

# S<sup>+</sup>Mary's Church Wexham

**31 August 2025, Trinity 14**



## **Services today**

8am – Holy Communion, ( Revd Chris Collinge )  
10am – Holy Communion, ( Revd Chris Collinge )  
11.30am – Service of Wholeness and Healing

**Hymns for 10am today:-** 139, 335, 15, 467.

## **Services next week, 7 September**

8am – Holy Communion  
10am – Holy Communion  
1pm - Baptism

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

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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**

**Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15, 16      Concluding Exhortations**

<sup>13</sup> Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

<sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

<sup>3</sup> Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

<sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

<sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,  
“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence,  
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.  
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

<sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

#### **Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

#### **Jesus at a Pharisee's House**

**14** One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable:

<sup>8</sup> “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited.

<sup>9</sup> If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’  
Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.

<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’  
Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests.

<sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

<sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed.

Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **NOTICES**

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

**Thursday 4 September 7:30pm-8:30pm - Emmaus Road Fellowship  
Group meeting in the church.**

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#### **Reflection on Autumn's Tranquility**

Holy Father, as the leaves turn and the air cools,  
we pause to reflect on the tranquillity of Autumn.  
May we find peace in the beauty of Your creation,  
embracing the stillness and the change.  
Help us to appreciate the lessons of this season,  
cultivating gratitude in our hearts.  
Guide us to rest in Your presence,  
finding solace in the quiet moments.

Amen.

