

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.

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? Tomorrow, 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 talk to Christoph or Edda after the service.**

DID YOU KNOW...? Resources on our website

Did you know that many of the sermons preached on Sundays are later available to listen to on our website? Go to www.denhamparish.church and click on "Resources". That's also where you can find the Parousia newssheet if you couldn't come to church, as well as the monthly calendar. You can even download the complete Annual Report for 2017 there. Take a look!

"What helps me to become more like Jesus?"

Here are some of the answers from our church family:

"Helping and serving others and having a humble attitude."

"Seeing a child pray alone or share his/her prayers."

How would you answer? Christoph would love to hear from you!

Monday 16th April

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.

The Rectory

7.30pm The Well. Evening Prayer

The Rectory

8.00pm 'Moving On'. Session 1

The Rectory

Tuesday 17th April

8.00pm Baptism Preparation Evening

The Rectory

Wednesday 18th April

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group

St Mark's

Thursday 19th April

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.

St Mary's Vestry

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Our Annual Meeting will be **straight after this 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

Denham Fayre – we need YOU!

Please take a look at the display board to find out how you could help with our Fayre this year.

The Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5.22-23

"Heavenly Father, I pray that this day I may live in your presence and please you more and more. Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you. Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (*John Stott*)



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

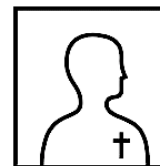
15th April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

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. 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



Question 50:

What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–14: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Commentary: The whole creation will have been delivered from the bondage of corruption and will be enjoying "the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom. 8:21). Everything will be glorified, even nature itself. And that seems to me to be the biblical teaching about the eternal state: that what we call heaven is life in this perfect world as God intended humanity to live it. When He put Adam in Paradise at the beginning Adam fell, and all fell with him, but men and women are meant to live in the body, and will live in a glorified body in a glorified world, and God will be with them. (*Martyn Lloyd-Jones*)

Prayer: Resurrecting God, make us mindful that death is not the end for us. Save us from the judgment we deserve, and make us faithful to invite others to know you as their redeemer. We look in hope to the joy that will be ours when, saved from judgment through the merits of Christ, we will be clothed with resurrected bodies to reign on a renewed earth. Amen.

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – straight after the 10.30 am service

Please take a drink from one of the coffee stations and then return to your seats for a prompt start at 11.45 am. There are still spare Annual Reports available. Please pick one up if you haven't got a copy or haven't brought yours.

Worship today



15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Stephen Barrett

Readings: 1 Peter 2. 19-end
John 10. 11-16

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

Nine-A-Day: Love

Sidesmen: Janet Drane & Sam Carter

Readings and readers:

1 John 4.7-12 Sam Carter
John 13. 34-35 Sophie Clements

Prayers: Carole Wadlow

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

11.45am Annual Parochial Church
Meeting *St Mary's*

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

1 John 4. 7-12

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God; everyone who
loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸Whoever does not love does not know
God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was
revealed among us in this way: God sent
his only Son into the world so that we
might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved
us and sent his Son to be the atoning
sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God
loved us so much, we also ought to love
one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

John 13. 34-35

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that
you love one another. Just as I have loved
you, you also should love one another.
³⁵By this everyone will know that you are
my disciples, if you have love for one
another.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

CHORUS

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Church of God elect and glorious

Holy nation chosen race
Called as God's own special people
Royal priests and heirs of grace
Know the purpose of your calling
Show to all His mighty deeds
Tell of love which knows no limits
Grace which meets all human needs

God has called you out of darkness
Into His most marvellous light
Brought His truth to life within you
Turned your blindness into sight
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified

Once you were an alien people
Strangers to God's heart of love
But He brought you home in mercy
Citizens of heaven above
Let His love flow out to others
Let them feel a Father's care
That they too may know His welcome
And His countless blessings share

Church of God elect and holy
Be the people He intends
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your master sends
Royal priests fulfil your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer
Give your lives in joyful service
Sing His praise His love declare

Worship next week



22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Thompson

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: 1 Peter 2.11-17
John 16.16-22

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: Joy

Sidesmen: Rosemary & Robin Doran

Readings and readers:

Habakuk 3:17-19 Sandy Wickenden
Luke 15. 3-7 Stuart Montgomery

Prayers: Carlene Litchmore

Servers: Janet Allen Michael Carmody

Sunday Club Leader: Sonja Clements

4.00pm Messy Church for families.

St Mark's

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, Jean
Standing, Lois Spencer, Teresa
Sacco and Austin 'Ron' Edwards.**

