

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 21st October

10am Lifegroup for Women *The Rectory*
10.30am Holy Communion
Denham Garden Village

7.30pm Lifegroup *The Rectory*

Wednesday 23rd October

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

Thursday 24th October

10.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Friday 25th October

2.30pm Lifegroup. *Call office for location*

Hymn

Water You turned into wine

Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
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(Then) what could stand against

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.

Harvest - thank you!

Thanks to all who donated food, gift vouchers and money to the Harvest collection. We raised a total of £370. Many thanks.

Card & Bookstall: Only 10 Sundays to go..... Christmas cards & books, Advent Calendars and 2020 Calendars are now available at the back of church. Also there are some lovely new bookmarks.



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!



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

20th October 2019

18th 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 EARTH IS FULL OF YOUR CREATURES

Psalm 104: 19–24. *19 He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down. 20 You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl. 21 The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God. 22 The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens. 23 Then people go out to his work, to their labour until evening. 24 How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*

Verse 24 stops for reflective worship. There are 5,000 known species of sponges on the ocean floor and over 300,000 species of beetles. There are multitudes of different flowers, trees, birds, and animals, some of them enchantingly beautiful, others enchantingly odd. Why? They reveal the unsearchable wealth of God's creativity, the infinite range of his thought, his love of beauty, even his sense of humour. And because it is all designed by divine "wisdom," this verse invites us not just to marvel at it all but to explore and study it too. It is an invitation to both science and art.

Prayer: *Lord, your Word says that your creatures tell us about your existence and greatness, if we don't stop our ears to it. Open my ears! "In reason's ear they all rejoice, And utter forth a glorious voice. Forever singing as they shine, 'The hand that made us is divine.'" Amen.*

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

Worship today



20th October 2019
18th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Mary Gage

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 Carlene Litchmore
Luke 18. 1-8 Suzanne Hearnden Smith

Prayers: Ann Collins

Sunday Club Activity: Edda Lindner

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your
truth and to trust in your
love, that we may live each
day with confidence in the
salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

2 Timothy 3.14. 4-5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Luke 18. 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

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Baptism of Olly Edward Graves, George Anthony Wadlow & Tabitha Elizabeth Wadlow

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 Olly, George and Tabitha and uphold them in their 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: Olly, George and Tabitha 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



27th October 2019
The last Sunday after Trinity
Bible Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Stephen Barrett

Readings: Ephes. 4. 17-32
Matt. 9. 1-8

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

10.30am Sung Communion *St Mary's:*

Sidesteam:

Cathy Macqueen & TBA

Readings and Readers:

Pam Montgomery
Caroline Ashcroft

Prayers: Carole Wadlow

Servers: Michael Carmody & Clergy

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 and Tom Pasmore**.

