

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

27 September 2026, 17th after Trinity



Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am – Young Church in hall
11.30am – Celebration of Wholeness and Healing

Hymns for 10am today:- 244, 27, 334, **S 29**

Next Sunday, 4 October

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
10am Young Church in hall

INTERCESSIONS - Our prayers have been asked for Tobias, Lorna and Charles, Hazel and Elle, Jane, Janine, Julie.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Exodus 17: 1-7 Water from the Rock

17 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Therefore the people quarrelled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?”

3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”

4 So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

5 And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Matthew 21: 23-32 The Authority of Jesus Challenged and the parable of the two sons

²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven', he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man', we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not', but afterwards he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir', but did not go.

³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday we will hear the story from the Bible about two sons and their Father asking them to help him, while we do a "Just say yes" game. We will talk about being faithful and following Jesus. We will make a Rainbow hanging craft and a helping job hand.

A BIG "thank you" to all the ladies who provided the lovely Afternoon Tea, and for the wonderful singing from Peter.

NOTICES

Monday, 28th - **BINGO**, - 7.30pm for 7.45 start. Everybody welcome.

Tues. 29th - Archdeacons inspection preparation in church from 10am.

COMING UP -

From 10am on **Saturday 10th October** there will be Churchyard Care and we would love your company and some help with gathering up fallen leaves and tidying church grounds. The session will end at mid-day, with refreshments in the hall at 11 o'clock and you'd be welcome to join in for as long as you can spare any time between 10.00 and 12.00. No gardening experience is needed but please wear gloves and stout shoes or boots

HARVEST FESTIVAL, SUNDAY 11 October.

We shall again be collecting Harvest donations for the Slough Foodbank. The items most urgently needed are **on the insert in this newsletter. Please check and make sure nothing is past its use-by date.** The Foodbank is part of the nationwide Trussel Trust, committed to helping those in need. The Slough branch supported over 12,000 local people last year. **Anything you can donate will be very much appreciated.**

We want to try to have a full-parish meal, so we are planning to have a buffet breakfast in the hall from 0915. This would mean the 8am congregation staying a little bit later and the 10am congregation arriving a little bit earlier. After breakfast, we will sing together a Harvest hymn.

Please try to come. We will be asking for £3 per head.

Please sign up if you can come or contact Sandra.