

**“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 23rd September

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

Wednesday 25th September

10am Little Lions Toddler Group *St Mark’s*
8.00pm Lifegroup *26 Lindsey Road, Denham*

Thursday 26th September

10.00am Holy Communion *St Mary’s*

Friday 27th September

2pm Lifegroup *(contact office for details)*

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.



**RUGBY
WORLD CUP™
JAPAN 日本 2019**

This October we are hosting fans of the oval ball (aka rugby) game at St Mark’s. As the games are in Japan the kick-off times will be early morning but refreshments will be provided.

**Saturday 5th October 9:00am:
England v Argentina**
**Saturday 12th October 9:15am:
England v France**



Simply turn up and join us!



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Weekly News Sheet

22nd September 2019

14th 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

THE SPLENDOUR OF LIGHT

Psalm 104: 1-4. *1 Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty. 2 The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent 3 and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. 4 He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.*

Psalm 104 is a meditation on the wonders of creation and the wonderful Creator behind it. Unlike in Eastern mysticism, we see here a God who is personal and distinct from his creation yet who is not in any way remote from it. The imagery of garment, palace, and chariot conveys that nature is filled with God’s energy and presence, hence the awe and respect that are due the natural world. And as our dazzled eyes cannot take in the brilliance of light, so we must bow before and praise the God is who is more powerful and glorious than our imaginations can comprehend. “All praise we would render, O help us to see, ‘tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.”

Prayer: *Lord, I often find both your words and your ways hard to fathom. My self-justifying heart instinctively tends to put the blame on you. O help me to see that my real problem is the weakness of my spiritual eyes, which cannot take in your great light. Strengthen my spiritual sight, so I can take more in. Amen.*

(From Tim Keller: My Rock My Refuge)

Worship today



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 Carlene Litchmore

Prayers: Michael Carmody

Servers: Michael Carmody & Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Kathy Paine

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Timothy 2. 1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(The following song will be sung during Holy Communion)

Go peaceful in gentleness

Through the violence of these days
Give freely show tenderness in all your ways

Through darkness in troubled times
Let holiness be your aim
Seek wisdom let faithfulness
Burn like a flame

God speed you God lead you
And keep you wrapped around His heart
May you be known by love

Be righteous speak truthfully
In a world of greed and lies
Show kindness see ev'ryone
Through heaven's eyes

God hold you enfold you
And keep you wrapped around His heart
May you be known by love

Luke 16. 1-13

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." ³Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Worship next week



29th September 2019
15th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore
Reader: Stephen Barrett
Readings: Gal 6.11
Matt 6. 24

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

10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's:

Sidesteam:
John Breese and Anne Thomas

Readings and Readers:
1 Timothy 6.6-19 Robin Doran
Luke 16. 19-31 Anne Thomas

Prayers: Carole Wadlow

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 **Kathie Barker and Angela Parker**.

