

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.

KNOW AND TELL THE GOSPEL: You can find all three talks on our website now: www.denhamparish.church/resources/

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 5th November

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.
The Rectory

8.00pm Lifegroup. *The Rectory*

Tuesday 6th November

7.45pm PCC Meeting. *St Francis Chapel*

Wednesday 7th November

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group
St Mark’s

Thursday 8th November

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

7.30pm Lifegroup
26 Lindsey Road, Denham

8.00pm Baptism Preparation Evening.
The Rectory

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/

Bookstall: New cards and Notelets by Hannah Dunnett are now available on bookstall at back of church. Advent calendar, Christmas cards and Calendars are now on sale.

Ringing our Bells for Remembrance

On Remembrance Sunday our bells at St Mary’s will be rung half-muffled before 10.45 to remember those who died and open (unmuffled) at 12.30 pm to give thanks for the end of the war.
(“Her Majesty’s Government’s ambition is for bells to ring out at 12.30pm on 11th November to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice which signalled the end of the First World War.”)

London Lights Coach Trip with blue badge guide, 4pm-9.30pm on Tues 18th December leaving from Denham Green. Cost £20 per person. Contact Doreen Dane for more information 01895 833010.



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

4th November 2018

4th Sunday before Advent

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

The Ministry of Small Talk

Two weeks ago Eugene Peterson died. He was a pastor, author and scholar, best known for *The Message*, a poetic, contemporary paraphrase of the Bible.

In an article written four years ago, he remembers how their pastor often visited his home when he was an adolescent. After an awkward pause he would usually ask, “And how are things in your SOUL today?” Peterson never said much in answer to that question. He knew that he could always speak to his pastor in matters of the *soul*, but wasn’t so sure whether he was interested in or qualified to comment on the everyday matters that concern a teenager! Eugene Peterson continues:

If we want to “represent the gospel and develop a life of faith in the actual circumstances of life, we must learn to be at home in what novelist William Golding has termed the ‘ordinary universe’—the everyday things in people’s lives—getting kids off to school, deciding what to have for dinner, dealing with the daily droning complaints of work associates, watching the nightly news on TV, making small talk at coffee break. Small Talk!”

When Peterson became a pastor, given the choice between a meaty theological discussion and banter about the latest sports results, he chose theology every time. What point was there to small talk? Didn’t the Apostle Paul exhort us to ‘redeem the time’? The goal was always to turn a conversation as quickly as possible to spiritual matters. No room for small talk! However, he soon learned that “if we avoid small talk, we abandon the very field in which we have been assigned to work. Most of people’s lives is not spent in crisis, not lived at the cutting edge of crucial issues. Most of us, most of the time, are engaged in simple, routine tasks, and small talk is the natural language. If we belittle it, we belittle what most people are doing most of the time, and the gospel is misrepresented.” Some insights are only accessible when laughing, when fully entering into the little things of life.

“Such art develops better when we are convinced that the Holy Spirit is ‘beforehand’ in all our meetings and conversations. I don’t think it is stretching things to see Jesus—who embraced little children, which so surprised and scandalized his followers—also embracing our little conversations.”

Worship today



4th November 4th Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Mary Gage

Readings: Philip 3. 17-21
Matt. 22.15-22

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

10.30am Family Service *St Mary's*
with Sunday club for children with
guest speaker Des Scott, Church
Army

Sidesmen: Craig Alexander &
Caroline Goodwin

Readings and readers:

Hebrews 9: 11-14 Harry Williams
Mark 12: 28-34 Olivia Clements

Prayers: Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

3.30pm Café Church.

St Mark's

Collect

God of glory, touch our lips with
the fire of your Spirit, that we with
all creation may rejoice to sing
your praise; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Hebrews 9: 11-14

¹¹ But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Mark 12: 28-34

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' ²⁹Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." ³¹The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' ³²Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; ³³and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

**May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus**

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word.

May the peoples praise you...

This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaims

May the peoples praise you...

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb
who was slain
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

May the peoples praise you...

Worship next week



11th November Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Stephen Barrett

Readings: Col 1. 3.12
Matt. 9. 18-26

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

10.45am Remembrance Service

Sidesmen: Pam Montgomery, Sylvia
Gammond & Maurice Litchmore

Reader: John Way

Prayers: Ann Collins

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine



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 **Gordon McKay**.

