

St Mary's Church Wexham

Deanery of Burnham and Slough, Diocese of Oxford



25 JULY 2021 – TRINITY 8



Now that indoor church services have resumed, we will:-
still ask people who come to indoor services to wear masks (at least out of consideration for others),
reduce the spacing between pews,
not yet start congregational singing (though the choir has started singing),
resume refreshments after the 10am service. Not resume the wine at Communion
continue to share the Peace as we have done.

.We are recording some of the 10am services again, and placing them on **YouTube**.
That way, you can watch the service at your leisure.

TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion, (Rev. Chris Collinge)
10.00am – Holy Communion, (Rev. Chris Collinge)
10.00am - Young Church in hall

Services this week

Thursday 29 – Oak House service via Zoom

Next Sunday, 1 August

8.00am – Holy Communion
10.00am – Holy Communion

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for Jane, Janine, John, Julie; Karl, Ken, Malcolm; Margaret, Samantha; Sue, Felicia and Leah;
our Home Communion team; all front-line staff, and the Chaplains at Wexham Park Hospital: Peter,
Michael and Edward.

Collect

*Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

READINGS

2 Kings Ch. 4: v 42 – end

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, "Give to the men, that they may eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

John Ch. 6: v 1 – 21

6 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. 20 But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

Post Communion

*Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.*

YOUNG CHURCH - today we will hear the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and talk about how a little becomes a lot in God's hands. Hopefully we will at last do some cooking and make individual baskets to put it in. We will play a picnic relay game too.

Meetings this week

27th July – 10am - Eastern Group Clergy meeting; 1pm Church Warden's meeting.

Notices

Home Communions will start again from July 28th

As from 1st August we are aiming to recommence serving tea and coffee after the 10am Communion. Beryl and Gerry will be waiting to serve your drink from the hatch, and you will also be able to choose a packet of prepacked biscuits, please choose and not touch other packets. There will be no crisps etc. We will be using disposable cups, or you can bring your own.. While waiting to collect a Cuppa, please keep your distance. Thank you for your co-operation and we will all stay safe!

Saturday 21st August, 2-4pm - Community Fair and Dog Show. We are asking for donations of bottles or tombola items. We will be having a home grown produce/plant stall, so if you have excess produce or plants, all donations will be gratefully received. Tickets for the Grand Draw are now on sale. If you would like to buy tickets or donate some items but are unable to deliver to Church, please call me and I will come and collect from you. Yvette 01753 822695 - yvettehickman@googlemail.com

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