

Sunday 8th September

St Mary's Festival

10.30am

Celebration Family Service:

"All Part of the Shepherd's Flock"

From 11.45am

BBO Lunch, Family Fun, Crafts

Hand-feed a real sheep!

1.30pm

Hymns and Pimms:

Singing the Psalms

3.00pm

Vestry Tea

Please take a leaflet and invite others!

If you would be able to help out please email or speak to Carlene or Samantha
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"We are Family": A Day on

Renewing our Mission Action Plan

***Saturday, 28th September, 10am to 3pm
(lunch provided), St Mark's Church Hall***

Nearly three years ago we began to shape our church vision ("We pray, welcome and share like Jesus") and a mission action plan with specific goals for our church. Now it is time to come together and ask God, "What are Your plans for this church over the next years?"

On Saturday, 28th September we will think more deeply what it means to be the family of Jesus, how this can inspire us for our mission in Denham and what the next steps might be.

This day is for all who regard Denham Parish Church as their spiritual home. We hope you can come! Please sign up at the back of church or via our church office.

WEEKLY DIARY

Tuesday 3rd September

10.00am Service with Discussion Group

St Francis

Vestry

7.45pm PCC Meeting

Thursday 5th September

10.00am Holy Communion

Vestry

***DYING WELL* by John Wyatt**

Having sold out last Sunday, we have four more copies available for £7 each from our bookstall (regular price £9.99).

Thank you from Pam and Mike Dymott

Pam and Mike Dymott would like to thank Christoph and members of the Thursday morning Communion Service on August 22nd for their welcome and celebrations afterward on the occasion of our **60th Wedding Anniversary**. We would also like to thank Carole Wadlow who made us a beautiful chocolate cake and those who gave us cards.

Listen again online

Did you know that you can listen to a selection of our sermons on our website? Simply go to denhamparish.church and click on "Resources" in the menu bar. You will find the talks from our recent series "Wisdom to live by" as well as the latest Parousia news sheets.

Café Church: today, 3.30pm, St Mark's

Tackling Poverty and Injustice:

"EMBRACE the Middle East"

With Reverend Christine Collinge and Jill Bell LLM

Chris and Jill are part of the Ministry Team at St Mary's Church, Wexham. They have been inspired to volunteer with Embrace the Middle East after trips to see at first hand the work of Embrace in the Holy Land and Lebanon and will share with us some of the aspects of the charity's work in Lebanon, Egypt, Israel/Palestine and Iraq in a way that will be both fun and enlightening!



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

1st September 2019

11th 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

We Fly Away (Psalm 90, part 2)

Psalm 90: 5–12.

5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning: 6 In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. 7 We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. 8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. 9 All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. 10 Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. 11 If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. 12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

We are painfully reminded that our lives are exercises in disintegration—we are wearing down and wearing out until we are dust again (verse 3; cf. Genesis 2: 7). Verses 7–11 remind us that death is not the natural order of things but the effect of our turning from God and the curse on all creation (Genesis 3: 1–19). Without this robust doctrine of sin, we will not be wise (verse 12). We will be constantly shocked by what people (and we) are capable of, by how life swiftly takes away everything we love. We will trust in our own abilities too much and seek satisfaction in things that we will inevitably lose. Face sin and death or be out of touch with reality.

Prayer: Lord, I have not done the profound soul work necessary to be ready to die. Give me the strength to ask the big question: Would I be ready to die tomorrow? Be such a "living, bright reality" to me that I can answer that question wisely and then do what is necessary. Amen.

(From Tim Keller: My Rock, My Refuge)

Worship today



1st September 2019
11th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore
Reader: Stephen Barrett
Readings: 1 Cor. 15. 1-11
Luke 18. 9-14

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

10.30am Morning Worship *St Mary's:*

Sidesteam:
Robin Doran & Pam Montgomery
Readings and Readers:
Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16 Caroline Ashcroft
Luke 14. 1,7-14 Sam Carter
Prayers: Clergy
Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

3.30pm Café Church *St Mark's*
Tackling Poverty and Injustice:
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Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

(La la la...)

Clap your hands, shout for joy, God is here!
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Now is the time to sing with all your heart.
Now is the time to celebrate our God.

Hebrews 13. 1-8,15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Luke 14. 1,7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

God Almighty, we thank you that you are in control.

We pray for the UK this week as we go through another time of political uncertainty. Help your people to bring healing and hope to our communities.

We pray for our Prime Minister and the Cabinet, that they will make good and wise decisions which seek the very best for the whole of the UK.

Worship next week



8th September 2019
12th Sunday after Trinity
St Mary's Patronal Festival

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable
Reader: Roger Gage
Readings: 2. Cor. 3. 4-9
Mark 7. 31-37

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

10.30am Family Celebration Service
St Mary's: "All Part of the Shepherd's Flock"

Sidesteam:
Cathy MacQueen & Jane Brown
Readings and Readers:
The Lost Sheep Sunday Club
Psalm 23 Sam Carter
TBC Robert Ash
Prayers: Carlene Litchmore
Sunday Club Leader: Sonja Clements

11.45am BBQ and Family Activities

1.30pm Hymns and Pimms followed by Vestry Teas

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.

