

# **S<sup>+</sup>Mary's Church** Wexham

**25 October 2026, Trinity 21**

## **Services today**

8am – Holy Communion, ( Revd Andrew Parry )  
10am – Holy Communion, ( Revd Andrew Parry )  
10am – Young Church in hall  
11.30am – Celebration of Wholeness and Healing

**Hymns for 10am today: 242, 4, 322, 571.**

**Next Sunday, 1 November, All Saints/All Souls**

8am – Holy Communion  
10am – Family Communion (**No Young Church**)  
6pm – All Souls Service

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

**ALL SOULS SERVICE at 6pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
is when we remember the faithful departed in a quiet and reflective service, when there is the opportunity to light a candle for those we love but see no longer. Names can be read out upon completion of a slip provided, filled in just before the service.

## **COLLECT**

. Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
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 90: 1 - 6 + 13 – 17 From Everlasting to Everlasting**

**90** Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning:

<sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.

<sup>13</sup> Return, O Lord! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!

**YOUNG CHURCH** - This Sunday, as we will not be having YC on Sunday November 1st, we will be talking about All Souls day, when we remember those we love who have died and how we can still show love to them, through memories and prayer. We will float some candles as we talk and have a variety of candle crafts to choose from.

### **NOTICES**

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

**Tuesday 10am. The Bible Study group** will meet at Chris' house. Please contact Revd Chris for more information, or call, on 07790 366 241. Everybody welcome.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Community Hub, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Churchyard Care - from 10.00 to mid-day on Saturday 21st November.** You are very welcome to join us for some great company, gardening and refreshments.

We shall be sending **£176.16 to SHOC** from our **Harvest service collections**. The bags of food etc., (two car-loads), were delivered to the **Foodbank** warehouse on Friday, 23 October.

**Ride and Stride** monies are still coming in. I will let you know a.s.a.p. how much was raised in total.

### **Christmas SHOC appeal** **(Slough Homeless Our Concern)**

Every year we collect items for the homeless people of Slough, to give them a Christmas gift. Please can you help us?

**The items needed are on the enclosed “wish list” from SHOC.**

If you would prefer to donate cash, so somebody else can shop for you, please see either Vicky, Yvette or Sue. **ALL** donations will be most gratefully received. **Have you any shoe boxes** we can have, please? We cover them in pretty paper then pack the gifts inside.

**There will be a box in church from Sunday 15 November for your contributions**

### **Matthew 22: 34 – 46      The Great Commandment**

<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

<sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

<sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

<sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment.

<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

### **Whose Son Is the Christ?**

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, <sup>42</sup> saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?”

They said to him, “The son of David.”

<sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup> “‘The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’?

<sup>45</sup> If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”

<sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
you give us every good and perfect gift  
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:  
may we be a living sign of that kingdom  
where your whole creation will be made perfect  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.