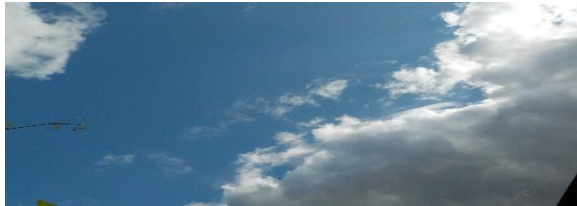


S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

24 August 2025, Trinity, 13



Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)

Services this week

Wed. from 2.00pm -Home Communion for the housebound
Thurs. 10.30am – Holy Communion for Oak House residents

Hymns for 10am today:- 268, 197, 53, 451.

Services next week, 31 August

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

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

THANK YOU

Heidi wishes to thank you all for your prayers for her grandson, Charlie. He is doing amazingly well after his operation, bless him.

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Hebrews 12: 18-29

A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned."

²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

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²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”

²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more”, indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13: 10-17

A Woman with a Disabling Spirit

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

¹¹ And there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.

¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.”

¹³ And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days in which work ought to be done.

Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”

¹⁵ Then the Lord answered him,

“You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it?

¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

¹⁷ As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

A message from Jill and John

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our magnificent send off, it was greatly appreciated. The card was a real surprise especially with the number of people who signed it and the cake was amazing. Our move is due to be completed on Wednesday so by the time you read this we should be in our new home and surrounded by packing cases. We are planning to come back for a visit in early October to get away from the chaos.

Doris Young's funeral details, Slough crematorium, Friday 29th August at 2.30pm, thereafter refreshments in St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane, Wexham. All her church friends welcome.

Highly recommended, experienced, freelance carer looking for a position. If you want to know more, please contact Revd Andrew Parry.

NOTICES

Monday, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, Bingo - everybody welcome!

Saturday 30th August, 10.30am – 12.30pm Community Hub in the hall.