

S⁺Mary's Church

Wexham

26 July 2026, 8th Sunday after Trinity

Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Gordon Briggs)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Gordon Briggs)
11.30am – Celebration of Wholeness and Healing

Hymns for 10am today:- 56, 10, 318, S 34

Next Sunday, 2 August, Transfiguration

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Genesis 29: 15 – 28

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were lovely; but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) ²⁵ And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Matthew 13: 31 – 33 + 44 - 52

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.

³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

New and Old Treasures

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUNG CHURCH - Summer Break

We will now be having a Summer break until **September 5th**. As always you are welcome at the 10am services in church.

NOTICES

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

Tuesday 10am. The Bible Study group will meet with Chris. This week we **will be looking at Exodus**. Everyone is very welcome. My phone number is 07790366241.

NEXT SATURDAY

Saturday 1st August there will be **Churchyard Care from 10.00 am** - refreshments at 11.00 – finishing at 12.00 (or before this if you wish). With the tractor mower out of commission and the tall grasses having had time to show off, it may well be that we will mostly concentrate on mowing and trimming around graves and memorial stones. There are bound to be some other things to do, so please join us – we’d love your company and your help!

Afternoon Tea

We are delighted to announce another luxurious Afternoon Tea event will be held on September 19th. We are a small planning group so really need your help. If you would like to be actively involved please contact Chris on 07790366241 or Jane on 07715214078. More details next week!

