

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

23 November , 2025

CHRIST THE KING, Sunday Next Before Advent

Stir Up Sunday

Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Collinge)

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10am - Young Church in the hall.

Hymns for 10am today:- 270, 276, 103, **S** 33

Services this week

Wednesday and Friday – Holy Communion for the housebound

Thursday, 10.30am – Holy Communion at Oak House

Services next week, 30 November

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Holy Communion

10am - Young Church in the hall.

11.30am – Service of Wholeness and Healing

1pm – Baptism of Hudson Hudell.

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

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Colossians 1: 11-20

¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Luke 23: 33-43

³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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The United Nations Secretary-General launched in 2008 the campaign, [UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women](#). The signature colour of the campaign is orange. As a bright and optimistic colour, orange represents a future free from violence against women and girls.

Every year, the UNiTE campaign focuses on a specific theme in support of the global, civil-society-led [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#) campaign, which kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

From 25 November to 10 December every year, UNiTE calls on people everywhere to wear the colour orange and take action to end violence against women and girls in communities, at home, in public spaces, in schools and workplaces, during conflict and in times of peace. If you can support this initiative, please wear something orange to church on November 30th.

NEXT SUNDAY, 30th November, come and see the Christmas Lights at the village hall in George Green, and enjoy a festive afternoon from 4pm; lights go on around 5pm..

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR NEW 2026 DIARY YET ?

Make a date for January 16th - Friends of St. Mary's Quiz Night. Tickets £10 each from Lynnette, to include a Ploughman's supper. Call Lynnette for more info on m 07751 659 641 or 01753 771834.

YOUNG CHURCH - Today is Christ The King Sunday, which is a celebration of Jesus as King. We will hear about what kind of king Jesus was, make crowns and party crackers to celebrate with a snack together.

NOTICES

Monday, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, Bingo – all welcome.

Tuesday, 10.30, Bible Study group continues to meet at Chris' house. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Chris. **m. 07790 366 241.**

Wednesday 26th, 7.15pm – Deanery Synod at St. Mary's, Langley.

Thurs. 27th, 7 – 9pm - Chaplaincy meeting in the hall.

Saturday, 29th COMMUNITY HUB – This month it will be Christmas themed with Christmas crafts, decorating the Christmas tree and Christmas refreshments; come and join in the free festive fun from 10.30am to 12.30pm – see you there !

CHRISTMAS HOMELESS APPEAL

Please can you help us to collect some items so the homeless of Slough can have a little gift.

Suggested items:- hats, gloves, pants, (medium or large), socks, disposable hand-warmers, feminine hygiene items, disposable razors. Little packs of biscuits or sweets. If you would prefer to donate cash so somebody can shop for you, please contact Yvette at yvettchickman@googlemail.com or on 07450 669 474, or put in an envelope to hand in at one of the church services. **A BOX IS IN THE CHURCH PORCH FOR DONATIONS.**

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS

Our **St Marys Wexham YouTube** channel is feeling unloved. It has only 17 subscribers. We want to use it to livestream some of our Christmas services and to do that we need 50 subscribers. If you already use YouTube **could we ask if you would subscribe? There are no fees or details to be added etc.**

The easiest way is to go to our website homepage, scroll down and in the right hand side of the screen you will see a link "See some of our services and activities on YouTube". When you get to the channel please click on "subscribe".