

World Cup 2018

Fellow football enthusiasts, please join us at St Mark's Church Hall on **Sunday 24th June** from 12.30 p.m. to watch **England vs Panama** (Kick Off 1.00p.m.). Bring your own lunch and refreshments. If possible please let us know if you are intending to come - Jane and Dexter Brown dexterjane@btinternet.com or 07903 476535

THE "MARK MARATHON"!

Sunday, 8 July, 6-8pm, St Mary's

This year we are focusing on the Gospel of Mark in our 10.30am services. The "Mark Marathon" is a chance to read through the whole gospel together in one evening! Refreshments will be provided. Please come along to join in. **Could you read a section from Mark's Gospel?** Please put your name down on the clipboard at the back of church or let Victoria know.

To view or download a version of the **"Mark's Gospel" poster** on our notice board, go to our website and click on "Resources". You can also find all the **sermons on the Fruit of the Spirit** there.

Prayer for an Associate Minister

"Heavenly Father, giver of all good gifts, please call the right person to join us in our mission and ministry in Denham. May he or she be a person after your own heart, a faithful pastor, full of your Holy Spirit. Please guide all those who take part in the discernment and interviews. We pray in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen."

Monday 18th June

10.00am Lifegroup for Women. *The Rectory*
10.30am Holy Communion. *Denham Garden Village*
8.00pm Lifegroup *The Rectory*

Wednesday 20th June

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group *St Mark's*

Thursday 21st June

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP. *St Mary's Vestry*

Our Church and Your Data

If you are on email you will have received lots of communications recently about *General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)*. At Denham Parish Church we are taking the protection of your data very seriously and are working to comply with all aspects of GDPR. Sam Carter and Victoria Lucas are leading this process and at our PCC meeting last week we adopted important policies and documents. We will keep you informed as we go through the process. If you would like to read our Data Privacy Policy, you can find it on our website (click on "Contact") or ask our church office for it.

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.

Ethel White

A service of thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's tomorrow, Monday 18th June at 1pm. Everyone who knew Ethel and all church family members are welcome.



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Weekly News Sheet

17th June 2018

3rd 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



Rethink:

**Helping thinkers believe and believers think.
Churches Together Mission, 18–25 November**

When Jesus was asked, "Which is the greatest commandment?" he answered with a verse from Deuteronomy 6.5: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." But Jesus added a few words: "... and with all your *mind*."

To love God with your mind begins with being curious about God, to think about the world we live in and to ask big questions. Sometimes these big questions seem to unsettle our faith: "Has science abolished God?" "Can we really trust the Bible?" "Why does a loving God allow suffering?"

They can become a big stumbling block for people who would like to believe in Jesus. Or they can become a convenient excuse. As followers of Jesus we keep asking questions and will do until we die. The God who invites us to love him with all our mind encourages us to do that!

That's why we have called our joint mission in November "Rethink" – it's an invitation to think again about the faith. A Christian believer once said to an unbelieving friend, "Tell me about the God you do *not* believe in and you may find that I don't believe in *that* God either."

We are planning this Mission together with other churches in our area, but each local church will put on their own events. We'd love to hear your ideas – please speak to Kathy Paine or Christoph Lindner.

*Many of us don't always find it easy to speak about our faith. In preparation for "Rethink" we will run a **training day at St James Gerrards Cross on Saturday, 6 October**. Please make a note in your diary.*

Christoph Lindner

Worship today



17th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: 1 Peter 5.5b-11
Luke 15. 1-10

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 &
Destiny for older children

Sidesmen: Pamela Montgomery &
Sylvia Gammond

Readings and readers:

Psalms 20 Beverley Gray
Mark 4. 26-35 Tony Drane

Prayers: Ann Collins

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

Collect

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You have called us out of darkest night

Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

***May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus***

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word.

May the peoples praise you...

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaims

May the peoples praise you...

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb
who was slain
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

May the peoples praise you...

Mark 4. 26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' ³⁰He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Worship next week



24th June Birth of John the Baptist

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Philip Constable

Readings: Isaiah 40. 1-11
Luke 1. 57-end

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 &
Destiny for older children

Sidesmen: Brian & Heather O'Regan

Readings and readers:

Job 38. 1-11 Robert Ash
Mark 4. 35-41 Tony Drane

Prayers: TBA

Sunday Club Leader: Sonja Clements

4.00pm Messy Church for Families.

St Mark's

In your prayers this week, please remember **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 **Len Randall and Ethel White.**

