

MOVING ON! Course

starts 16 April

How do we live our lives as followers of Jesus? How do we establish healthy habits so that we continue to grow in faith? On Monday, 16th April at 8pm we are starting a new course at the Rectory, where we will explore these questions in a small group with group discussions, short videos and bible reflections. This is the perfect follow-on course if you have done START! in the past or if you would like to grow in your Christian faith. **Interested? Please let our church office know as we will limit the group size to 10-12.**

EASTER IS COMING!

Easter cards and children's books are available on our bookstall at the back of church. Do take time to have a browse.

What's happening for children and families at Easter?

Please pick up a leaflet with more details and invite others to join us!

Decorating the church for Easter

Sunday. Would anyone like to help decorate the church for Easter? Helpers required on Saturday, 31st March meeting at 10 am.

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.

Monday 19th March

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.

The Rectory

10.30am Holy Communion

Denham Garden Village

7.30pm The Well. Evening Prayer

St Mark's

Wednesday 21st March

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group

St Mark's

Thursday 22nd March

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.

St Mary's Vestry

11.00am Lent Course. Exploring the Beatitudes, part 3.

St Mary's Vestry

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 or download the #LiveLent app for your mobile device.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Our Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, 15th April, at 11.45am** (straight after the morning service). It is an opportunity to give thanks to God for all that has happened in the life of our church in 2017 and to get a clearer idea of his good plans for us over the next 12 months. We will also elect our two church wardens and some members of our PCC (please read the article on the front page of Parousia this week). **Please make every effort to be there!**



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

18th March 2018

The Fifth 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 Sunday club for children & older children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.
Christopher Lindner, Rector

Thank God for the APCM!

Every year we hold our *Annual Parochial Church Meeting*. To make it easy for church members to attend, we hold it **straight after our 10.30 service, this year on April 15th, at 11.45am**

It is an opportunity to look back on 2017, relive some of the milestones, to *thank God for his faithfulness and blessings for another year, and to look forward to the rest of this year*. An APCM is an important opportunity to report back to the church family about the various aspects of church life that not everyone might be aware of. An *annual report will be available* in advance – please take away a copy and familiarise yourself with everything that has happened.

An APCM is a chance to say *thank you to the many members of our church* who have contributed their gifts, time, talents and resources to the ministry and mission of Denham Parish Church. We will say a special thank you to those who have served God in a particular role and are now handing on the baton. This year we will be saying a very big thank you to our long-standing treasurer, Gerald Miller, and to Hilary Richins, who has been churchwarden for twelve years.

At our APCM we will be *electing our two churchwardens* (this happens every year and apart from members of the electoral roll every resident in the parish has a vote) and a third of our elected *PCC members* (they are elected for three years by members of the electoral roll). We will also elect our *representatives for Deanery Synod*, who will also have a place on PCC. A PCC member is a trustee of this local church, its work as a registered charity, its mission and ministry. *We are therefore looking for candidates who love Jesus, love this church, are fully committed to our vision and are already involved in the work of this church in some ways (no spectators!).*

So, an APCM is an important meeting and I thank God for the opportunity to hold it once a year. Whether you are on the electoral roll or not, it is a significant milestone.

Will you be there?

Christopher Lindner

Worship Today



18th March 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Stephen Barrett

Readings: Heb. 9. 11-15

John 8. 46-end

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 & Older Children

Journey to the cross: Pilate

Sidesmen: Marion Francis & Victoria Lucas

Readings and readers:

1 Peter 2. 22-25 Sandy Wickenden

Mark 15. 1-20 Stuart Montgomery

Prayers: Derek Sharp

Sunday Club Leader: Sonja Clements

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Peter 2. 22-25

²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Mark 15. 1- 20

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

²Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.'

⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had

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<<< committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' ¹³They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁴Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

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Worship next week



25th March Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Mary Gage

Readings: Phil. 2. 5-11

Matt. 27. 1-54

10.10am Procession with Joey the Donkey. *Denham Memorial Hall*

10.30am Sung Communion

St Mary's with Sunday club for children
Journey to the cross: Hosanna!

Sidesmen: Janet Drane & Sylvia Gammond

Readings and readers:

Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-end Janet Drane

Mark 11. 1-11 Ann Collins

Prayers: Michael Carmody

Servers: David & Judith Babb

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

4.00pm Messy Church for Families:
Jesus the Saviour

St Mark's Denham Green

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

Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time.

