

RETHINK

You will find a "Rethink" leaflet in your Parousia Newssheet today. We hope you can come to some of these special events.

"I already have one."

Why not take this one home anyway and think about who you could invite.

Concert with Jonathan Veira:

Find a short video to give you a taster at www.denhamparish.church/concert

Opportunities to pray for *Rethink*:

- **Join us for a short Rethink Prayer after the 10.30 service** each Sunday. Get a tea or coffee – we will meet in the children's corner for no longer than 10 minutes.
- **Evening of Worship and Prayer:** 14 Nov, 7.30-9.30pm, Latimer Minster, HP9 2XD An evening to unite the local churches as we prepare for *Rethink*. All welcome.
- **Morning Prayer during Rethink Week** at St Joseph's Church (Bull Lane, SL9 8RY): Daily from Wed 21 to Fri 23 Nov. Light breakfast from 8.30am, followed by prayer, we will finish by 9.30am. All welcome.

Buy tickets today after the service in our Vestry, during the week in our church office or 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 12th November

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.
The Rectory
8.00pm Lifegroup. The Rectory

Wednesday 14th November

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group
St Mark's

Thursday 15th November

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.
St Mary's Vestry
7.30pm Lifegroup
26 Lindsey Road, Denham

Bookstall: Real Advent calendars, Christmas cards and Year Calendars now available at the back of church.

Ringing our Bells for Remembrance

Today, 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.")

Remembering Loved Ones

Sunday, 18 November, 2.30pm, St Mary's. A reflective service of thanksgiving at which those who have been bereaved can remember, and thank God, for their loved ones.

Christingle Tubes are now available, please pick up from the back of church. Our Christingles service will be on Sunday 9 December 4pm

Poppy Banner All poppies displayed on the centenary banner are made by people of all ages from our community. See the display board at the back of church to find out who participated.



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

11th November 2018

3rd Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Welcome to church! Our Remembrance Service will begin in church and end around the War Memorial in our churchyard. Please take the order of service with you and then return it to us so we can use it again. During the service there is a Sunday club for children. Please register your child with our Sunday Club leaders in our church vestry before the service starts. *Christoph Lindner, Rector*

Remembrance 100: Peace and Reconciliation

When we remember 1918, we reflect on a time of great hope and great sadness for our country. We recall our part in the horrors of war and the darkness that drives humanity to violence. But we also remember the promise of peace. On 4 August 1918, many in this country came together with King George V to pray for peace: 100 days later, on 11 November, the Great War ended.

Our God is one who brings peace to hearts and calls us not only to stop violence, but to seek reconciliation. His reconciliation asks that we disempower memories of destruction and their hold over individuals and societies. Through this we can learn to approach difference with curiosity and compassion, rather than fear – and begin to flourish together in previously unthinkable ways.

This kind of reconciliation is incredibly rare. Sadly, we see conflicts and fragile coexistence all around our world. That is why in the 100 days before today's Remembrance Sunday, we have been thinking especially of those caught up in conflict, and those who pray for peace against all odds and act with hope when there is little light to be seen.

We know that the God who gave his Son to bring us reconciliation hears their prayers; we ask him to stir our hearts to join them in being peacemakers who cross the borders and barriers, radical in our generosity and welcome.

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Worship today



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

St Mary's. With Sunday Club for Children

Sidesmen: Pam Montgomery,
Sylvia Gammond & Maurice
Litchmore

Reader: Psalm 126 John Way

Prayers: Ann Collins

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

12.30pm Ringing the Peace

(See page 4 for details)



Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn: Jerusalem

In 1916 Sir Hubert Parry was asked to put this poem by William Blake to music for the Fight for Right campaign. Fight for Right was formed to sustain the resolve of Britain's armies and civil population during the war. Parry's music was instrumental in helping Jerusalem become one of the nation's favourite hymns. In 1918 it was adopted as the Women's Voters Hymn. Parry died in October 1918.

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills

Bring me my bow of burning gold
Bring me my arrows of desire
Bring me my spear O clouds unfold
Bring me my chariot of fire
I will not cease from mental fight
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land

Bible Reading: Psalm 126. A Song of Ascents.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. ⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: Hope for the World's Despair

(Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN)

(Words: Ally Barrett. This hymn is the winner of Jubilate Music's "Hymns of Peace" competition 2018.)

Hope for the world's despair
We feel the nations' pain
Can anything repair
This broken earth again
For this we pray in every place
A spark of grace to light the way

Wisdom for all who bear
The future in their hand
Entrusted with the care
Of this and every land
When comes the hour, O Lord, we pray
Inspire the way we spend our power

Honour for all who've paid
War's painful bitter price
When duty called they made
The greatest sacrifice
Their memory will never cease
To cry for peace and harmony

Ease for the troubled mind
In endless conflict caught
Each soul that cannot find
The peace beyond all thought
May they be blessed with healing balm
For inner calm and perfect rest

Love for the human heart
When hate grows from our fears
And inwardly we start
To turn our ploughs to spears
Help us to sow love's precious seed
In word and deed that peace may grow

Worship next week



18th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: Rom. 13.1-7

Matt. 8. 23-end

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer

St Mary's, front of church

10.30am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

With Sunday Club for Children and
Destiny for Older Children

Sidesmen:

Victoria Lucas & Sharon Williams

Reader: Carole Wadlow

Caroline Ashcroft

Prayers: Carlene Litchmore

Servers: David & Judith Babb

Sunday Club Leader: Jane Brown

2.30pm Remembering Loved Ones

Bereavement service. *St Mary'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 **Gordon McKay and Robert Weeks**.

