

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

4 October 2026,



Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Collinge)
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10am – Young Church in hall

Hymns for 10am today:- 32; 55, 76; 419.

Next Sunday, 11 October, Harvest Festival

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Harvest Festival Church for All, in the hall

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

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

Exodus 20: 1 – 21

The Ten Commandments

20 And God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ Six days you shall labour, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.

Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.”

²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Matthew 21: 33-46 The Parable of the Tenants

³³ “Hear another parable.

There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country.

³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them.

³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’

³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is marvellous in our eyes’?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.

⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you,

here the memory of your passion is renewed,

here our minds are filled with grace,

and here a pledge of future glory is given,

when we shall feast at that table where you reign

with all your saints for ever.

YOUNG CHURCH - Today we will hear another Parable story while playing Gathering the harvest game. We will talk about right and wrong too. We will be making heart shaped biscuits and a cross collage for the Young Church board.

NOTICES

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

Tuesday 10am. The Bible Study group resumes at Chris' house. This coming week we will begin reading the Gospel of Mark. Please contact Revd Chris for more information, or call, on 07790 366 241. Everybody welcome.

Tuesday, 2.30pm – Standing and Finance Committee meeting in the hall.

Saturday, from 10am - Churchyard Care.

NEXT SUNDAY, 11th October.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – there will be a buffet Harvest breakfast at 9.15am in the hall, when it is hoped the 8am and 10am congregations will mix and mingle.

Please try to come. We will be asking for £3 per head. Please sign up if you can come or contact Sandra.

“Wisdom from the Past” Can you think of things you do, or remember your parents doing, that are thrifty, that “glean” so as not to waste? Things that perhaps are not much done anymore? If you are coming to the Harvest Church for All next Sunday and would be happy to share this wisdom from the past, please mention it to Andrew. If you are not coming but would like to share, please give the details to Andrew or Sandra and they will share for you.