

Sunday 2 June:

Farewell to Francis and Annabel Moloney

In June, Francis Moloney will be ordained as a minister after three years of training.

We want to thank Francis and Annabel and give them a special send-off. At our 10.30am service, Francis will preach and our young people will take an active part. **Afterwards we are inviting everyone to bring a picnic (drinks and a special cake will be provided).**

At our 3.30pm Café Church we will pray for Francis and Annabel.

If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please send it to our church office (marked 'Francis').

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.**

**CONFIRMATION: 30 June, St Mary's:
"Last Call"**

Are you interested in getting confirmed? Speak to one of our ministers to find out more! **The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, 22 May. There will be a couple of preparation sessions. Please sign up with our church office and we will be in touch.**

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.

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 20th May

10.00am The Prayer Course St Mark's
7.30pm Alpha Plus St Mark's

Wednesday 22nd May

10.00pm Little Lions St Mark's
7.30pm The Prayer Course
26 Lindsey Road, Denham
8.00pm Baptism Preparation Evening
The Rectory

Thursday 23rd 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 21st 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

Many thanks to those of you who have sold raffle tickets for us. We really appreciate you raising funds for our church. If you have any unsold tickets please place them in box at back of church. If you need any more raffle tickets to sell there are some envelopes with spare tickets on sidesteam table at back of church



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Weekly News Sheet

19th May 2019

5th 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

P is for Pause

In the *Prayer Course* Pete Greig spells the word P.R.A.Y. as **Pause, Rejoice, Ask, Yield.** He writes about **Pause**: "To start we must stop. To move forward we must pause. This is the first step in a deeper prayer life: put down your wish-list and wait. Sit quietly. 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46.10). Become fully present in place and time so that your scattered senses can re-centre themselves on God's eternal presence. Stillness and silence prepares your mind and primes your heart to pray from a place of greater peace, faith and adoration. In fact, it is in itself an important form of prayer."

Holy One / there is something I wanted to tell you / but there have been errands to run / bills to pay / arrangements to make / meetings to attend / friends to entertain / washing to do... and I forget what it is I wanted to say to you, and mostly I forget what I'm about / or why. / O God / don't forget me, please / for the sake of Jesus Christ ... (Ted Loder)

Can you make time to grow in your prayer life and join the Prayer Course?

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



19th May 2019
5th 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

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare
your love for the world and the
wonder of your risen life: give us
compassion and courage to risk
ourselves for those we serve, to
the glory of God the Father.

Romans 6. 5-14

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

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 16.12-16

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶ 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Be present Spirit of the Lord

Let sounds of earth be dumb
The Father's love be shed abroad
The dew of blessing on us poured
O Holy Spirit come
O Holy Spirit come

In power unseen upon us rest
Your gracious gifts impart
A mind renewed a spirit blessed
A life where Christ is manifest
An understanding heart
An understanding heart

Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil
Our souls to Christ incline
Intent to do the Father's will
And stand by faith before Him still
In righteousness divine
In righteousness divine

O Spirit come and with us stay
Make every heart Your home
So work in us that we who pray
May walk with Christ in wisdom's way
O Holy Spirit come
O Holy Spirit come

Worship next week



26th May 2019
6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Alison Barrett

Readings: James 1. 22-end
John 16. 23b-33

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 gives gifts'

Sidesteam:

Sylvia Gammond & Cheryl Webb

Readings and Readers:

1 Cor. 12.1-11 Ann Collins
Luke 11.5-13 Sam Carter

Prayers: Michael Carmody

Servers: Sam Carter & Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

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 Simon
Wadlow**.

