

S⁺Mary's Church

Wexham

12 July 2026, Trinity 7

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Services today

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

Hymns:- . 494, 69, 16, 317.

Next Sunday, 19 July

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
10am – Young Church in the hall.

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

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Genesis 25: 19 – 34

¹⁹ These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.

²¹ And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren.

And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to enquire of the Lord.

²³ And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."

²⁴ When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb.

²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau.

²⁶ Afterwards his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.

²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. ³⁰ And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.)

³¹ Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now."

³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"

³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me now."

So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Matthew 13: 1 - 9 + 18 – 23 The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down.

And the whole crowd stood on the beach.

³ And he told them many things in parables, saying:

“A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.

⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched.

And since they had no root, they withered away.

⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower:

¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

YOUNG CHURCH - Today is our Church for All in the hall. We will be thinking about the Fruits of the Spirit. There will be an activity with fresh fruit and we will be making a tree craft altogether. Refreshments will be served from 9.30 am.

NOTICES

BINGO, Monday 13th July = 7.30pm for 7.45 start.
Everybody welcome.

Tuesday 10am. The Bible Study group will meet at Chris'. This coming week we will continue to delight in the Book of Proverbs.... Everyone is very welcome. My phone number is 07790366241...

Tuesday, 2pm – Burial of ashes in churchyard.

Tuesday, 8pm - PCC meeting in the hall.

Thursday, 4.30pm – CfA review and Planning meeting in hall.

Thursday 7.30pm – Emmaus Road Fellowship Group meeting in church.
• **Coming up**

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!