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21-25 Nov 2018

You are warmly invited to  
**rethink LAUNCHDAY**  
*with Becky Pippert*

**How can we reach our friends and  
colleagues for Jesus?**

A day of training, prayer and vision casting  
as we plan for **rethink** 21 - 25 November 2018.

**Saturday 6th October 2018**

**9.00am - 12.30pm**

**Colston Hall, Gerrards Cross**

8 East Common, Gerrards Cross SL9 7AD

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**PAROUSIA**

Weekly News Sheet

9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

St Mary's Festival

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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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*

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**PRAY | WELCOME | SHARE**

WELCOME to St Mary's Festival – a day to celebrate the life and mission of our church. Towards the end of last year, we adopted a new church vision:

**We pray like Jesus. We welcome like Jesus. We share like Jesus.**

*(The detailed brochure is available at the back of church).*

We also identified specific priorities for 2018-19.

**Our Mission Action Plan: Immediate priorities for 2018–2019**

- We will offer an introduction to the Christian faith at least once a year.
- We will start further lifegroups to help us grow in faith and friendship.
- We will appoint a second ordained minister to ensure we can sustain and develop our ministry.
- We will refresh our communications and publicity (e.g. website, church magazine).
- We will draw up plans to improve St Mark's Hall and implement them.
- We will develop relationships with selected mission partners, working both in the UK and abroad.

***Today, as we celebrate St Mary's Patronal Festival, we thank God for blessing the life and ministry of our church in many ways and we renew our trust in him for the future.***

*"The church lies at the very centre of the eternal purpose of God. It is not a divine afterthought. It is not an accident of history. On the contrary, the church is God's new community." John Stott*

*(Please read the inserted page, on which Francis Moloney summarises the results of his research project on our church vision)*

[www.denhamparish.church](http://www.denhamparish.church)

## Worship today



### 9<sup>th</sup> September St Mary's Patronal Festival (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Mary 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: Brian & Heather O'Regan

Readings and readers:

Gal. 4.4-7 John Way

Luke 1. 46-55 Stuart Montgomery

Prayers: Ann Collins

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

1.30pm Hymns & Pimms

*St Mary's & Catholic Church choir*

3-5pm Vestry Teas

### Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Galatians 4. 4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Luke 1. 46-55

Mary's Song (Magnificat) from Luke 1  
*Paraphrased by Dai Woolridge*

Everything I am is lifting up everything you are, God. I'm elated and I celebrate you, Saviour. Who am I? Just some humble servant girl. Yet you were mindful of me ... of me! You pluck me, you notice and spot me – the mighty one who's done great things for me, who has shown his mercy and saw I'm going to be called ... blessed ... blessed by you, God spelled "holy".

Your mercy, God, it's in arm's reach. For those who fear you, who know you and show you all the honour that is owed to you, are blessed by you God, spelled "justice". You put the proud in their place and performed great deeds. You've humbled rulers and given to those in need.

You put on banquets for the hungry and fill their plates with plenty and it's the rich plates of plenty that you leave empty.

Your servant Israel, you've helped us and remembered us.

You've dished out great portions of mercy upon us.

It started with Abraham and you're still doing it ... and you always will.

My soul magnifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.  
Alleluia.

### Who am I? (Mary's Song)

Who am I, a humble servant girl?  
Who am I, that you would favour me?  
Though I was young and so afraid,  
You have brought me peace  
Who am I that you would love me?

Who am I that you would look on me?  
What have I to offer unto thee?  
Though I was lowly, frail and more,  
You gave heaven to the poor  
Who am I, mother Mary

*I am blessed, by heaven overshadowed  
Life will never be the same again  
I am blessed, to bear the Father's mercy  
The Son of the almighty here with me*

Your promise held through generations  
Your plan to rescue here at last  
You remembered Israel  
Your people, You have made heirs

(Words and Music: Matt Richley)

**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/](http://www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/)

**"Exploring Worship": A three-part interactive course for everyone**  
**STARTS Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sep, 8.00-9.30pm**

This course is for everyone who wants to understand, explore and help to develop our worship. *Please contact our church office to sign up. Participants are also invited to join the choir rehearsal from 7pm. Please pick up a leaflet.*

### WEEKLY DIARY

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.

*The Rectory*

8.00pm Lifegroup.

*The Rectory*

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group.

*St Mark's*

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.

*St Mary's Vestry*

7.30pm Lifegroup.

*St Mark's House*

## Worship next week



### 16<sup>th</sup> September 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: Ephes. 3. 13-21  
Luke. 7. 11-17

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: Joan Bell & Marion Francis

Readings and readers:

James 3. 1-12 Pam

Montgomery

Mark 8. 27-end Caroline

Ashcroft

Prayers: Carlene Litchmore

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

Destiny Leader: Jane Brown & Francis  
Moloney

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.**

