



Will you be doing Alpha this term?

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Alpha is running at St Mark's Hall in Denham Green: Monday mornings (10.30-12.30), Monday evenings (7.30-9.30pm) and Thursday evenings (7.30-9.30pm), it's not too late to join them for the second session next Thursday):

| Mon am | Mon pm | Thur pm |
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| 28 Jan | 28 Jan | 24 Jan |
| 4 Feb | 4 Feb | 31 Jan |
| 11 Feb | 11 Feb | 7 Feb |
| 25 Feb | 25 Feb | 14 Feb |
| 4 March | 4 March | 28 Feb |
| 11 March | 11 March | 7 March |

Alpha Day (all groups): Saturday,

16 March, 9.15am-2.30pm, St Mark's

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| 18 March | 18 March | 21 March |
| 25 March | 25 March | 28 March |
| 1 April | 1 April | 4 April |

DIARY DATE: CONFIRMATION SERVICE

At St Mary's Church on Sunday 30 June (afternoon). Alpha is an excellent way to prepare or to work out whether you are ready to make this public commitment to your faith in Jesus.

The lost property box is getting quite full, including 2 pairs of glasses. Please take a look at the box at the back of church and see if there is anything in there which belongs to you.

IT TAKES A TEAM: Can you be a part of it?

We are looking for new team members for Messy Church (why not join us today to find out what it's like?), Sunday Club and school assemblies at Denham Village School (Thursday mornings). Please speak to Edda if you'd like to find out more. Denham Village School are also looking for volunteers to help children with their reading in the afternoons (30-60min/week). Speak to Edda to find out more.

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WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 28th January

10.00am Alpha Course. *St Mark's*
7.30pm Alpha Course. *St Mark's*

Tuesday 29th January

6.00pm Youth Alpha *St Mark's House*

Wednesday 30th January

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

Thursday 31st January

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP. *St Mary's Vestry*
7.30pm Alpha Course. *St Mark's*

Diocese Magazine

The new Diocesan magazine 'Pathways' is out now and is available at the back of church. Please do take one home to read.

Church magazine

The next edition of the church magazine is now out, covering the months from February to April. Please take a copy and an extra (free) copy for your neighbour and friend. Are you a regular member of our church and not subscribing? Could you put £5 in an envelope, mark it "Magazine" and put it in the offering? That way you can pick up the new magazine for a whole year. If you know someone who would like it delivered to their home, please contact our church office.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(APCM) - 7 APRIL 2019

ST MARY'S CHURCH DENHAM

- **ELECTORAL ROLL 2019**

Every six years a new Electoral Roll is prepared. Members on the present roll have been invited to re-apply. Enrolment is also open to residents of the parish and to people who live outside the parish who have habitually attended church over the last six months (at least once a month). Application forms are available from our Electoral Roll Officer Maurice Litchmore (printed copies are next to internal mail tray), who must receive all completed applications by **no later than 11 March 2019**.

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Weekly News Sheet

27th January 2019

4th Sunday of Epiphany

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



IT TAKES A TEAM

After a joy-filled (and snow-engulfed) licensing service on Tuesday, we are **welcoming our two new associate ministers, Ian Jennings and Nnamdi Maduka with his family** to our church. They are bringing their gifts, their experience and their passion to see God's Kingdom grow. One of the most important roles of a pastor and teacher is "to equip the saints [that's all the followers of Jesus] for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4.12) Everyone is needed! The role of ministers is not to do all the work so that the rest can sit back or are frustrated that they apparently aren't required. In that sense, Nnamdi, Ian and Christoph (and other leaders) are like football managers or orchestra conductors. There are lots of opportunities to 'play' on the team – some of them are mentioned on the back page.

No one can play a football match without a team.

No one can play a symphony without an orchestra.

No one can follow Jesus without a family of believers.

That's why the Bible calls us the 'Body of Christ' – the theme of our sermon today at 10.30am. (Incidentally, you can listen to many of our talks on our website – click on 'resources'.)

Getting to know Nnamdi and Ian

Over the next weeks as they settle in, there will be many opportunities to get to know them. Two special occasions will be our **Café Church in February and March, where they will share with us their faith journey in more detail**, Ian next Sunday, 3 February and Nnamdi on Sunday, 3 March. Café Church starts at 3.30pm at St Mark's Hall in Denham Green. Don't miss it!

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Worship today



27th January 2019
4th Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Philip Constable
Reader: Roger Gage
Readings: Rom. 12. 16b-end
Matt 8. 1-13

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

10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's:
Becoming a more Christ-like church

Sidesteam: Marion Francis & Joan Bell
Readings and Readers:

1 Cor. 12. 12-31a Beverley Gray
Luke 4. 14-21 Ann Collins
Prayers: Michael Carmody
Servers: Rev'd Ian Jennings &
 Rev'd Nnamdi Maduka
Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

4.00pm Messy Church for families.
St Mark's

Collect

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

1 Cor. 12. 12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Luke 4. 14-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again

What ever may pass

And what ever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more

Worship next week



3rd February 2019
5th Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore
Reader: TBA
Readings: Rom. 13. 1-7
Matt 8. 23-end

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

10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's:
Becoming a more Christ-like church

Sidesteam: Brian & Heather O'Regan
Readings and Readers:

1 Cor. 13 Michael Carmody
Luke 2.22-40 Jenny Browne
Prayers: Clergy
Sunday Club: Sonja Clements

3.30pm Café Church. *St Mark's*
Interview with Revd Ian Jennings,
our new associate minister.

In your prayers this week, please remember **Vi Slade, Sean Ryde, Edward (Audrey Sells brother) and Christine Willson.** Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time.

