

Vestry Teas will be running from Sunday 3rd June to Sunday 30th September. The rota has been put up at the back of church. Please add your name to the list. You can raise money for St Mary's Denham or your favourite organisation / charity.

Jean Standing's Burial of Ashes

On Thursday, 28th June. Please join us either for our usual service of Holy Communion (10am), in which we will remember Jean, or for the burial of ashes which will follow at 11am.

Sing of the Lord's goodness,

Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
Worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary,
pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.

Jesus, lead us to the Father

by your Spirit help us draw near.

As we come with awe and gladness
help us draw near.

Alleluia, alleluia, help us draw near.

Monday 28th May

10am-4pm Denham Fayre!
12.30pm Singing Vicar & Friends, St Mary's
2.30pm Organ Recital (Mervyn Hogg), St Mary's
Short guided tours of St Mary's throughout the day

Grand Raffle Tickets: Please can you pop your raffle tickets for the Grand Raffle into the box at the back of church or to the Grand Raffle Stall on Fayre Day.
Thank you.

Thursday 31st May

10.00am Holy Communion. St Mary's Vestry

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
*So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King*

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
*So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King*

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
*So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King*

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
*As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King*



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

27th May 2018

Trinity Sunday

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



THY KINGDOM COME – Looking back on our week of prayer

"I cannot remember in my life anything that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit." - Archbishop Justin Welby

Everything begins with prayer! That's why the first part of our church vision is "We *pray* like Jesus." If we want to see a fresh move of God in our church and community, we need to pray as a church – together and individually.

During the week leading up to Pentecost Sunday, we met for evening prayer at St Mary's. Each evening had a different theme, Bible reading and prayer activity, all under the banner of "Thy Kingdom Come". You can still see some of the results in church today – the open hands with our names on, offering God the little we have and trusting him to multiply it (think of the five loaves and two fish or Moses and his shepherd's staff); the post-it notes on the door to the vestry, each representing us knocking on the door of our heavenly Father with our requests ("Knock and the door will be opened."). Each evening we were a group of fifteen or more 'pray-ers' and by the end of the week we all agreed that we will miss our daily time of prayer.

Here is some of the feedback from those who came to pray:
Togetherness // Lovely to see people I don't usually see // Could we please do one evening a month or fortnightly, similar to this? // Left me feeling very relaxed and happy // I liked the prayer activities // Coming together // Do we need to renew a prayer evening like 'The Well'? // A feeling of 'one-ness'.

Have you seen God respond to your "Thy Kingdom Come" prayers? How can we be a church that prays like Jesus, more and more? I'd love to hear from you.

Christoph Lindner

Worship today



27th May Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Alison Barrett

Readings: Rev. 4. 1-11
John 3. 1-15

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: Self Control

Sidesmen: Anne Thomas & John Breese

Readings and readers:

Galatians 5:19-25 Anne Thomas
John 3. 1-17 Caroline Ashcroft

Prayers: Michael Carmody

Servers: David & Judith Babb

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

Galatians 5. 19-25

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

John 3. 1-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'

³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' >>>

⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Worship next week



3rd June 1st Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Mary Gage

Readings: 1 John 4. 7-end
Luke 6. 19-end

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
Nine-a-Day: Self Control

Sidesmen: Brian O'Regan & Marion Francis

Readings and readers:

Psalms 139.1-5; 12-18 Harry Williams
Mark 2. 23-3.6 Sophie Clements

Prayers: Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

3.30pm 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 **Margaret Ashbrook**.

