

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

26 October, 2025, Last Sunday after Trinity



Services today

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

Hymns for 10am today:- 205, 128, 261, **S** 34

Services this week

Holy Communion for the housebound
Thursday, 10.30am – Holy Communion for Oak House residents.

Services next week, 2 November

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
10am - Young Church in the hall.
6pm – Service for All Souls

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

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18.

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing

¹⁶ At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18: 9-14

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER ?

We are going to be reviewing our **Mission Action Plan** and decide what our focus will be for the next 2 or 3 years. It currently covers Community Hub, Wholeness and Healing Service and our on-line presence. We shall consider what works, what doesn't, and how do we need to change. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please speak to one of our PCC team, with a view to coming along to support our discussions. (Our PCC members are Brian, Paul, Beryl, Gill, Karen, Lynnette, Pat, Vicky).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever,

YOUNG CHURCH - Today we will hear a story about a Pharisee and a Tax collector, using balloons. We will talk about how God wants us to be sorry if we do something wrong, not think we are better than others and to be kind. We will play The humility skipping game, decorate prayer boxes and make heart shaped biscuits.

NOTICES

Monday – NO BINGO tomorrow, back on 10th November.

Saturday 1st November - Churchyard Care from 10.00 a.m. Do please join in this sociable hour or two with refreshments at 11.00 - just come for as long as you can spare. No gardening experience is needed and you can choose the work that most appeals to you.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

For several years now St. Marys has collected items so that we can give a Christmas gift to the homeless people of Slough, via SHOC, (Slough Homeless, Our Concern). Please can you spare a few new items or include a couple of extras in your weekly shop?

We are looking for toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, socks, hats and gloves, pants (medium or large), disposable hand-warmers, feminine hygiene items. Packets of sweets and biscuits This year our appeal is even more urgent, as the number of ladies now homeless has risen shockingly from 4 to 10.

A collection box for donations will be in the church porch from Sunday, 2nd November.