

### Vestry Teas

This popular event will run every Sunday from 3.00pm - 5.00pm until the end of September. It is the perfect way for visitors from near and far to enjoy a cup of tea and home made cake and explore our historic church and grounds. Please do come along and support us as the proceeds go to church funds. If you would like to run Vestry Teas, we only have one date available (4th August) so sign up quickly at the back of church or email the office on office@denhamparish.church

### Cream Tea & Croquet at the Rectory Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 4.00–6.00 pm

A relaxed afternoon in the Rectory garden. Croquet and other sports completely optional! Limited places – please sign up on the clipboard at the back of church.

### Bible Reading Fellowship

The latest BRF has arrived and can be found in the pigeon hole at the back of church. Subscribers please ensure that you take your copy home with you.

### prayercourse.org

The prayer course we've been running this term has now finished. It is based on the Lord's Prayer. All the teaching videos and a 'toolbox' to enrich our prayer life is available online – to use for those who took part in the course or for anyone who wants to learn and practise what it means to pray like Jesus.

Pete Greig (the author of the course) has also written a book on prayer with the title "How To Pray" – highly recommended!

### WEEKLY DIARY

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP. Vestry

### We need your consent!

Victoria has started updating our church address book to ensure that it complies with current data protection regulations. We need your consent so that we can continue to stay in touch with you! Thank you to those of you who have responded to our email of 3rd July headed up 'Consent Request'. If you have not opened the email yet, please do take a minute to click, 'Review and grant consent'. Alternatively, you can do this after church today by talking to Victoria, Samantha or Kathy. They can also answer any questions you may have.

### Summer Movies at St Mark's: Wednesday, 7 Aug, 4-6pm

Join us to watch the family film "Paddington 2" (PG-rated). All welcome. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. Suggested donation per person: £1.

### Joan Rusiecki

Joan was a regular member of our Thursday morning congregation. Her funeral service will be at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Tuesday, 6 August at 12.30pm and the church family are invited to attend.



# PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

28<sup>th</sup> July 2019

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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*

### Psalm 73, part 5 of 6: ELECTRIFYING GRACE

*Psalm 73: 21–23. 21 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, 22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. 23 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.*

The antitoxin for envy and self-pity is humility. The psalmist first saw that his sin hurt him (verse 2) and then that it hurt others (verse 15), but finally he sees he has been as arrogant toward God as the people he despised. There is in us a fierce, instinctive self-will as unthinking and inhuman as that of a wild beast (verse 22). Augustine remembered stealing pears only because it was forbidden. 67 Deep in us something snarls, "No one tells me what to do." Only by admitting this darkness within can the glorious word of grace—"yet" (verse 23)—dawn on him. God never let him go. Only when we see the depth of our sin will we be electrified by the wonder of grace.

*Prayer: Lord, the deeper the darkness, the more visible and beautiful the stars. And the more I admit my sin, the more your grace becomes a reality rather than an abstract idea. Only then does your grace humble me and affirm me, cleanse me and shape me. Make your grace amazing to my heart. Amen.*

*(From: Tim Keller, My Rock and My Refuge)*

## Worship today



28<sup>th</sup> July 2019

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Philip Constable

**Reader:** TBA

**Readings:** Romans 6. 3-11  
Matt 5. 20-26

**9.55-10.00am Pre-Service Prayer**

*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Sung Communion St Mary's:

**Sidesteam:**

Victoria Lucas & Mike Stewart

**Readings and Readers:**

Col. 2.6-15 Stuart Montgomery

Luke 11. 1-13 Anne Thomas

**Prayers:** Ann Collins

**Servers:** Sam Carter & Clergy

**Sunday Club Leader:** Edda Lindner

### Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Col. 2. 6-15

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Luke 11. 1-13**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, >>>

'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**God our Father, King of heaven,**  
let your Kingdom come.  
On the earth as in your heaven,  
let your will be done.

Everything we need you've given;  
bread for every day.  
In your mercy we're forgiven,  
may we show your grace.

*Let your Kingdom come,  
let your will be done.*

Lead us not into temptation,  
help us walk your ways.  
Lord, deliver us from evil,  
hear us as we pray:

*Let your kingdom... (repeat)*

For the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever, forevermore.  
*(repeat)*

*Let your kingdom... (repeat)*

## Worship next week



4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Stephen Barrett

**Readings:** Romans 6. 19-end  
Mark 8. 1-10a

**9.55-10.00am Pre-Service Prayer**

*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's:

**WISDOM TO LIVE BY (part 1)**

**Sidesteam:**

Sylvia Gammond & Cheryl Webb

**Readings and Readers:**

1 Cor 6: 12-20 Carlene Litchmore

John 8:1-11 Robin Doran

**Prayers:** Clergy

**Sunday Club Leader:** Edda Lindner

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

