

**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.

### **Exploring Confirmation**

At Café Church (first Sunday of the month, 3.30pm, St Mark's) we are thinking about the meaning of baptism and confirmation (next service: 6 May). This is an ideal preparation for a later confirmation date. *Please speak to Christoph if you are interested in being baptised or confirmed.*

### **CHURCH OFFICE TIMES AFTER EASTER**

The office will be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. On all other days the office will be open during the normal office hours.

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

The annual report is now available. Please take *one copy per family* in preparation for our APCM and bring it along to the meeting on 15 April.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

Our Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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 look out for more details on our notice board soon). **Please make every effort to be there!**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**10.00am** **NO** Lifegroup for Women.  
*The Rectory*  
**7.30pm** **NO** Evening Prayer  
*St Mark's*  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
**10.00am** Service with Discussion group  
*St Francis*  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10.00am** Holy Communion.BCP.  
*St Mary's Vestry*

### ***Nine-A-Day: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit***

Next Sunday, 8th April, we will begin a new sermon series, looking at St Paul's teaching about the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5.22): *Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control* are increasingly in evidence in our life as we become more like Jesus.

**"What helps me to become more like Jesus?"** Christoph would love your one-sentence answer on a piece of paper or email ([rector@denhamparish.church](mailto:rector@denhamparish.church)). And don't worry he won't mention your name from the pulpit!

### **MOVING ON! Course** **starts 16 April**

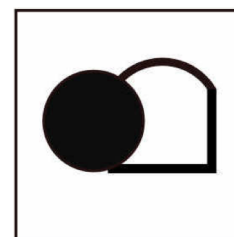
How do we live our lives as followers of Jesus? How do we establish healthy habits so that we continue to grow in faith? On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm we are starting a new course at the Rectory, where we will explore these questions in a small group with group discussions, short videos and 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.**



# **PAROUSIA**

Weekly News Sheet  
**1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**  
**Easter Day**

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 sermon at 10.30 there is Sunday club activity 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*



**Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!**

**"We are Easter people and alleluia is our song."  
St Augustine of Hippo**

### **What is the hope in which a Christian lives?**

A Christian lives in the sure and certain hope that as Jesus Christ rose from the dead, so he will come again in glory to judge the world. Christians believe that God will renew the heavens and the earth, and that beyond death we will enjoy eternal life with God.

### **Pilgrim, how will this shape the journey of your life?**

I will seek to discover God's call on my life, use my gifts in God's service and share the way of Jesus Christ with others. By God's grace, I will live tomorrow's life today.

*(From: The Pilgrim Way – A Guide to the Christian Faith. Church House Publishing 2017)*

**Would you like to explore the evidence for Jesus' resurrection in greater depth? Please take away the book "Your Verdict on the Empty Tomb" as a gift.**

## Worship today



1<sup>st</sup> April

## Easter Sunday

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

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Alison Barrett

**Readings:** Coloss. 3.1-7  
John 20.1-10

**9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer**

*St Mary's, front of church*

**10.30am Family Service**

*St Mary's* with Sunday club for children followed by Easter Egg Hunt and a short service of Holy Communion

**Journey to the cross: Resurrection.**

**Sidesmen:** David Babb, Sam Carter and Sharon Williams

**Readings and readers:**

Mark 16.1-8                      Beverley Gray

Acts 10. 34-43                      John Way

**Prayers:** Philip Thompson

**Sunday Club Leader:** Edda Lindner

**3.30pm NO Café Church!**      *St Mark's*

### Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Mark 16. 1-8

<sup>16</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Acts 10. 34-43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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## Worship next week



8<sup>th</sup> April

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable

**Reader:** Mary Gage

**Readings:** 1 John 5. 4-12  
John 20. 19-23

**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

**Nine-A-Day: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit.**

**Sidesmen:** Maurice Litchmore & Sharon Williams

**Readings and readers:**

Colossians 1. 9-23                      Robert Ash

John 20.19-23                      Robin Doran

**Prayers:** Rosemary Doran

**Servers:** Francis Moloney & Carlene Litchmore

**Sunday Club Leader:** Edda Lindner

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 especially the family of **Mark Miller, Daisy Smith and Jean Standing**.

