

Rethink: Helping Believers Think and Thinkers Believe. Thank you to everyone who has submitted a question for our *Rethink* week from 18–25 November. In preparation there will be a special training day on Saturday, 6th October to help us share our faith naturally. More details soon.

St Mary's Patronal Festival Sunday 9th September. Please make every effort to attend this special day of celebration – it won't be the same without you! Arrive in the morning and stay for the day. **We will create more parking space next to the church, especially for the day!**

Here is the programme for the day:

10.30am Celebration Service with guest speaker *Fiona Castle.*

12.00pm Church family picnic on church site

1.30pm "Hymns & Pimms" with a combined St Mary's & Catholic Church choir

3-5 pm Vestry Tea

Denham Parish News: Your contribution

For our first edition of the refreshed magazine we are looking (a) for photos from around the parish and (b) your favourite carol with a short explanation for the reason.

Please send your contribution to the church office, place in pigeon hole under 'M' at back of church or email

magazine@denhamparish.church

Remembrance 100. Let us continue to mark the 100 days with prayers for peace, hope and reconciliation. Please pick up a daily prayer guide for this week from the back of church or download it at

www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/

Home-made crafts will be on sale during the St Mary's Festival - all proceeds will be for St Mary's fabric fund.

Thursday 30th August

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.

St Mary's Vestry

11.30am Funeral of Gerald Milton

St Mary's Church

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. Prepare him or her already for their new ministry with us. We pray in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus *Christ Amen.*"

King of kings, majesty

God of heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at your throne

*Your majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before you now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty*

Earth and heaven worship you
Love eternal, faithful and true
Who bought the nations,
Ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to your throne;
All within me cries out in praise.



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

26th August 2018

13th 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

We See You: The Clewer Initiative Against Modern Slavery

More than 200 years after the abolition of slavery there are still an estimated 45.8 million men, women and children trapped in modern slavery.

The Clewer Initiative is a project to enable Church of England dioceses and wider Church networks to develop strategies to detect modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care. The initiative forms part of the Church of England's approach to eradicating modern slavery and is funded by the Clewer Sisters, an Anglican order of nuns founded in 1852 to help marginalised women who found themselves homeless and drawn into the sex trade. The sisters now live in the grounds of Ripon College Cuddesdon. Sister Anne Proudley, one of the Clewer Sisters, said: "I hope that churches will take the Clewer Initiative on and it will be rolled out into the parishes so that the general public can be made aware that this is a much bigger issue than the cases we read about in the newspapers."

The National Crime Agency thinks there are tens of thousands of people being exploited in the UK, forced to work long hours, for little or no pay, and under threat of violence. Some of those people are being exploited in **hand car washes**. Many of them are legitimate businesses, but some are not.

The **Safe Car Wash app** has been developed to allow the general public to engage with the problem. Download the free app onto your smartphone and then when you are using a hand car wash, simply open the app and complete a short survey.

"Lord of the lost, we pray today for all those who are victims of modern slavery: people lured from their homes and families; people deceived while trying to find a better life; people who are desperate to trust anyone. Help us to be more vigilant and watchful; to be aware of those who may need our help, and those who do not know where help may lie. Amen."

Find out more at: www.theclewerinitiative.org

Worship today



26TH August 13th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: Gal.3.16-22
Luke 10.23b-37

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: Cathy McQueen &
Pam Montgomery

Readings and readers:

Ephesians 6.10-20 Robert Ash

John 6. 56-69 Ann Collins

Prayers: Carole Wadlow

Servers: Janet Allen & Sam Carter

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 6. 10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

John 6. 56-69

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' ⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Worship next week



2nd September 14th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Alison Barrett

Readings: Gal.5.6-24
Luke 17. 11-19

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:

James 1. 17-end Harry Williams

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sophie Clements

Prayers: Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

3.30pm Café Church. *St Mark's*

In your prayers this week, please remember **Thelma Mann, Vi Slade 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 Parfitt, Gerald Milton and Rosa Burke.**

