

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

Home-made crafts will be on sale during the St Mary's festival. All proceeds will be for St Mary's Fabric Fund.

Remembrance 100. 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/

"Exploring Worship": A three-part interactive course for everyone

STARTS Thursday 27th Sep, 8.00-9.30pm

This course is for everyone who wants to understand, explore and help to develop our worship. In the three sessions we will explore what it means to be a *worshipper*, the relationship between worship and mission, and how we can continue to develop our worship here in Denham. (*The course continues 4 Oct, 11 Oct; please contact our church office to sign up*). *Participants are also invited to join the choir rehearsal from 7pm. Please pick up a leaflet.*

Tuesday 4th September

10.00am Service with Discussion Group.

St Francis Chapel

7.45pm PCC Meeting. *St Francis Chapel*

Thursday 6th September

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.

St Mary's Vestry

Our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God,
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.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
gathered today.*

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter,
many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building,
sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

2nd September 2018

14th 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



In November, we are going to invite family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to *rethink* some of the big questions of life and faith. This is an initiative of a group of local churches in the area and we are working on a number of exciting events for our parish. Who would you like to invite? Let's start praying that many would respond positively to our invitations and come to our events. Many of us would like to learn more about how we can share our faith naturally. That's why we are putting on a special day:

rethink LAUNCHDAY

rethink will be launched with a special event on **Saturday, 6th October, 9.00am-12.30pm at the Colston Hall, Gerrards Cross** (8 East Common, SL9 7AD).

This will be a half-day of training, prayer and vision casting as we plan for **rethink 21 - 25 November 2018**. Becky Pippert will be speaking about **"How can we reach our friends and colleagues for Jesus?"**
Snacks will be provided!

Rebecca Manley Pippert regularly speaks on spiritual renewal, evangelism and character formation for church conferences, at schools and colleges and in pastoral training seminars. Becky has written several books on evangelism and Christian living, including the best-selling "Out of the Saltshaker". She and her husband Dick divide their time between Belfast, Northern Ireland and Michigan, USA.

Worship today



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

Sidesteam: 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*

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. We pray in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen."

Baptism of Bonnie and Molly Andersen

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 Bonnie & Molly and uphold them in their 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: Bonnie & Molly, 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.

Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹ One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. ² They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating. ³ (The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions. ⁴ Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many traditions they have clung to—such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, "Why don't your disciples follow our age-old tradition? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony."

⁶ Jesus replied, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 'These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.'

⁸ For you ignore God's law and substitute your own tradition."

¹⁴ Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "All of you listen," he said, "and try to understand. ¹⁵ It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart."

²¹ For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. ²³ All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Worship next week



9th September St Mary's Patronal Festival (15th Sunday after Trinity)

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: Gal. 6. 11-18
Matt 6. 24-34

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer
St Mary's, front of church

10.30am Patronal Celebration Service
St Mary's with Sunday club for children

Sidesmen: Cathy McQueen & Pam Montgomery

Readings and readers:
Gal. 4.4-7 John Way
Luke 1. 46-55 Beverley Gray

Prayers: Ann Collins

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

1.30pm Hymns & Pimms
St Mary's & Catholic Church choir

3-5pm Vestry Teas

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 **Gerald Milton, Rosa Burke and Michael Bonnici.**

