

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

5 July 2026, Trinity 6

Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Andrew Parry)
Young Church in the hall

Hymns for today:- 268, 231, 335, 228

Services this week

Wed. 8th July, 10am – Holy Communion at The Pines

Next Sunday, 12 July

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Church for All, “Fruits of the Spirit”.

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

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.

Genesis 24: 34-38 + 42-49 + 58-67

³⁴ So he said, “I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house and to my clan and take a wife for my son.’

⁴² “I came today to the spring and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you are prospering the way that I go, ⁴³ behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink”, ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”, let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.’

⁴⁵ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.’ So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.”

⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.” ⁵⁹ So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “Our sister, may you become thousands of ten thousands, and may your offspring possess the gate of those who hate him!”

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. ⁶³ And Isaac went out to meditate in the field towards evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, "Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Matthew 11: 16 – 19 + 25 - 30

¹⁶ "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday we will talk about heavy loads and how Jesus walks beside us and looks after us. We will make Jungle door hangers for your bedrooms and decorate Cupcakes. If we have time we will play some games too.

NOTICES

BINGO, Monday 6th July -. 7.30pm for 7.45 start.
Everybody welcome.

NO Bible Study this week, back on 14th July..

Friday, 10 July, Funeral of David Light, Slough Crematorium, 2pm.

NEXT SUNDAY : What is your favourite fruit? At Church for All come and explore with us the Fruits of the Spirit", (mine is raspberries, especially home-grown).

.. Coming up

.On 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!