

Our God is a great big God,
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our God is a great big God
and he holds us in his hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper
and He's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams.
And he's known me and he's loved me
since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
of God's amazing plan.

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my ways lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you go before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning
through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Monday 4th June
10.00am Lifegroup for Women.
The Rectory
8.00pm Moving On! Session 6
The Rectory
Tuesday 5th June
10.00am Service with discussion group
St Francis Chapel
7.45pm PCC Meeting
St Francis Chapel
Wednesday 6th June
10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group
St Mark's
Thursday 7th June
10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.
St Mary's Vestry

Vestry Teas will be running from today,
Sunday 3rd June through to 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.

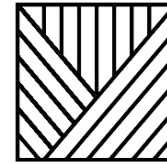
Jean Standing's Burial of Ashes
On Thursday, 28th June. Please join us
either for our usual service of Holy
Communion (10am), in which we will
remember Jean, or for the burial of ashes
which will follow at 11am.

**A HUGE thank you to everyone who
played a part in the Denham Village Fayre**
last Monday. It was such a joy to see so
many of us serving together in teams, using
their gifts, being the welcoming face and
helping hands of God to hundreds of
people. "We welcome like Jesus!" There will
be a **thank-you celebration** for all
volunteers at the Rectory on Sunday 10
June, 6-8pm. **Please let our office know** if
you are planning to come.
Please make a commitment to help with the
Fayre next year, which will be on Monday,
27th May 2019.



PAROUSIA
Weekly News Sheet
3rd June 2018
1st Sunday after Trinity

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



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

To believe is to trust in 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.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.
(From Ephesians 1)

"Our detractors proclaim our madness because we honour a crucified man alongside the unchangeable and eternal God, the creator of all. They do not discern the mystery in this, and it is to this mystery that we beg you to attend."
Justin (C. 100-165AD)

Worship today



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

Sidesmen: Brian O'Regan & Marion Francis

Readings and readers:

Psalm 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

Collect

God of truth, help us to keep
your law of love and to walk in
ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life in Jesus
Christ your Son.

Mark 2:23-3:6

²³ One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶ He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

¹ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

² They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

BAPTISM OF NOAH MOORE

Presentation of the Candidate

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 Noah and uphold him in his new life?

With the help of God we will.

Profession of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Baptism

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: Noah, 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



10th June
2nd Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Philip Constable

Readings: John 3. 13-end
Luke 14 16-24

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

Sidesmen: Maurice Litchmore & Hilary Richins

Readings and readers:

Psalm 138 Sam Carter
Mark 3.20-35: Pam Montgomery

Prayers: Derek Sharp

Servers: Michael Carmody & Carlene Litchmore

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

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 families of **Margaret Ashbrook and Len Randall**

