WEEKLY DIARY Monday 25th November Lifegroup for Women The Rectory 10am The Rectory **7.30pm** Lifegroup Wednesday 27th November Little Lions Toddler Group 10am St Mark's Call office for location 8pm Lifegroup. Thursday 28th November St Mary's **10.00am** Holy Communion Friday 29th November **2.30pm** Lifegroup. Call office for location Saturday 30th November 10am-12pm Advent Wreath Making. St Mark's

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

ST MARY'S KNITIVITY Christmas cards are available again: £1.50 each. £6 for 5, £11 for 10.

Advent Wreath Making morning

Saturday 30 November 10am-12noon at St Mark's

A great event to invite friends to come along with you! A few places left - sign up and get your ticket for \pounds_5 ; more details in the church magazine.

Christingle

Please join us for our Christingle service on Sunday 8th December at 4pm. To support the work of the Children's Society take a candle tube from the box at back of church to fill with your coins and bring back at Christingle.

Denham Parish News: Christmas Issue Our bumper Christmas issue is full with engaging articles and contains a calendar with all Carol and Christmas services. Please take extra copies to invite family, friends and neighbours! Do you know a shop or place where people meet in our parish? Please take a few copies and ask whether they can be displayed. Annual subscription fees (ε_5) are now due and will be collected by distributors. If you pick up your copy from church, please put ε_5 in the provided envelope and put it in the offering. Thank you.

Thank you from SHOC (Homeless charity, one of our five core mission partners).

"A huge thank you to all at Denham Parish Church for the donations we received at SHOC. These items are all really useful and will be used directly to support our local homeless and vulnerable guests. Thank you all so much!"

80 YEARS ON: RECOLLECTIONS

30 residents of Denham Garden Village have written of their experiences during WW2. We have some copies of the book on sale for £5. Please buy your copy after the service or call our church office.

Remembrance Sunday Offering: Thank you! We would like to thank all who contributed to the collection at our remembrance service, a total of \pounds 507.81 for the Royal British Legion Earl Haig Fund.

Recycle Your Poppy

Now that Remembrance period is over, don't throw your poppy away – you can recycle it at Sainsbury's any time until November 29.

Operation Christmas Box

This is the second year of "Operation Christmas Box", helping local less fortunate families. We are collecting food, toiletries and new toys. If you can help, please speak to Craig in the vestry after the service or call him on 07748 973527.



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Weekly News Sheet 24th November 2019 Sunday next before Advent Christ the King

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 10.30am 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

ADVENT SUNDAY: BRF GUEST SPEAKER, CAFÉ CHURCH

Two special services on ${\tt 1^{st}}$ December to mark the beginning of Advent:

10.30am Morning Worship with Richard Fisher, Chief Executive of BRF (St Mary's)

Our church has partnered with Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) since 1957. Richard Fisher has been with us several times before, the last time in 2007 to mark 50 years since a Bible Reading Fellowship group was started in Denham. Richard will speak to us about the current work and future plans of BRF, all with an Advent theme.

Many people at Denham Parish Church subscribe to the BRF Bible reading notes, which help us to be nourished in our faith on a daily basis. Richard will bring range of Bible notes for you to look at and to buy:

- Image of the Invisible (BRF Advent Book 2019): £ 8.99
- Bible Reading Notes: Day by Day with God / Guidelines / New Daylight / Quiet Spaces / The Upper Room: All £4.60 each
- Bible Reflections for Older People: £5.05

Can you make a commitment to put aside a little time each day in 2020 to read the Bible? Bible reading notes are a great way to help us do that!

3.30pm: Carols at Café Church. God in the Life of Ann Collins (St Mark's) A conversation with Ann Collins about Christmas celebrations past and present, music, life and faith.

- TIME TO CHAT
- FOOD FOR THOUGHT
- FAVOURITE CAROLS
- CHRISTMAS TREATS

Please pick up an invitation leaflet at the back. Who could you invite to come with you?

Worship today



24th November 2019 Sunday next before Advent Christ the King

8.ooam Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore Reader: Stephen Barrett Readings: Jer. 23.5-8 John 6.5-14

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

10.30am Sung Communion St Mary's:

Sidesteam: Maurice Litchmore & Sharon Williams

Reading and Reader:

Colossians 1. 11-20		Jenny Browne
Luke 23. 33-43		Robert Ash
Prayers:		Carole Wadlow
Servers:	Michael (Carmody & Clergy
Sunday Club:		Edda Lindner

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Destiny:	Jane Brown, The Rectory

Praying for our nation

Lord, we pray for peace in this election season. We pray for peace between divided communities, and within families, we pray for peace between political opponents.

We pray that You would be our refuge and our strength. Our mighty fortress in times of need. Lord keep our focus on you, and as we hear and think about politics we would seek to serve and worship you.

"I lift my eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven." (Psalm 123:1) Colos. 1. 11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Luke 23. 33-43 Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[34Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' 4°But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His Holy name Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing your song again What ever may pass And whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forever more

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Worship next week



1st December 2019 Advent Sunday

8.ooam Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Philip Constable Reader: Roger Gage Readings: Rom. 3. 8-end Matt. 21. 1-13

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

10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's: With Canon Richard Fisher, Chief Executive, Bible Reading Fellowship.

Sidesteam:

Robin Doran & Pam Montgomery

Reading and Reader:

Psalm 78:1-8Stuart MontgomeryMatthew 28: 16-20Anne ThomasPrayers:Clergy

Sunday Club Activity: Sonja Clements

3.30pm Carols at Café Church. St Mark's Please pick up an invitation leaflet at the back

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 Jean Ayres.

