

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

**28 December , 2025, FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**



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## **Services today**

### **NO 8am SERVICE**

10am – Family Communion. (Revd Gordon Briggs)

11.30am – Service of Wholeness and Healing

**Hymns for 10am today:-** 248, 526, 542, 320.

## **Services next week, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Holy Communion

10am - Young Church in the hall.

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

## **Rest In Peace**

We give thanks for the life of Malcolm Wright who died on Monday night. We pray for his wife, Ann, their family and friends, May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Isaiah 63: 7-9      The Lord's Mercy Remembered**

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,  
the praises of the Lord,  
according to all that the Lord has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely."  
And he became their Saviour.

<sup>9</sup> In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

## **Matthew 2: 13-23**

## **The Flight to Egypt**

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord

appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,  
“Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

<sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod.

This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

### **Herod Kills the Children**

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men,  
became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

<sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

### **The Return to Nazareth**

<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.”

<sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

<sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.

<sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**YOUNG CHURCH** - There will be no Young Church this Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December. Families are very welcome at the 10am service in church. Back on 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### **NOTICES**

**Revd Andrew is on holiday until 11<sup>th</sup> January.**

**NO Bingo** tomorrow, back next week, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2026..

**Bible Study** group returns on 13th January, 2026.

### **HAVE YOU GOT YOUR QUIZ TICKETS YET ?**

Last few tickets available, £10 each from Lynnette, to include a Ploughman's supper. **Call Lynnette on m 07751 659 641 or 01753 771834 for more info.**

### **A Blessing for the New Year**

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*