

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

19 July 2026, Trinity 8

Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Collinge)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Collinge)
Young Church in the hall

Hymns for 10am :- 101, 364, 15, **S** 23

Next Sunday, 26 July

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
11.30am – Celebration of Wholeness and Healing

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

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Genesis 28: 10 – 22 Jacob's Dream

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went towards Haran.

¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep.

¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

¹³ And behold, the Lord stood above it and said,

"I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring.

¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."

¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

Matthew 13: 24 – 30 + 36 – 43 The Parable of the Weeds

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying,

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'

²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday we will hear about the story in the bible about the Wheat and Weeds while walking around the church grounds. We will make a flower and weeds Collage for the Young Church board and make some Wheat oats biscuits . We will now be having our Summer break and returning on September 6th.

NOTICES

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

Tuesday 10am. The Bible Study group will meet with Chris. This coming week we will be starting the book of Exodus..... Everyone is very welcome. My phone number is 07790366241.

Thursday, @ 4.30pm – CfA Review and Planning Meeting.

Friday, 24th July @ 8.30am – Home Communion Meeting.

Saturday, 25th July. - Community Hub from 10.30am.

.. Coming up

Saturday 1st August there will be **Churchyard Care from 10.00 am** - refreshments at 11.00 – finishing at 12.00 (or before this if you wish). With the tractor mower out of commission and the tall grasses having had time to show off, it may well be that we will mostly concentrate on mowing and trimming around graves and memorial stones. There are bound to be some other things to do, so please join us – we'd love your company and your help!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK

We have moved a couple of pews to try and make more room for people who need a little extra space. Please let us know what you think.