

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 14th October

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

Wednesday 16th October

10am Little Lions Toddler Group *St Mark's*
8.00pm Lifegroup *call office for location*

Thursday 17th October

10.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Friday 18th October

2.30pm Lifegroup. *Call office for location*

Harvest - thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the harvest gifts last Sunday. It's not too late to buy a gift voucher or card from a supermarket and bring it to church or our church office. We will let you know the total amount given shortly. A special thank you to everyone who made our church look so beautiful for harvest!

LANTERN TRAIL

31 October, 5-7pm

A fun and meaningful alternative to ghosts and gloom...

31 October 5-7pm at St Mary's — come and be part of the fun.

Sign up today or send an email to the church office.



Please sign up at the back of church!

Church Flowers

Can you imagine St Mary's Church without any flowers or decorations on special occasions and festivals? This could easily happen unless we are able to recruit some new flower arrangers to our much depleted existing team. In an attempt to move forward from the present situation, we would like to invite and welcome any interested in organising / arranging flowers to a preliminary meeting on Saturday 2nd November at 10.30am in the vestry. Discussion could cover possible new ideas and ways of decoration/ presentation.

If you would like more information, please contact Carlene Litchmore, Sam Carter or Pam Montgomery who will be happy to chat to you.

PRAYING FOR OUR NATION AND ITS LEADERS

Listen again to our recent Sunday's sermon on praying for our nation and government on our website: www.denhamparish.church/blog/

Our bishops in the Diocese of Oxford have written a joint letter about a Christian response to Brexit. There are some copies of it available at the back of church, as well as a poster with a summary of the key points.

"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."



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

13th October 2019

17th 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

THAT GLADDENS THE HEART

Psalm 104: 14–18. *14 He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: 15 wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts. 16 The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. 17 There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the junipers. 18 The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.*

God does not simply meet his creatures' physical needs. He wants their joy, he wants our faces to shine, he wants not just our bodies but also our hearts to be sustained (verse 15). Jesus too gave wine to gladden the heart of man (verse 15). He began his ministry by miraculously providing excellent wine to keep a wedding party going (John 2: 1–11). Why would he make this his opening, signature miracle? It was to communicate his mission, not just to secure pardon from sin but to restore us to fullness of life, to bring festival joy. You have not received all God wants to give until you have gotten "the oil of joy instead of mourning" (Isaiah 61: 3).

Prayer: *Lord, I do not honour you merely by obeying you. The way to glorify you the most is to enjoy you. Help me (oh, please) to revel in all you are and have done for me until it awakens joy in my heart. Amen.*

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

Worship today



13th October 2019
17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Alison Barrett

Readings: Eph. 4.1-6
Luke 14.1-11

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

10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's:

Sidesteam:

Brian & Heather O'Regan

Readings and Readers:

2 Timothy 2.8-15 Jenny Ashe
Luke 17.11-19 Sandy Wickenden

Prayers: Carlene Litchmore

Servers: Sam Carter & Clergy

Sunday Club: Sonja Clement

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given
to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Timothy 2.8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Luke 17.11-19

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Worship next week



20th October 2019
18th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Mary Gag

Readings: 1 Cor. 1. 4-8
Matt. 22. 34-end

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

10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's:

Sidesteam:

Robin Doran and Pam Montgomery

Readings and Readers:

2 Timothy 3. 14-4.5 Michael Carmody
Luke 18. 1-8 Beverley Gray

Prayers: Michael Carmody

Sunday Club Activity: 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 families of **Daniel Giles, Tom Pasmore, Ann Crawley and Margie Basset** (Joan Bell's sister)

