

# St Mary's Church Wexham

Deanery of Burnham and Slough, Diocese of Oxford  
9 August 2020 – Trinity 9



Ichthys - The symbol was adopted by early Christians as a secret sign.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### Today in church

8am – Morning Prayer, ( led by Mrs. Jill Bell, LLM), preacher Rev. Chris Collinge)  
10.00am – Holy Communion, ( Rev. Chris Collinge )

**Wednesday** - midweek service on website

### Next Sunday, in church

8am – Holy Communion  
10.00am - Holy Communion

The **church is open** for private prayer on **Wednesdays** from **12 noon - 2pm**.

" Over to You" - If you have ever felt you would love to discuss something, share a story or ask a question after the service now is your chance! If you are interested please join the Zoom meeting, hosted by Rev. Chris, on Sunday at 11.30am.. come along, with your cup of coffee of course !  
See Saturday's Mailchimp for access.

Church Website, <https://www.stmaryswexham.co.uk/>. for newsletter, **August magazine**, access to the church services which Andrew, Chris and Jill are leading, and the **link to signing up for the Mailchimp letter** from Andrew. **Take care and stay safe.**

**Collect**, (special prayer for the week).

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy 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.

Today's hymn : 135, For I'm building a people of power

## READINGS

### **Genesis Ch. 37: v 1 – 4 + 12 – 28**

Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup> These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colours.

<sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.

<sup>13</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am."

<sup>14</sup> So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

<sup>15</sup> And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?"

<sup>16</sup> "I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock."

<sup>17</sup> And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

<sup>18</sup> They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him.

<sup>19</sup> They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer.

<sup>20</sup> Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams."

21 But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

22 And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colours that he wore.

24 And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

25 Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him.

28 Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

#### **Matthew Ch. 14: v 22 - 33**

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat by this time was a long way from the land beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind,<sup>[6]</sup> he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."

31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord,

For giving by phone,



#### **INTERCESSIONS**

Please continue in prayer for David; Jane; Joan; John; Julie; Kathleen and David, Malcolm, Tom and his family, and all front-line staff.

#### **YOUNG CHURCH - activities based on the 7 days of creation.**

##### **Day 2**

Sky and sea. Over the last few months we have seen lots of rainbow things around. It is lovely when we see a rainbow in the sky. Make a rainbow mobile with clouds coming down from the rainbow. On the clouds write some prayers for your family and friends.

##### **Day 3**

Land, plants and trees. Make a card with lots of beautiful flowers on to give to someone who is on their own or who is unwell at the moment to let them know you are thinking of them.

#### **NOTICES**

##### **Coronavirus update – Churches permitted to open for worship.**

Today's services – Morning Prayer at 8am and Holy Communion at 10am. The services will be slightly shorter than usual and capacity is still somewhat constrained. The 10am service will be filmed and put onto the church website later in the day.

The August church magazine is now available.

This time, the **Church of England quarterly magazine, Pathways**, has been published online. You can download from this website <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways-pdf-version/> Hard copies are not available .

##### **Bubble Church" 23 August from 1000-1030**

On 23 August we are arranging a short service in the hall. To comply with social distancing requirements we have arranged a number of seats for individuals / couples and a number of "bubbles" intended mainly for families, so please put the day into your diary.

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St. Mary's is an Anglican parish church, which seeks to proclaim the Christian Faith by sharing the love of Christ with those who enter its buildings and with all who live within the communities of Wexham and George Green.



