



It's not too late to join 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 us for the second week:

Mon am	Mon pm	Thur pm
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**

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.

**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.

A total of £314.87 was donated at the licencing service for the **Bishops Outreach Fund**. Thank you to all who contributed.

It is worth to take a few moments to enjoy the snowdrops and crocuses which have sprung up behind the church. Marion Francis gfv

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### WEEKLY DIARY

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

6.00pm Youth Alpha *St Mark's House*

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### Denham Parish News – from you and for you

The church magazine for Feb-April is now out! 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? We are providing labelled envelopes at the back. Simply put in £5 and put it in the offering or return it to the office. No need to provide your contact details – we trust you. **Our magazine is for you** and we don't want you to miss out, while making sure we cover our costs so we can give extra copies away to those who are not part of our church family.

**Contributions from you:** In our next issue we will be featuring the **Denham Village Fayre** and would love to include a section on your stories and memories of that special day. Please send to our church office or email [magazine@denhamparish.church](mailto:magazine@denhamparish.church) by March 8th. (Photos in high resolution or original, please!)

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - (APCM) 7 APRIL 2019, 11.45am (straight after the morning service).**

**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

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

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*

### Winnie-the-Pooh writes a poem about love

*(Read the original from 1 Corinthians 13 on page 3)*

'What is love, Christopher Robin?' asked Pooh.

'Well,' said Christopher Robin, after a pause. 'I think... I think it must be the most important thing of all.'

'Even more important than honey?' asked Pooh.

'Oh yes, Pooh, *much* more important than honey. If you had *all* the honey from *all* the bees in *all* the world, but no-one loved you, you wouldn't be very happy, would you?'

Pooh thought about that, long and hard, and then he composed a poem:

'Love isn't *rude*, like Roo, but *patient*, like Pooh. And love converses with donkeys – like Eeyore; it goes out of its way to greet him each day, and *never* finds it a chore.

Love is kind, like Kanga, and never shows anger when bounced on by Tigger or Roo; it makes a habit of talking with Rabbit, though it can never fit-in-more-than a word or two.'

'Love always *trusts*, like Piglet, and always *hopes*, like Piglet, and *perseveres* right to the end. It's *humble*, like Piglet, and *truthful*, like Piglet, and is *helpful*, like Piglet, my friend.'

'If I had lots of money and pots of honey, I'd happily give them away; for we all need faith –and we also need hope –but *love* is what counts at the end of the day.'

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## Worship today



**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**  
**5<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Luke 2.22-40 (pg 56 New Testament)

*Jenny Browne*

1 Cor. 13 (pg 171 New Testament)

*Michael Carmody*

**Prayers:** Clergy

**Sunday Club:** Sonja Clements

**Destiny:** Jane Brown & Monique Lyle

**3.30pm** Café Church. *St Mark's*

***Interview with Revd Ian Jennings,***  
***our new associate minister.***

### Collect

God of our salvation, help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies and poison our minds and to choose again your gift of life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### In Christ alone my hope is found

He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on him was laid:  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am his and he is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
Till he returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### Just As I Am – new chorus

*And as we're drawing near to you,  
your constant love will guide us through,  
Your grace alone is all we need, O Lamb of God, I come*

### Luke 2.22-40

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple;

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' <sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' <sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### 1 Corinthians 13

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant<sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**(After both readings:)**

***This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God***

## Worship next week



**10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's***

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable

**Reader:** Mary Gage

**Readings:** Colos. 3.12-17  
Matt 13. 24b-30

**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:** Robin Doran &

Pam Montgomery

**Readings and Readers:**

1 Cor. 15.1-11

Pam Montgomery

Luke 5. 1-11

Caroline Ashcroft

**Prayers:** Carole Wadlow

**Servers:**

Carlene Litchmore & Ian Jennings

**Sunday Club:** Sheyla Johnson

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.

