

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

11 February, 2024
Sunday next before Lent



SERVICES

TODAY

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

Wednesday, 14th

10.30am – Holy Communion at The Pines
6pm – Holy Communion Service with imposition of ashes, (Rev. Andrew Parry)

Next Sunday

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



INTERCESSIONS



Our prayers have been asked for Jo R, Charles F, Hazel B, Michael, Malcolm W, Jane A, Ken G, Janine J, Julie M, Samantha, Kath T

Hymns for today: **CfA team to choose**

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

2 Kings 2: v 1 – 12

Elijah Taken to Heaven

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

² And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

So they went down to Bethel. ³ And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

⁸ Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you."

And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

¹⁰ And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so."

¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them.

And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

¹² And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father!

The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"

And he saw him no more.

Mark 9: v 2 – 9

The Transfiguration

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.

⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here.

Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday is our monthly Church for All service in the hall. The theme is Love. There will be hymns and activities. Refreshments will be served from 9.30. Come and join us for a fun morning all together.

MEETINGS:-

Tuesday 13th 0830 –Home Communion Team meeting

Tues. 9.30am – Standing and Finance Committee.

Thursday 15th 5pm – CfA meeting,

7:30pm Emmaus Road in the church

Bible Study Home Group has moved on to the subject of Society and a chance to talk about how our culture shapes our thinking. It's Pancake Day this Tuesday . We are meeting at Jill's house where there will be pancakes on offer. If you would like to join us give Jill a ring on 07812741279.

NOTICES

Ash Wednesday service this week, 6pm in church.

BINGO in church hall, Mondays 7.30pm for 7.45pm start – all welcome.

Soup Suppers in Lent - Encounters in the Desert, starting 20th February.

A short Communion service in the hall followed by soup and bread as we 'Talk around the Tables'. Tuesdays ~ 6 til 7:30pm
An idea of numbers (for catering) would be helpful.
Please speak to Andrew, TJ or Jill for more info.