

*Café Church: Sun 2 June, 3.30pm*

### God in the Life of Fay Williams

Fay will talk about the ups and downs of life and the experience of God's faithfulness in it all. 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

##### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Alpha Plus St Mark's  
7.30pm Alpha Plus St Mark's

##### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

10.00pm Little Lions St Mark's

##### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP. Vestry

**Tombola for Denham Fayre.** Collection for the Tombola at the Denham Fayre has begun. Please place any unwanted gifts at the back of the church.

**Bottle Tombola Collection** at St Mark's Hall, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 7.30pm. Please bring along any bottles, tombola and book donations.

#### 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.

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

**Next Sunday at 10.30am service** Christoph will be talking with Mark Fuell, Head Teacher of The Sunshine House School for Blind and Disabled Children in Northwood, who receives all the gifts donated at the Crib Service each year. Mark will tell us how these toys benefit the children who all have severe and multiple disabilities.



# PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

4<sup>th</sup> 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*



## An eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer

*Grow and deepen your prayer life in the context of a small group. Some of the topics covered are: Why Pray? Intercession. Unanswered prayer. Listening.*

### Monday mornings, starting 20 May

10.30-12.30, St Mark's Hall

### Wednesday evenings, starting 22 May

7.30-9.30pm, venue varies

### Monday evenings, starting 3 June

7.30-9.30pm, St Mark's Hall

*To find out more and to sign up please contact our church office. (A5 invitations are available at the back of church)*

## Worship today



12<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00am 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 Robin Doran  
John 3. 3-5 Caroline Ashcroft  
**Prayers:** Michael Carmody  
**Servers:** Carlene Litchmore & Clergy  
**Sunday Club Leader:** Kathy Paine  
**Destiny Leader:** Monique Lyle

**Collect**  
Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

**Post Communion**  
Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Ezekiel 37.1-10

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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

## 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.

## John 3. 3-5

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  
**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## I've heard a thousand stories

of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
and that I'm never alone

*You're a Good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love

## Worship next week



19<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable  
**Reader:** Roger Gage  
**Readings:** James 1. 17-21  
John 16. 5-15

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

10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's:  
'Life in the Spirit: The Spirit makes us more like Jesus'

**Sidesteam:**  
Jane Brown & Cathy Macqueen  
**Readings and Readers:**  
Rom. 6. 5-14 Robert Ash  
John 16.12-16 Jenny Browne  
**Prayers:** Ann Collins  
**Sunday Club Leader:** Sheyla Johnson

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**.

