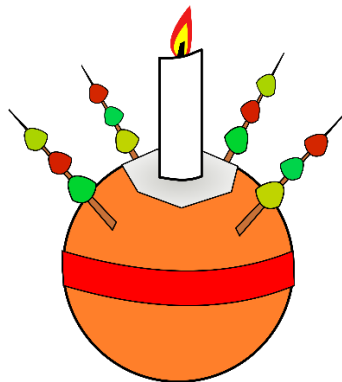


S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

14 December , 2025, Third Sunday of Advent



CHRISTINGLE

Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am in the hall, a Special Service for Christingle, with Carols.

Hymns for 10am today:- 377, 199, 444, 51.

Services this week

Thurs. 18th Dec. – Holy Communion at Oak House

Services next week, 21 December

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
10am - Young Church in the hall.
4pm -Service of Lessons and Carols in Church

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

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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James 5: 7-10

Patience in Suffering

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.
See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being
patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.
⁸ You also, be patient.
Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not
be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.
¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the
prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord

Matthew 11: 2-11

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he
sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him,
“Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

⁴ And Jesus answered them,
“Go and tell John what you hear and see:

⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed
and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,
and the poor have good news preached to them.

⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds
concerning John:

“What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by
the wind?

⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing?
Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and
more than a prophet.

¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,
“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen
no one greater than John the Baptist.
Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than
he.

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Their journey has begun...



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

YOUNG CHURCH - Today is our Christingle and Carol service in
the hall at 10am. We will learn about what the Children's society
does and collect money for them. You will get to make your own
Christingle from an Orange and other activities. Bacon rolls and
other refreshments will be served from
9.30am.

NOTICES

THANK YOU to everybody who supported our **Poppy Appeal**.
We raised £91.63, a good result bearing in mind we have already
donated to the Foodbank, (at Harvest) and the homeless, (SHOC).

CHRISTMAS HOMELESS APPEAL

With your very generous donations we have filled 41 gift boxes/bags
for men, 10 for ladies, and have bags of extras to take to SHOC.
THANK YOU !!

Tuesday, 16th @ 10.30am - Bible Study group will meet at Chris'
house for the last session of the year. Meetings will resume on
January 6th, 2026.

Friends of St. Mary's Quiz Night, January 16th. Tickets £10 each
from Lynnette, to include a Ploughman's supper. Call Lynnette for
more info on m 07751 659 641 or 01753

Please can Vicky have your used postage stamps, for charity?.