

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

29 June 2025, Trinity 5



Services today

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

Hymns for 10am today:- 513, 560, 516, **S 34**

Services next week, 6 July

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

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

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Christ Has Set Us Free

5 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Walk by the Spirit

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Luke 9: 51-62

A Samaritan Village Rejects Jesus

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him.

⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.

⁵⁶ And they went on to another village.

The Cost of Following Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me."

But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUNG CHURCH - Today we will play Follow the leader game with a difference for the story and talk about holding on to Jesus and following him. We will do a foot collage and play a game of Following the feet treasure trail outside if the weather is good.

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Confirmation

A HUGE "thank you" to everybody who worked so hard last Sunday afternoon, to ensure the smooth running of the Baptism/Confirmation/Licensing service.

Bless you all for your help and commitment !

Somebody left behind a ladies beige cardigan, it's in the hall.

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NOTICES

Monday, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, Bingo -everybody welcome!

Wednesdays, 10am – 11am – "Keep Fit" in the hall with Alice. Call Alice on 07834362675 for more information.

Quiz night **Saturday 5th July** in the church hall. Doors open 6.45 for 7pm start. Come and celebrate Jill and John's 40+ years at St Mary's with a quiz featuring those 4 decades, a slideshow of memories plus fish, sausage or veggie burger and chips. All for £12 but there will be a raffle.! Proceeds to St Mary's. Signing sheet in church or contact Jill on Jillbell123@hotmail.co.uk or 07812741279.

The next Churchyard Care gathering will be on **Saturday 12th July** from 10.00 a.m. with refreshments at 11.00 and plenty of opportunities to chat. If you have time (until 12.00 or earlier), we would welcome your company. We will be trimming, sweeping, pruning, mowing, etc. so please wear gloves and stout shoes/boots. No experience is needed and you will have the benefit of spending time in, and tending, our beautiful grounds.