

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

25 January, 2026, Epiphany 3



“...a great light..”

Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Collinge)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Colline)
10am - Young Church in the hall.
11.30am – Celebration of Wholeness and Healing

Hymns for 10am today:- 71, 519, 283, S 33

Services next week, 1st February

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

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Isaiah 9: 1 – 4

For to Us a Child Is Born

9 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Matthew 4: 12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.
Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

YOUNG CHURCH - Today we will hear about following Jesus and about him choosing Fishermen as his Disciples. There will be a fish craft, we will make fish shaped biscuits and play a fishing game with nets.

THANK YOU !

A great start to the New Year. The Big Quiz night raised an amazing sum of £1096.13 for church funds. A HUGE thank you to Lynnette and her team for arranging this fun-filled evening.

NOTICES

NO BINGO NOW UNTIL 2nd March.

Tuesday 10.30 am. The Bible Study group will meet at Chris's. This coming week we will explore angels in the Bible. Thereafter we will explore the Gospel of Matthew for a few weeks. Everyone is very welcome. My phone number is 07790366241.

Thursday - Mens Fellowship is meeting at 19.30pm in the hall to celebrate Burns Night. There will be a three-course meal with Haggis and an alternative. If interested please talk to Paul Horth

Saturday 31st - Community Hub, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Come for a chat, refreshments, plenty of toys and games for the children. Give it a go, you might make a new friend,

At Churchyard Care from 10.00am on Saturday 7th February we will be concentrating on filling holes and hollows in the older section of the churchyard. Your help would be much appreciated even if you can only come along for half an hour or so to fill wheelbarrows with woodchips and push them to the area where the *stunning snowdrops* thrive. Refreshments will be at around 11.00 in the hall and churchyard work will end at mid-day