15pm - Deanery synod.
