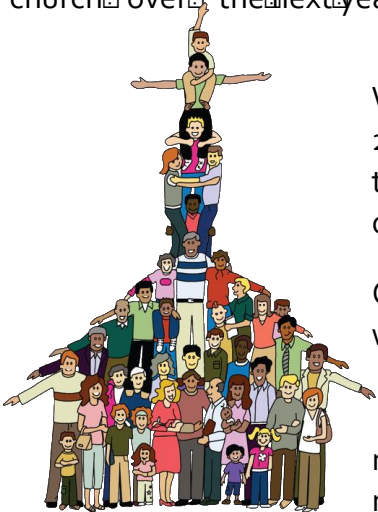


## "We are Family" Denham Parish Church Vision Day

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 our church over the next years?"



When Jesus started his ministry 2,000 years ago he invited people to follow him and to become part of God's family.

On Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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 everyone who regards Denham Parish Church as their spiritual home. We hope you can come!**

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 10am to 3pm**

(lunch provided, please tell us of any dietary requirements)

**St Mark's Church Hall**

Please sign up at the back of church or via our church office.



## PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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

St Mary's Patronal Festival

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*

### THE MORE HIS, THE MORE FREE

**Psalm 100.** 1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

The psalm summons us to offer ourselves to God, acknowledging that we are not our own (verse 3). This self-offering is to be conducted with delight and joy (verses 1–2). Neither moralistic religion (which sees obedience as necessary drudgery in order to put God in our debt) nor modern self-determination (which sees the loss of independence as a kind of death) can grasp this. Christians have an enhanced motivation for joyful self-giving. "You are not your own; you were bought at a price" (1 Corinthians 6: 19–20). This indeed makes obedience a delight, a way to know, serve, please, and come to resemble the one whose sacrificial love for us endures forever (verse 5).

*Prayer: "Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly, the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!" Amen. (Prayer by George Herbert, reflection by Tim Keller)*

## Worship today



**8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**12<sup>th</sup> 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      John Way  
**Prayers:** Carlene Litchmore  
**Sunday Club Leader:** Sonja Clements

**11.45am BBQ and Family Activities**  
**1.30pm Hymns and Pimms** followed  
by Vestry Teas

### Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent  
your Son to save us: remind us of  
your goodness, increase your grace  
within us, that our thankfulness  
may grow, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

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

## 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, Cabinet and Members of Parliament, that they will make good and wise decisions which seek the very best for our nation.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.

### WEEKLY DIARY

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

**10am** Lifegroup for Women      *The Rectory*  
**7.30pm** Lifegroup      *The Rectory*

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

**10am** Little Lions Toddler Group      *St Mark's*

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

**10.00am** Holy Communion      *St Mary's*

## Worship next week



**15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### 8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore  
**Reader:** Alison Barrett  
**Readings:** Gal 3. 16-22  
Luke 10. 23b-37

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

### 10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's:

**Sidesteam:**  
Victoria Lucas & Mike Stewart  
**Readings and Readers:**  
1 Timothy 2.1-7      Jenny Browne  
Luke 16. 1-13      Pam Montgomery  
**Prayers:** Ann Collins  
**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 **Angela Parker and Kathie Barker**.

