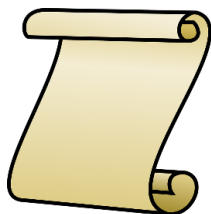


S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

26 January 2025,

Third Sunday of Epiphany



“.....¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him....”

Services today

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

Hymns for 10am today:- 277, 288, 133, 560.

This week

Thursday – 10.30am, Holy Communion at Oak House
Friday – 1pm wedding in church.

Services next week, 2nd Feb.

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,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Nehemiah 8: v 1 - 3, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra Reads the Law

8 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel.

² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month.

³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand.

And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

This Day Is Holy

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.”

For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.
10 Then he said to them, "Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Luke 4: v 14 – 21

Jesus Begins His Ministry

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday we will talk about promises and God keeping his promises. We will make a God keeps his promise rainbow craft and decorate some cupcakes.

NOTICES

T.H.A.N.K.Y.O.U.

The Big Quiz raised the HUGE sum of £1044.64 – a mighty achievement. Many thanks to Lynnette, to all who attended and those who helped.

What, you've never heard of a Panto in March?

Preparations for the Panto are getting started again and Jill is collecting the ticket money once again. There are a few tickets left so if you want to join in the fun don't delay. It's child friendly and tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children. A few tickets are still available. **To book contact Jill on 07812741279**

MEETINGS:-

Tuesday,

9.30am – Rector/Wardens meeting in hall.

1pm – wedding rehearsal in church.

Bible Study Home Group - this week we are resuming our travels with Paul and we have reached Corinth where you can still see where Paul addressed the early Church. If you'd like to join us **contact Jill on 07812741279.**

P L E A S E

would you have a look at the new weekly sheet on the notice board outside the hall, and let Vicky have any feedback – thanks.

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