

S⁺Mary's Church Wexham

11 May 2025, EASTER 4



Services today

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

Hymns for 10am today:- tba

Services this week

Wed. 10.30am, Holy Communion at The Pines

Services next week, 18 May

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

INTERCESSIONS - Our prayers have been asked for Freya., Hazel and Elle B, Lorna and Charles, Malcolm W, Jane A, Janine J, Julie M.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Acts Ch.9: v 36 – 43

Dorcas Restored to Life

³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas.

She was full of good works and acts of charity.

³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay."

³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them.

And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room.

All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them.

⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise."

And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up.

Then calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

John Ch. 10: v 22 – 30

I and the Father Are One

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem.

It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock.

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

³⁰ I and the Father are one."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Christian Aid Week 11-17 May 2025

Aurelia's Story

Aurelia and her family live in Guatemala and have suffered hunger and hardship due to the climate crisis.

She has improved her family's life by learning different ways to farm the land with the help of Christian Aid and their partner Congcoop.

She is now leading her community to push back against the climate crisis to protect their farms and futures.

This week, with your donations, we can help make a difference to more people like Aurelia.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday is our Church for All service together in the hall at 10am. The theme is Looking back on Easter. There will be making a cross and a heart activity. Refreshments will be served from 9.30am.

NOTICES

Monday 12th, Bingo - 7.30pm for 7.45pm start – everybody welcome.

Tuesday 13th

9.30am, Standing and Finance Meeting in the hall.

10.30am, BSHG is having a break as several of our members are on holiday.

2pm, On-Line Conference with Diocesan Surveyor re: paddock.

Wednesdays, 10am – 11am – "Keep Fit" in the hall with Alice. Call Alice on 07834362675 for more information.

**Thursday 15th – 4.30pm Church for All meeting in the hall.
7.30pm Emmaus Road Fellowship in church.**

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Next Saturday, 17th May. Musical Afternoon Tea,

We would like to hear from those who have booked tickets of any requests for Louise to perform. We can't guarantee you will get them but she has said she will try. There are a few tickets left if you would like to join us. **Contact Jill on 07812741279.**