

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.

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. *A member of the team will be there to answer any questions and help you find your role.*

Children's Society Boxes

Please can those who have one of these boxes at home give them to me for counting now. If you do not see me at 10.30am service, please leave the box on the cupboard at the back of church. Thank you very much.

Carole Wadlow

"What helps me to become more like Jesus?"

Here are some of the answers from our church family:

"Giving and being willing to receive love."

"Friendship within the church family."

"Understanding and listening to the Bible."

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

Final AGM for St Mark's Hall - Sunday 13 May at 3.30 pm

The Management of St Mark's Hall is now a sub-committee of the PCC, so we do not need to hold separate AGMs. This will be our final meeting, reviewing the past and looking forward as an integral part of the Parish Church. **The meeting will be followed by a celebration of Holy Communion and we will finish by 5pm.** All church members are welcome to attend.

Francis Moloney, our Parish Assistant, is conducting a piece of research on our Parish Vision statement. If you would like to participate please go to the following web address:

<https://qoo.gl/forms/qDe1Fqig823CkyvA2>

Monday 30th April

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.

The Rectory

7.30pm Evening Prayer

The Rectory

8.00pm 'Moving On'. Session 3

The Rectory

Tuesday 1st May

10.00am Service with Discussion Group

St Francis Chapel

Wednesday 2nd May

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group

St Mark's

Thursday 3rd May

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.

St Mary's Vestry

**THY KINGDOM COME –
A Global Wave of Prayer**

In the week leading up to Pentecost we will take part in **"Thy Kingdom Come", a global prayer movement** praying for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. It was started in 2016 by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. **Each evening from 13th to 18th May we will pray from 7.00pm to 7.30pm at St Mary's Church.** Do join us! (Find out more here:

www.thykingdomcome.global)

Spring Harvest 2019 – Find out more!

Are you interested in coming to Spring Harvest next year with a group from our church?

Spring Harvest is a Christian holiday / festival / conference that was started in 1979 and takes place during the Easter holidays. **On Sunday, 6 May, straight after the morning service (at around 12noon)** you will have an opportunity to find out more, meet some of us who went this year and ask your questions.



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Weekly News Sheet

29th April 2018

Fifth 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

"I turn to Christ"

Baptism is the beginning of our Christian journey with Jesus. Many of us have been baptised and later respond to the promises made on our behalf when we are confirmed. Others are baptised as adults and respond to Jesus' call to follow him themselves. Here is an extract from *"The Pilgrim Way: A Guide to the Christian Faith"*:

What does it mean to believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

To believe is to trust in the Father's love for the world, in the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross, and in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

How do you become a Christian?

By turning to Jesus Christ in faith, by repenting of your sins, and being baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

What is sin?

Sin means not living according to the will of God. To sin is to fall short in our thoughts, words and deeds, through what we do and through what we fail to do. Sin separates us from God and neighbour.

What is baptism?

Baptism in water is the sacrament of new birth in Christ. We die to sin that we may live his risen life. We are washed by the Holy Spirit and become members of the Church.

What is the Church?

The Church is the pilgrim people of God, the body of Christ, and the community of disciples in every age in earth and heaven.

Would you like to explore these questions in more depth? At Café Church (first Sunday of the month, 3.30-5.00pm, St Mark's) we are exploring the meaning of baptism over the next few months – do join us.

Worship today



29th April
5th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Alison Barrett

Readings: James 1. 17-21
John 16.5-15

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
Nine-a-Day: Peace

Sidesmen: Maurice Litchmore & Victoria Lucas

Readings and readers:

Psalm 85 Tony Drane
Ephes. 2. 11-18 Jenny Browne

Prayers: Derek Sharp

Sunday Club Leader: Missy Sharp

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Psalm 85

¹ Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah ³ You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation towards us. ⁵ Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶ Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. ⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. ⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. ¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. ¹² The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps. This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Ephesians 2. 11-18

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands ¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Baptism of Susan Cooper

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 Susan and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with those who are being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

Baptism

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross. 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: Susan, 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.

Worship next week



6th May
6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Mary Gage

Readings: James 1. 22-27
John 16.23b-33

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer
St Mary's, front of church

10.30am Family Worship
St Mary's with Sunday club for children
Nine-a-Day: Patience & Gentleness

Sidesmen: Janet Drane & Sylvia Gammond

Readings and readers:

Ephes. 4. 1-6 Rebecca Hearnden Smith
John 21. 15-19 Freddie Hoare

Prayers: Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Missy Sharp

After the service: Spring Harvest 2019 – Find Out More

3.30am Café Church

St Mark's

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

