St Mary's Church Wexham

15 November 2026, Second Sunday before Advent

Services today

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

Hymns for 10am today: 242, 164, 208, S 33

Next Sunday, 22nd November,
Christ the King,
Sunday next before Advent

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
10am - Young Church

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

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 The Day of the Lord

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security", then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.
5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.
6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.
7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.
8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Matthew 25: 14-30 The Parable of the Talents

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his Servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.

18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the
ground and hid his master's money.
19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and
settled accounts with them.
20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing
five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents;
here I have made five talents more.’
21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You
have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into
the joy of your master.’
22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying,
‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two
talents more.’
23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You
have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into
the joy of your master.’
24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying,
‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not
sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is
yours.’
26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant!
You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I
scattered no seed?
27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and
at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.
28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten
talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will
have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he
has will be taken away.
30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that
place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday we will hear the bible story of the parable of the talents., using a box for the story. We will talk about our gifts and skills and how we can use them to help others. We will do some baking and other crafts.

BINGO, Monday - 7.30pm for 7.45 start. Everybody welcome**.**

Tuesday 10am. The Bible Study group will meet at Chris' house. Please contact Revd Chris for more information, or call, on 07790 366 241. Everybody welcome.

The Romans Course is now well underway as we meet for the third time on **Friday 20 November at 5pm**. Please chat to Andrew if you are interested.

Emmaus Road Fellowship will restart on **Thursday 19 November at 7:30pm** in the church.

Churchyard Care - from 10.00 to mid-day on Saturday 21st November. You are very welcome to join us for some great company, gardening and refreshments.

Christmas SHOC Appeal (Slough Homeless Our Concern)
BOX IN CURCH FROM TODAY FOR DONATIONS.
Last day to donate is November 29th.

Big Quiz Night on 15th January. Tickets from Lynnette , £10 each.