

RETHINK – Next Steps

The printed invitation leaflets and tickets are now ready and are at the back of church and also available on our website.

In the meantime, please consider the following ways to get involved:

1 Please pray for all the preparations.

2 Which Rethink events will you pick?

Choose one or two (or three!).

3 Who could you invite to come with you? Start praying for the people that come to mind, then invite them.

4 Could you buy one or two extra tickets to give to family members or friends as a gift?

5 Spread the word: Do you have links with shops and other public places in our community? Could you take some leaflets and ask whether they would display them?

6 Help in practical ways – e.g. baking cakes for “Tea and Cakes”. More details soon.

7 Join us for a short Rethink Prayer after the 10.30 service – weekly from today. Get a tea or coffee – we will meet in the children’s corner for no longer than 10-15 minutes.

Find more details and book tickets online at www.denhamparish.church/rethink
(Please note: There is a small online booking fee.)

RETHINK PRAYER: God our Redeemer, in Jesus Christ you brought good news for everyone. We pray for RETHINK - for your blessing and guidance in all our preparations, for boldness to invite others, and for rich fruit as many begin a new journey of faith or deepen their faith in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 22nd October

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.
The Rectory

Thursday 25th October

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

KNOW AND TELL THE GOOD NEWS

Continues Today

A three-part sermon series in preparation for “Rethink”: (1) What is the Good News? (2) Why should we share it? (3) How can we share it? Catch up on all talks on our website (Click on “Resources”)

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/

Book stall

New cards and Notelets by Hannah Dunnett are now available on bookstall at back of church. Advent calendar, Christmas cards and Calendars will be on sale from 4th November.

The Big Sleep Out.

It’s that time again! As winter is approaching, our thoughts turn to those without a roof over their head or a place to call home. On Friday 30th November, a small group of us will be ‘Sleeping Out’. 2 years ago we raised over £800! Let’s see if we can top that! Contact Caroline Ashcroft to see how to donate or visit.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caroline-ashcroft



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

21st October 2018

21st 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

Denham Parish News – Making the Most of the Opportunities

Ever since our church started publishing *Denham Parish News*, our hope has been that it would be useful for both church members *and* for everyone who lives in Denham alike.

Our Christmas edition of the refreshed magazine is a wonderful opportunity to re-engage those who have read it previously, and to reach out to new people.

- Of the roughly 500 subscribers many do not attend church on a regular basis or aren’t able to do so anymore (health, mobility, etc.). What a wonderful way to stay in touch!
- We would like to give lots of Christmas issues away to those who don’t usually read our magazine. All distributors will receive extra copies They can pop these through letter boxes in their ‘patch’.
- Do you have good connections with a ‘public place’ in the parish (shop, hairdressers, care home, etc.) where a significant number of people might spot it? Why not take a few and ask them whether they could display our magazine and offer it as a gift?
- Do you have friends and neighbours who might enjoy reading it? Please take extra copies as a gift from our church – you don’t have to pay for those. You might even want to keep one at home or in your car, just in case!

The new-style *Denham Parish News* will be in colour throughout with more pages than before. It will be published five times a year and each issue will be £1. So the annual subscription fee remains unchanged at £5. Subscribers will receive it through their letter box free of charge.

We want to ensure that church members also read it on a regular basis. Therefore, can we encourage you take out an ‘informal subscription’? Please put an envelope into the offering at this time of the year (October / November), mark it “Magazine” or “Denham Parish News” and put in £5. Then, whenever a new issue is out, you can just take one away without having to pay. No need to give us your name – this informal subscription will operate on trust. If we have enough formal and informal subscriptions, we will cover our costs and are enabled to give many extra copies away for free. This Christmas will offer plenty of opportunities to do that.

Christoph Lindner

Worship today



21st October 21st Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: Ephes. 6. 10-20
John 4. 46b-end

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

Know and Tell:

Why should we tell others?

Preacher: Francis Moloney

Sidesmen: Joan Bell & Marion Francis

Readings and readers:

2 Corinthians 5.10-21 Sharon Williams
John 14:1-7 Stuart Montgomery

Prayers: Carole Wadlow

Sunday Club Leader: Sonja Clements

Collect

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord

2 Corinthians 5:10-21 (ESV)

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.^[a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling^[b] the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

John 14. 1-7

¹⁴'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

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Pauline Best

Ray and Pauline were faithful members of the 8am congregation before they moved house to live nearer one of their sons earlier in the year. Pauline was one of the editors of *Parousia* for some years, regularly writing articles for the front page. She attended Advent and Lent courses and the Bible group led by Stephanie Hilhouse. Pauline passed away on Thursday 4th October. We thank God that she was a part of our church family for so many years, serving Him with her gifts.

Worship next week



28th October Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Alison Barret

Readings: Jude 1-8
John 15. 17-27

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 with
Guest Preacher Meyrick Beebee.

Know and Tell: Why should we tell others?

Sidesmen: Brian & Heather O'Regan

Readings and readers:

1 Peter 3. 13-16 Robert Ash
John 9.13-34 Beverley Gray

Prayers: Michael Carmody

Servers: Carlene Litchmore & Michael Carmody

Sunday Club Leader: Sonja Clements

4pm Messy Church for families.

St Mark's

In your prayers this week, please remember **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 **Gordan McKay, Pauline Best and Julie Jones**.

