

St Mary's Church Wexham

17 March, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Lent.



SERVICES

TODAY

8am Holy Communion, (Revd Gordon Briggs)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Gordon Briggs)
10am – Young Church in hall

Next Sunday, 24th March, Palm Sunday

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

Hymns for today: 277, 32, 318, 378 .

INTERCESSIONS

Our prayers have been asked for Jo R, Charles F, Hazel B, Michael,
Malcolm W, Jane A, Janine J, Julie M, Samantha.

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YOUNG CHURCH - Today the story will include flowers, fruit and vegetables. We will be planting some seeds and baking some wheat biscuits.

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Psalm 119:9-16

- ⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
¹² Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!
¹³ With my lips I declare
all the rules^[c] of your mouth.
¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.
¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

John 12: v 20 – 33

Some Greeks Seek Jesus

- ²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.
²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.
²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also.
If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him.

The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled.
And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.
²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."
²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."
³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine.
³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.
³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."
³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

MEETINGS:-

BINGO tomorrow - 7.30pm for 7.45pm start – all welcome.

TUESDAY:- Bible Study Home Group: There's no BSHG this week but we are back again next week when we will be celebrating Easter Day. There may be chocolate!

6pm - LAST ONE !! - Soup Suppers in Lent - Encounters in the Desert.

A short Communion service in the hall followed by soup and bread as we 'Talk around the Tables'. Big **THANKYOU** to all who helped each week (Especially with making soup, washing up and tidying). Please speak to Andrew, TJ or Jill for more info. It's not too late to join in!!

THURSDAY - Emmaus Road Fellowship group 7:30pm.

NOTICES

A big thank you to all who helped at the **Embrace 170th Birthday Party** and to those who made donations. We will let you have the amount raised next weekend. Chris and Jill

Next Sunday (24th) - after the 10am service there will be light refreshments in the hall to celebrate **Sam's 21st birthday**. All invited, all welcome..

ELECTORAL ROLL

We are coming up to the time for the electoral roll revision. If you would like to join the electoral roll, or want to know what it is all about, please contact me: Paul Horth. paulhorth@virginmedia.com

HOLY WEEK SERVICES. (from 25th March)

Monday – Wednesday, 8pm Compline.
Thursday. 8pm Holy Communion
Friday, Vigil , 12 – 3 pm.

There will be **NO COMMUNITY HUB ON EASTER SATURDAY, OR WHOLENESS AND HEALING SERVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY**, back in April.