

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

26 April, 2026, Fourth Sunday of Easter



Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
Young Church in the hall
11.30am – Celebration of Wholeness and Healing
1pm – Baptism of Oliver Goldsmith

Hymns for 10am today:- 484, 236, 325, **S 33**

Next Sunday, 3 May

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 Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Acts 2: 42-47 The Fellowship of the Believers

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

John 10: 1-10 I Am the Good Shepherd

10 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.
⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”
⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.
⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.
⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.
¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



A BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

YOUNG CHURCH - Today the story will include Disney characters and we will talk about how Jesus cares for us all and is the good shepherd, We will make sheep mix and match cards and decorate cup cakes.

NOTICES

BINGO is back on 11 May

Tuesday 10am. The Bible Study group will meet at Chris'. We will be exploring the life and times of King David. Everyone is very welcome. Call Chris for more information on 07790366241.

Bible Course:

We are starting the Bible Course on Friday 1 May in the hall. 5-6:30pm. At the moment we have seven people signed up. You might want to consider coming to the first session (called “Introducing The Bible), to see if it is for you. No obligation to continue but please let me know if you are thinking of attending session 1.

- Session 1 - Introducing the Bible
- Session 2 - Genesis: The Story Begins
- Session 3 - Exodus: The Story of Freedom
- Session 4 - Kings: The Story of Power
- Session 5 - Exile: The Story of Loss
- Session 6 - Jesus: The Story of Rescue
- Session 7 - Acts: The Story of Mission
- Session 8 - Revelation: The Story Completed

The next time for **Churchyard Care** is **Saturday 2nd May from 10.00am** and we would love your company and help for however long you can spare. The session will end at mid-day, with refreshments in the hall at 11.00. Work and chat will be varied, no gardening experience is needed and we have tools. Please wear gloves and stout shoes.