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**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 tomorrow, 11 March 2019.**

**Francis and Annabel Moloney**

Francis Moloney, our Parish Assistant and Ordinand, will be leaving us to serve his training curacy at St. Leonard's, Beoley in the Diocese of Worcester. Francis and Annabel's last Sunday in Denham will be Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Francis will be ordained in Worcester Cathedral on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Annabel will also finish her nursing degree this summer. Please pray for them as they prepare for this next chapter in their life and ministry.

**"By A Departing Light: Growing Through Grief"**

*By Ian Jennings*

Ian has copies of his book available now. Please speak directly to him if you would like to buy one.

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**WEEKLY DIARY**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30am Alpha Course. *St Mark's*

7.30pm Alpha Course. *St Mark's*

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

6.00pm Youth Alpha *St Mark's House*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP. *Vestry*

11.00am Lent Course Part 1. *Vestry*

7.30pm Alpha Course. *St Mark's*

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am-2.30pm Alpha Day *St Mark's*

**Tombola for Denham Fayre**

Collection for the Tombola at the Denham Fayre has begun. Please place any unwanted gifts which are in good condition in the Tombola Box at the back of the church.

**Book Stall at Denham Fayre**

We are running a book stall this year. Please place your book donations into the boxes provided at the back of church.

*No other gifts, please. There will be no bric-a-brac stall. Thank you.*

**Mothering Sunday cards, Easter cards**

and children's books are available now on the book shelves at the back of church.

**LENT COURSE: ABUNDANT LIFE**

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 11am-12pm*

*St Mary's Vestry*

*(Refreshments served from 10.45am)*

Join us for this three-week Lent course as we reflect on the *Raising of Lazarus* (John 11). The course has been written by Bishop Steven Croft.

Come just for the course or join us for our service of Holy Communion from 10am.

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Weekly News Sheet

10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The First Sunday of 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*

## *The Pursuit of God*

**Psalm 24: 1–6.** **1** The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; **2** for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. **3** Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? **4** The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. **5** They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Saviour. **6** Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

All money, talent, health, power, and pleasure in the world are God's. But the greatest treasure he can give us is life in his presence. His face—not the gifts of his hands, though they are welcome—is where we find the glory that other things fail to provide. To know his presence, however, is to "ascend" a hill or mountain (verse 3), and doing so is always a struggle. You must repent, seeking a clear conscience (verse 4). You must know your idols and reject them (verse 4). And you must wrestle in prayer to seek God's face, as did Jacob (verse 6), who said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me" (Genesis 32: 26).

**Prayer:** *Lord, you alone are the fountain of the life and love I have looked for in other places, to my misery. I want to love you for yourself alone and know your fellowship and presence. That will be a long journey and a struggle. But I commit myself to it today. Amen.*

*(From: "My Rock and My Refuge: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms" by Timothy Keller)*

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## Worship today



### 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 The First Sunday of Lent

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

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable  
**Reader:** Mary Gage  
**Readings:** 2 Cor 6.1-10  
Luke 19.1-10

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

**10.30am Sung Communion St Mary's:**  
*Unmasking the Idols:*  
*Love is not all you need*

**Sidesteam:**  
Sylvia Gammond & Cheryl Webb  
**Readings and Readers:**  
Genesis 29. 16-20 Ann Collins  
Matthew 27.38-46 Stuart Montgomery  
**Prayers:** Carlene Litchmore  
**Servers:**  
Carlene Litchmore & Ian Jennings  
**Sunday Club:** Sheyla Johnson  
**'Destiny'** for older children (Rectory)

#### Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Genesis 29. 16-20

<sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup>Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.'  
<sup>19</sup>Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.'  
<sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Matthew 27. 38-46

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

<sup>38</sup> Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.'  
<sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup>'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.'  
<sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."  
<sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.  
<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## Confession

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.  
**All: Lord, have mercy. (Kyrie eleison)**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy. (Christe eleison)**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy. (Kyrie eleison)**



## How deep the Father's love for us,

How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss -  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen one  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart -  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## Worship next week



### 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 The Second Sunday of Lent

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

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore  
**Reader:** Stephen Barrett  
**Readings:** 1 Thess 4. 1-8  
Matt. 15.21-28

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

**10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's:**  
*Unmasking the Idols:*  
*Money Changes Everything*

**Sidesteam:**  
Craig Alexander & Caroline Goodwin  
**Readings and Readers:**  
2 Cor 8. 1-9 Sam Carter  
Luke 19. 1-10 Sandy Wickenden  
**Prayers:** Ann Collins  
**Sunday Club:** Kathy Paine

In your prayers this week, please remember **Jo Beal, Vi Slade, Sean Ryde, Audrey Sells and Christine Willson**. Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time especially the family of **David Stanley**.

