

Prom Praise 2019: Saturday 27th 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.

"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.

Alpha is coming to Denham. Join us in 2019!

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Please pray for the Church Army (one of our mission partners) :

- Pray for the women at Christmas who have fled violence and have been separated from their children and families.
- Pray that the Christmas and Boxing day lunch organised by the Church Army goes well
- Pray for those who have moved out of the shelter and are now living in the community.
- Pray that the Church Army are able to find more suitable 'move on' accommodation
- Pray that the women will see the love of Christ through all the Church Army say and do.

Sharing the Love of Christ this Christmas

- Find out more about our **Denham Church Christmas Appeal 2018** on our blue notice board at the back of church. This year we are dividing it between local homeless charities (**SHOC/Trinity**) and our **Church Growth Fund**, which enables us to find new ways to reach out with God's love in our own parish.
- Our collection at the **Christingle Service** will go to the **Children's Society** (www.childrenssociety.org.uk)
- Please bring a new toy to our **Crib Service** on Christmas Eve as a gift for the **RNIB Sunshine House** in Northwood.

Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ this Christmas!

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WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 3rd December

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.

The Rectory

Wednesday 5th December

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group

St Mark's

Thursday 6th December

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.

St Mary's Vestry

7.30pm Lifegroup

26 Lindsey Road, Denham

Friday 7th December

6.00pm Carols on the Village Green.

Denham

Our Christingle Service is next Sunday,

9th Dec at 4 pm. Please come and share in

the happiness and the delight of the children receiving their Christingle oranges. There is a box of Children's Society candle tubes at the back of church. Please take one and return either at the Service or before the end of Dec.

On **Saturday 8th December at 10am**, we will be **decorating approx. 150 oranges** for the Christingle service. If you can spare a couple of hours to help, this will be most appreciated.

Carole Wadlow 01753 887672

Craft Stall with home-made, beautiful gifts in aid of the church fabric fund available today after 10.30am service and Café Church!

Christmas in Denham: Spread the Word!

Please take more of our Christmas flyers to invite family, friends and neighbours. Could you offer them to local shops, surgeries and other public places or put them through the letter boxes in your road?

Are you free on Friday 7th December? We need help to **decorate the Christmas tree** in church, please call the office or let Victoria know if you are able to help.

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Weekly News Sheet

2nd December 2018

Advent Sunday

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

Advent Sunday

"Twenty-three shopping days to go. And all the family coming to stay.

And all expecting a present. Where am I going to find the time, the along the money!"

It has been said that Christmas begins sometime around the first of December with an office party and ends when you finally realise what you spent on 5th April the next year. It is certainly the great consumer festival. Cash tills bleep and hum in a feeding frenzy of spending, and shops that are usually lean and quiet spring into action hoping that a fat December will keep them going for the rest of the year.

Giving and receiving presents is a wonderful part of the Christmas tradition. It can also be a monstrous burden. We spend money we can't afford on presents nobody really wants. Sometimes I find myself looking at the great orgy of present opening that greets Christmas morning, the huge expectations and the inevitable disappointments, and it feels a million miles away from whatever it is that Christmas was supposed to be about. I switch on the television and I am bombarded by adverts telling me what I need and what I want and the glamorous lifestyle they deliver. Is there another way of thinking about presents?

- Give everyone the same thing. Choose one book that you love and buy everyone a copy
- Instead of spending a fortune at the shops – let alone the time and hassle – make everyone a jar of marmalade, or pickle some onions. This could be done in one evening.
- Agree with your family and friends that you will all buy and receive one present with an agreed price limit.
- Buy everyone a present from charities such as Christian Aid or Tearfund and help the world in the process.

Bishop Stephen Cotterell

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Worship today



2nd 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*

Guest preacher: Clare Williams, OCCA

Sidesteam:

Jenny Browne & Sylvia Gammond

Readings and Readers:

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

Prayers: Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

3.30pm Carols at Café Church

St Mark's

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom
dawns, turn us from the darkness
of sin to the light of holiness, that
we may be ready to meet you in
our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM OF SAMUEL BINGHAM

Presentation of the Candidate

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our
number those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome Samuel
and uphold him in his new life?
With the help of God we will.

Profession of Faith

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Baptism

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of
Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ,
against sin, the world, and the devil, and
remain faithful to Christ to the end of
your life.**

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Samuel, by one Spirit we are all baptised
into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of
faith; we are children of the same
heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

CHORUS

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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Advent 1 –The advent hope

Jesus said 'keep awake, for you do not know
on what day your Lord is coming.'

Amen: Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The first candle is lit.

Jesus is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing:

Advent candles tell the story
As we watch and pray,
Longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,
Changed for gladness
On that day.

Worship next week



9th December The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene

Reader: Alison Barrett

Readings: Rom. 15.4—13
Luke 21. 25-33

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*

Guest preacher: Rev'd Martin Williams

Sidesteam:

Marion Francis & Joan Bell

Readings and Readers:

Philippians 1.3-11 Robert Ash
Luke 3.1-6 Beverley Gray

Prayers: Carlene Litchmore

Servers: Janet Allen & Sam Carter

Sunday Club Leader: Francis Moloney

4.00pm Christingle 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 **Jane Lamb &
Robert Weeks**.

