

**Prom Praise at the Albert Hall is on May 5th 2018.** If there is enough interest from St Mary's congregation and friends, I am happy to book and organise a coach as in previous years. Please contact me, either in church, mobile 07780918596 or email, [casandclive@btinternet.com](mailto:casandclive@btinternet.com). I will need a £20 deposit per ticket before I book.  
Caroline Ashcroft

**Tombola – Denham Fayre.** Collection for the Tombola at the Denham Fayre has begun. Please place any unwanted gifts which are in good condition in the Tombola Box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

**Lent Course: "Exploring the Beatitudes"**  
In Matthew 5 Jesus challenges his followers to live distinctive lives, marked by contemplation, compassion and courage. In this three-week course we will reflect on Jesus' words and what they mean for us today. **Thursday 8th, 15th and 22nd of March**, always 11am-12noon, St Mary's Vestry. To sign up, please contact our church office or sign up at the back.

**Please pick up a #LiveLent flyer** at the back of church, with all special events and services during Lent and Easter. **Who could you invite to come to church with you?**  
To sign up for daily #LiveLent reflections go to [www.churchofengland.org/lent](http://www.churchofengland.org/lent) or download the #LiveLent app for your mobile device.

**Reflections event for women:**  
**Turning back to God – a preparation for Lent.** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am – 1pm at St James centre GX. Please see leaflet at the back of church.

Have you seen the **spring flowers** in the churchyard? It is worth to take a few moments to enjoy the snowdrops and crocuses which have sprung up. Marion Francis

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10.00am** Lifegroup for Women.  
*The Rectory*  
**10.30am** Holy Communion.  
*Denham Garden Village*  
**7.30pm** **NO** Evening Prayer at St Mark's  
**8.00pm** Start! Course. Session 3.

*St Mark's*

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
**10.00am** Little Lions Toddler Group  
*St Mark's*

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**10.00am** Holy Communion. BCP.  
*St Mary's Vestry*

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10.00am** PCC Away Day  
*Denham Village Infant School*

#### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Electoral Roll 2018

This year's Electoral Roll registration will be a revised version of 2017. If there are any changes to your details, please complete a new form which is available at the main entrance (by the internal post tray) of the Church or from Maurice Litchmore at [maurl@btinternet.com](mailto:maurl@btinternet.com). **Anyone who has been attending St Mary's for at least 6 months may apply to become a member of the Church** which will enable you to vote at the APCM. Completed application forms should be returned by 3 March 2018.

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**Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer**  
God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



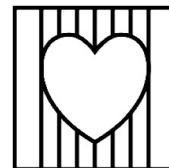
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## Weekly News Sheet

### 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### The First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to church! If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the service leader or a member of the welcome team so we can welcome you personally. During the 10.30 service there is a Sunday Club for children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.  
*Christoph Lindner, Rector*



#### New City Catechism - Part 1: God, Creation & Fall, Law

Question 7:

#### What does the law of God require?

*That we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbour as ourselves.*

#### Matthew 22: 37-40

And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

#### Commentary:

Loving the Lord God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength is the first great branch of Christian righteousness. You shall delight yourself in the Lord your God; seeking and finding all happiness in Him. You shall hear and fulfil His word, "My son, give me your heart." And having given Him your inmost soul to reign there without a rival, you may well cry out in the fulness of your heart, "I will love You, O my Lord, my strength. The Lord is my strong rock; my Saviour, my God, in whom I trust." The second commandment, the second great branch of Christian righteousness, is closely and inseparably connected with the first: "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love—embrace with the most tender goodwill, the most earnest and cordial affection, the most inflamed desires of preventing or removing all evil and bringing every possible good. Your neighbour—not only your friends, kinfolk, or acquaintances; not only the virtuous ones who regard you, who extend or return your kindness, but every person, not excluding those you have never seen or know by name; not excluding those you know to be evil and unthankful, those who spitefully use you. Even those you shall love as yourself with the same invariable thirst after their happiness. Use the same unwearied care to screen them from whatever might grieve or hurt either their soul or body. This is love. (*John Wesley*)

#### Prayer:

Great Law-Giver, you have spoken a perfect law, and you deserve perfect obedience. Let us not merely think that your law requires outward submission; it demands the full assent of our minds and our hearts. Who is equal to such a task? We confess that we fall far short of keeping your law. Amen.

(The complete *New City Catechism* is available as a book, a free app or at [newcitycatechism.com](http://newcitycatechism.com))

## Worship Today



### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**8.00am Holy Communion** *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable

**Reader:** Stephen Barrett

**Readings:** 2 Cor. 6.1-10

Matt. 4.1-11

**9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer**

*St Mary's, front of church*

**10.30am Morning Worship**

*St Mary's* with Sunday club for children

(Vestry) & Older children (Rectory).

**Journey to the Cross: Gethsemane**

**Sidesmen:**

Sam Carter & David Babb

**Readings and readers:**

Philippians 4. 4-7      Beverley Gray

Mark 14.32-52      Tony Drane

**Prayers:** Philip Thompson

**Sunday Club Leader:** Sonja Clements

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**Philippians 4.4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Mark 14.32-52**

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

<sup>33</sup>He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." <sup>37</sup>He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?"

<sup>38</sup>Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

<sup>40</sup>And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup>He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." <sup>43</sup>Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup>All of them deserted him and fled. <sup>51</sup>A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### Baptism of William Warfield

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome William and uphold him in his new life?

**With the help of God we will.**

#### Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

#### The Baptism

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ, against sin, the world, and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

#### The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: William, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**8.00am Holy Communion** *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Mary / Roger Gage

**Readings:** 1. Thess. 4.1-8

Matt. 15. 21-28

**9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer**

*St Mary's, front of church*

**10.30am Sung Communion**

*St Mary's* with Sunday club for children & Older children.

**Journey to the Cross: Trial**

**Sidesmen:** Anne Thomas & John Breese

**Readings and readers:**

1 Peter 3. 13-18a

Beverley Gray

Mark 14.53-65

Robert Ash

**Prayers:** Carole Wadlow

**Servers:** Michael Carmody & Janet Allen

**Sunday Club Leader:** Edda Lindner

**4.00pm Messy Church for Families**

*St Mark's Denham Green*

In your prayers this week, please remember **Ethel White, Thelma Mann and Christine Willson.**

Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time especially the family of **Barry Hinton, Nicholas Quinton, Muriel Senior and Ernest Smith.**

