

**"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.

**Preparing Church For Harvest-
Saturday 5th October**

We will be cleaning and preparing the church for Harvest from 9.30am onwards. Please do come along if you can help in any way. Bring your cleaning or flower arranging gifts and meet us there. Many hands make light work and there will be tea and biscuits provided! For more info please contact the office on 01895 832771 or speak to the churchwardens.

Harvest Gifts for Sunday 6th October

Supermarket vouchers are a great alternative to food gifts and can bless people in need! We will deliver them to people in our parish and to foodbanks / Citizens Advice in our area. Our local Co-op is now offering vouchers, too - an excellent option for recipients in Denham Green.

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 16th September

10am Lifegroup for Women *The Rectory*
10.30am **NO** Holy Communion Denham Garden Village
7.30pm Lifegroup *The Rectory*

Wednesday 18th September

10am Little Lions Toddler Group *St Mark's*
8.00pm **Lifegroup starts again!** *26 Lindsey Road, Denham*

Thursday 12th September

10.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Kathie Barker's Funeral

Kathie Barker's funeral will take place on Friday 20th September at 12.30pm at St Paul's, Merle Avenue, Harefield and then onto Breakspear Crematorium at 2pm. Members of St Mary's Church family are welcome to attend.

Luke 15.1-10

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

15th September 2019

13th 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

Do not be afraid

How can we be a counter-cultural church in a season of uncertainty?

It won't have passed you by that our government, our leaders and our elected representatives are struggling to be kind to one other, treat each other with integrity and truth, or offer a truly positive and united vision of where the UK is headed. A society which used to be divided by left or right, north or south, rich or poor, by creed, race and religion, is now also divided by leave or remain. We seem to be in a mess.

And yet, God offers our society His people. Every single day, His people get up out of bed, head out of the door to the workplace or as a volunteer or to the shops or the golf course, and get opportunity after opportunity to be genuinely counter-cultural. We get to be the people who are not afraid in this season of uncertainty. We get to be the people who offer hope of a better future. We get to be the people who, saved by grace and born into new life with the King of kings, are full of joy in a society that is overwhelmed by misery, distrust, fear and hopelessness.

It's in seasons like this that we do well to cling to Romans 12:1 – 2: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

So, who gets your word of grace instead of your anger this week? Who gets your word of encouragement instead of silence? Who gets your vision of hope instead of despair? It doesn't have to be a lot, but it could begin to change the world.

Alexandra Davis (Evangelical Alliance)

Worship today



15th September 2019
13th 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 1.12-17 Jenny Browne
Luke 15.1-10 Pam Montgomery

Prayers: Ann Collins

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

Heavenly Father, we pray for those
who are struggling with the
divisions in our society and are
worried about the future. May your
church be able to bring peace and
offer a hopeful vision to those
around us.

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my saviour ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Baptism of Seren Maclean Paton

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome Seren and
uphold her in her new life?

With the help of God we will.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom
we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and
rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Baptism

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of
Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ, against
sin, the world, and the devil, and remain
faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Seren, by one Spirit we are all baptised into
one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Worship next week



22nd September 2019
14th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Mary Gage

Readings: Gal 5. 16-24
Luke 17. 11-19

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

10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's:

Sidesteam:

Sylvia Gammond & Cheryl Webb

Readings and Readers:

1 Timothy 2.1-7 Anne Thomas
Luke 16. 1-13 Sam Carter

Prayers: Carole Wadlow

Servers: Carlene Litchmore & Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

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 **Kathie Barker and Angela
Parker**.

