

World Cup 2018

Fellow football enthusiasts, please join us at St Mark's Church Hall **today** 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 before or after the service if you are intending to come - Jane and Dexter Brown

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? We have a few 'unadopted' passages left. 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 25th June

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.
The Rectory

8.00pm Lifegroup.
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Wednesday 27th June

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group
St Mark's

Thursday 28th June

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

Saturday 30th June

4-5pm Armed Forces Day Service
St Mary's

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

OUTING TO BRIGHTON. Denham Wives are organising a trip to Brighton on Tuesday (26th June) by coach – meet at Denham Green Garage at 8.15am. (Leaving Brighton at 4pm) The cost is £15. There are just a few seats left; anyone interested, please contact Ann Collins as soon as possible – 01895 833820.



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet
24th June 2018
4th 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

WHO AM I?



Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor describes two ways of finding our identity: traditionally, our family and tribe would give us a sense of right and wrong and we would conform to that, put family and tribe before ourselves to receive a sense of identity and worth from them.

However, over the last centuries there has been a shift – modern identity is now formed by looking deep into our own heart.

Increasingly our culture tells us that there is no absolute right or wrong: you have to decide yourself what is right for you and how you want to live on the basis of your *desires*. You have to find your identity and self-worth *yourself*.

As Christians we receive our true sense of identity and self neither from our family / social group, nor from looking deep into our own feelings and desires. We are made in the image of God and he graciously gives us infinite worth. We are who *God* says we are. Our identity is not achieved or earned, but *received* from him as a free gift. That is radically different both from a traditional and modern concept of identity!

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt? Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star would choose to light the way for my ever wandering heart?

Not because of who I am, but because of what You've done. Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are.

I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow, a wave tossed in the ocean, a vapour in the wind. Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord, You catch me when I'm falling. And You've told me who I am: I am Yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin would look on me with love and watch me rise again? Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea would call out through the rain and calm the storm in me? Not because of who I am... [Song Words: Mark Hall]

Worship today



24th June
4th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sidesmen: Brian & Heather O'Regan

Readings and readers:

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

Prayers: Carlene Litchmore

Sunday Club Leader: Sonja Clements

1.00pm World Cup Football *St Mark's*

4.00pm Messy Church for Families. *St Mark's*

Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Faithful one, so unchanging

Ageless one, you're my Rock of peace.
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you again and again.
I call out to you again and again.

You are my Rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm
Your love is the anchor
My hope is in you alone.

Job 38 1-11

¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:² 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?' ³ Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴ 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸ 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? — ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Mark 4. 35-41

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.



Worship next week



1st July
5th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Mary Gage

Readings: 1 Peter 3.8-15a
Luke 5.1-11

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

Sidesmen: Craig Alexander & Caroline Goodwin

Readings and readers:

Psalm 30 Olivia Clements
Mark 5. 21-43 Sophie Clements

Prayers: Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

3.30pm Café Church

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 **Ethel White.**

