Café Church: Today, Sun 5 May, 3.3opm God in the Life of Edda Lindner

Edda will talk about the ups and downs of life, dealing with loss and sickness, discovering treasure in unexpected places and following the trail of God's calling in her life. Favourite hymns and prayers. Come for a cuppa from 3.15pm and enjoy homemade cakes afterwards. All welcome! Who could you invite to come? Please pick up a flyer at the back.

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made on their behalf by parents and godparents when they were baptized as a baby or child. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you. A bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life. Interested? Speak to one of our ministers to find out more!

There will be a Confirmation service at St Mary's on Sunday, 30 June, 4pm.

Giving to the mission and ministry of our church

At our recent Annual Meeting we launched the *Parish Giving Scheme*, which is a very effective way to give to our church, administered by the Church of England. Could you become part of the community of givers who help resource everything we do at Denham Parish Church? **Thank you** if you have already responded! If you haven't had a chance to pick up a leaflet with more information, please take one today.

A Prayer for the Nation

God of hope, in these times of change, unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom. Give us courage to overcome our fears, and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY DIARY

St Mark's

Vestry

Wednesday 8th May

10.00pm Little Lions

Thursday 9th May

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.

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.

Church Bookstall Denham Fayre

Books of all types are acceptable, except magazines and encyclopaedias. We also welcome CDs and DVDs but not cassettes. If you cannot bring them to church we can arrange either to collect them or receive them direct to the house. Ring 07714339280 after 6 May. Please try to bring them before 26 May as it will be too late to sort and classify them on this date. Jenny + David Browne

Raffle Tickets for Denham Fayre

Please collect your raffle tickets which have been placed into named envelopes and are in the pigeon holes at the back of church. If you can sell more than you have been given, please contact the parish office.

VESTRY TEAS

The Vestry Tea rota is now available at the back of church. Please do sign up and support the church or your favourite charity.

Seer Green & Jordans invite you to a lecture on a biblical perspective on Brexit and other issues. Sunday 19th May 6pm. For more information, see noticeboard at back of church.

Christians Against Poverty are hosting an evening of talks and inspiring stories on Thursday 23rd May from 7.3opm to 9.3opm at Emmanuel Church, Chesham. Please see poster at the back of church.



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet 5th May 2019 3rd Sunday of Easter

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



(Image above: A word cloud generated from all the New Testament verses about the Spirit)

Come Creator Spirit
Visit the minds of those who are yours.
Fill with heavenly grace
The hearts that you have made.

Amen

("Veni Creator Spiritus" – one of the oldest prayers of the church)

Worship today



5th May 2019 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.ooam Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Philip Constable
Reader: Mary Gage
Readings: 1 Peter 2. 19-end
John 10. 11-16

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

10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's: 'Life in the Spirit: Who is the Holy Spirit?'

Sidesteam:

Craig Alexander & Caroline Goodwin Readings and Readers:

Genesis 1. 1-3, 24-31

Michael Carmody
John 20.19-22 Beverley Gray
Prayers: Clergy
Sunday Club Leader: Sonja Clements

3.3opm Café Church. St Mark's God in the life of Edda Lindner

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Veni Creator Spiritus Prayer:

Come Creator Spirit
Visit the minds of those who are yours.
Fill with heavenly grace
The hearts that you have made.
Amen.

Genesis 1.1-3,24-31

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

... ²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. 25God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' 27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' 29God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. 31God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

John 20:19-22

of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

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

With me, God is with me

Yes, He's with me every step
With me, God is with me
Yes, He's with me every step
And I know God is with me every step I go
Yes, I know God is with me every step

With you, God is with you
Yes, He's with you every step
With you, God is with you
Yes, He's with you every step
And I know God is with you every step you go
Yes, I know God is with you every step

I know the love of God is with me every day Every step I take He will lead me on into his perfect plan Walking hand in hand

With us, God is with us
Yes, He's with us every step
With us, God is with us
Yes, He's with us every step
And I know God is with us every step we go
Yes I know God is with us every step

I know the love of God...

Worship next week



12th May 2019 4th Sunday of Easter

8.ooam Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore
Reader: Stephen Barrett
Readings: Peter 2. 11-17
John 16. 16-22

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

10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's: 'Life in the Spirit: The Spirit renews and adopts'

Sidesteam:

Robin Doran & Pam Montgomery

Readings and Readers: Ezekiel 37.1-10

Ezekiel 37.1-10 Robin Doran
John 3. 3-5 Caroline Ashcroft
Prayers: Michael Carmody
Servers: Carlene Litchmore & Clergy
Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine
Destiny Leader: Monique Lyle

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 Pamela Nicholson and Anthony Lathwell.

