

8 March, 2026, Third Sunday of Lent

Services today

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

Hymns for 10am today:- 437, 39, 278, 494.

Services this week

Wed. 11th. 26th @ 10.30am – Holy Communion at “The Pines”

Services next week, 15 March

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Special family-friendly Mothering Sunday service in church.

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 17: 1 – 7 - **Water from the Rock**

John 4: 5 – 42,

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”

⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink’, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”

¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.

The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.
²⁰ Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."
²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.
²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.
²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ).
When he comes, he will tell us all things."
²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."
²⁷ Just then his disciples came back.
They marvelled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"
²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"
³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."
⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.
⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.
⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUNG CHURCH - Today we will hear the story about Jesus and a women meeting at a well. We will make a water jug and cup collage for the Young Church board. We will also be preparing for Mothering Sunday by making cards and gifts.

NOTICES

Today there is no Church for All service. Instead we are having a **Family Service in church, next Sunday, 15 March**, to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We will be looking at St Marys Wexham, our "mother church" through paintings and historical images. **We will make the service suitable for all ages, and for families, so please do come!**

The **Electoral Roll** is due for update. If you would like to be on the electoral roll or wish to know more about it, please contact **Paul Horth** at paulhorth@virginmedia.com or talk to him on Sunday.

BINGO IS BACK !! Monday, 9th March, 7.30pm for 7.45pm in the hall.

Tuesday @ 10.00 am - the Bible Class will meet at Chris'. This week we will explore the Old Testament links with the "I Am " statements of Jesus. Everyone is very welcome. Chris' phone number is 07790366241

Tuesday 10.30am – Deanery Chapter.

Tuesday, 8pm – PCC meeting in the hall.

Thursday 7.30pm – Emmaus Fellowship.

Friday 5.30pm – Safeguarding meeting.