

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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-ashcroft1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caroline-ashcroft1)

**Prom Praise 2019:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at the Royal Albert Hall. Booking opens in December. Anyone who would like to join the party, please let Caroline Ashcroft know. £10 deposit for tickets. A coach will depart from either St Mary's or St Mark's on the day.

#### **HARVEST GIFTS – Thank you!**

A big thank you to all the congregation for the generous donations around Harvest. £255 worth of supermarket vouchers were gratefully received and they have been distributed to families throughout the Parish. The gifts of food and flowers were shared between parishioners and SHOC (Slough Homeless Our Concern).

#### **"New Daylight" Bible Reading Notes**

The New Daylight bible reading notes Jan-April edition are now available for those who subscribe and can be found in the pigeon hole at the back of church.

St James, GX are looking for someone to fill the position of church administrator. This could be on a full time role or part time on a job share basis. If you are interested, please contact [nici.johnson@stjames.org.uk](mailto:nici.johnson@stjames.org.uk)

**Alpha is coming to Denham. Join us in 2019!**  
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#### **WEEKLY DIARY**

##### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.  
*The Rectory*  
7.30pm Lifegroup. *The Rectory*

##### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group  
*St Mark's*

##### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

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

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

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

**Craft Stall** with home made, beautiful gifts in aid of the church fabric funds available on Sunday 2 December after 10.30am service and Cafe church!

Join us for **Advent wreath making** on Saturday 1 December 10-12noon at St Mark's Church Hall. Registration essential - speak to Edda or contact the church office.

#### **Christmas in Denham 2018 leaflet**

Please take more of these flyers to invite family, friends and neighbours. Could you offer them to local shops, surgeries and other public places?

**Read the whole STORY!** We read the very beginning of Luke's Gospel today; would you like to read his complete account? Take away "The Story" at the back, containing his books about Jesus and how the church started.



# **PAROUSIA**

Weekly News Sheet  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Sunday before Advent  
**RETHINK: "Can I trust the Bible?"**

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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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#### **The Bible** (*Dai Woolridge, [spoken-truth.com/the-book](http://spoken-truth.com/the-book)*)

1,189 chapters, 31,173 verses, 804,566 words

This book is a story of many stories pointing to God and his glory, revealing his nature. We see loving maker is holy.

In it we see that creation speaks of *him* and was spoken out by *him*. The Law says that we cannot do it without *him*. The prophets predict *him*, the Psalms sing about *him*. The gospels give testament to *him*, Acts proclaims *him*. In light of these things the epistles help us to apply *him*. And Revelation is the glimpse of the second coming of *him*. This book is all about *him*: Word became flesh, Jesus, the healer of mess.

#### **I read the bible because...**

*(Here are some of the answers from members of our church:)*

- ◆ I read the bible because it is a living communication from God (and some of the Old Testament stories are a really good read).
- ◆ I read the Bible because it is the handbook for my life.
- ◆ I read the bible because its the 'Haynes manual of all Haynes Manuals'. The manual of Life / Death, and everything before, in-between and after.
- ◆ I read the Bible because in it I come face to face with Jesus.
- ◆ I read the bible because it challenges me and gives me hope.



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## Worship today



### 25<sup>th</sup> November Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable

**Reader:** Alison Barrett

**Readings:** Jer. 23. 5-8  
John 6 .5-14

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

10.30am RETHINK Service,  
*St Mary's: 'Can I trust the Bible?'*

With Sunday Club for Children  
**Speaker:** Dr Max Baker-Hytch,  
University of Oxford

**Sidesteam:**

John Breese & Anne Thomas

**Readings and readers:**

2 Tim 3. 14-17                      Anne Thomas  
Luke 1. 1-4                              Pam Montgomery

**Prayers:** Michael Carmody

**Sunday Club Leader:** Sonja Clements

4.00pm Messy Church for Families  
*St Mark's*

#### Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end: for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one Glory.

**Noah built the most enormous boat**  
That kept the birds and animals afloat  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And Noah lived his life for Him

Moses led his people through the sea  
Taking them away from slavery  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And Moses lived his life for Him

*Oh thank You oh thank You  
That all through history you were faithful  
Thank You oh thank You  
That You are just the same  
When it comes to me, when it comes to me*

David fought Goliath and he won  
A humble shepherd boy became a king  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And David lived his life for Him

Jesus died to take away our sin  
So we could get to know our God again  
The Lord is good the Lord is strong  
And we will live our lives for Him

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#### Luke 1. 1-4

<sup>1</sup>Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup>I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### 2 Timothy 3 .14-17

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

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#### Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,*

*My God, my saviour ransomed me.*

*And like a flood his mercy reigns,*

*Unending love, amazing grace.*

<sup>1</sup>'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## Worship next week



### 2<sup>nd</sup> December Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Mary Gage

**Readings:** Rom. 13.8-end  
Matt 21. 1-13

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*

**Sidesteam:**

Jenny Browne & Sylvia Gammond

**Readings and Readers:**

1 Thess. 3.9-end                      Sophie Clements  
Luke 21. 25-36                              Scarlett Haire

**Prayers:** Clergy

**Sunday Club Leader:** Edda Lindner

3.30pm Carols at Café Church  
*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 **Jane Lamb & Robert Weeks**.

