

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 13th January

10.00am Women's Lifegroup *The Rectory*
7.30pm Lifegroup *The Rectory*

Wednesday 15th January

10am Little Lions Toddler Group
St Mark's
8pm Lifegroup. *Call office for location*

Thursday 16th January

10.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Friday 17th January

2.30pm Lifegroup. *Call office for location*

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: THANK YOU!

We raised £2000 during Advent and Christmas for our Christmas appeal. We will divide the amount equally between two charities: TRINITY/SHOC, who are changing lives for homeless people in our area, and TEARFUND, helping those who have suffered unimaginably due to conflict and poverty. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Christingle

A big thank you to all who filled the Christingle Tubes £370.40 was raised which will go to The Children's Society.

Denham Fayre Tombola

Do you have any used gifts that you'd like to give to charity? Please donate them for the Denham Fayre Tombola. Gifts can be dropped off at the church office or on Sunday mornings.

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www.denhamparish.church/alpha



Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

A great way to deepen your own faith and to invite others who want to explore the Christian faith to come with you. **Christoph and Edda will run Alpha either in the Rectory or at St Mark's. We need to know numbers to choose the right venue!**

Who can you invite to come with you? Sign up through our church office (01895 832771, office@denhamparish.church)

Join us from 20 January 2020!

We turn to Christ anew
Who hear His call today
His way to walk His will pursue
His word obey
To serve Him as our King
And of His kingdom learn
From sin and every evil thing
To Him we turn

We trust in Christ to save
In Him new life begins
Who by His cross a ransom gave
From all our sins
Our spirits' strength and stay
Who when all flesh is dust
Will keep us in that final day
In Him we trust

We would be true to Him
Till earthly journeys end
Whose love no passing years can dim
Our changeless friend
May we who bear His name
Our faith and love renew
To follow Christ our single aim
And find Him true



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

12th January 2020

Baptism of Christ

1st Sunday of Epiphany

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. Today's 10.30 service is a family service. During the sermon there will be an activity for children in our vestry. 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*

Read the Bible in 2020 – Part 2

One of the healthy habits of Christians who want to deepen their faith is a regular rhythm of reading the Bible. Make 2020 your "Year with the Bible"!

Here are some more ideas to get you started. Go to our website, for more details www.denhamparish.church/bible-in-one-year/.

(1) **Read 100 essential passages from scripture – that's two per week.** The Essential 100 programme guides you through 50 Scripture passages from the Old Testament, and the New Testament. *Pick up a leaflet* at the back of church or go to tinyurl.com/e100-planner.

(2) **Read the Bible in one Year** A popular one-year Bible programme is **Bible in one Year**. You can download the app or read it in a browser (www.bibleinoneyear.org). Containing passages with reflections and prayers for each day. If you prefer it in book form you can order it, ask for / search for *The Bible In One Year: A Commentary by Nicky Gumbel*

(3) **Use Bible Reading Notes.** *New Daylight* is the most popular series, suitable for all readers. *Day by Day with God* – especially for women. *Bible Reflections for Older People. Guidelines* – in-depth study, drawing on current theological scholarship. *The Upper Room* – all meditations are written by readers themselves. Speak to Glynis Howell to find out more or to subscribe.

(4) **A tailored reading plan for you** Why not talk to another Christian or one of our ministers? Some study Bibles contain reading plans on specific topics and life situations. A study Bible is a great long-term investment – we recommend the *NIV Life Application Study Bible*. *The youversion of the Bible* is a free app which contains a range of tailored reading plans.

(5) **Reflect deeply on a shorter Bible passage** Take just one passage and then read it slowly and prayerfully, noticing where your attention is drawn. This is an ancient practice, sometimes called *lectio divina* and **24-7 Prayer** have just launched the app *Lectio 365*, which helps you do that.

(6) **Read the Bible with others** At the heart of our lifegroup meetings is growing in faith and friendship. We read and reflect on the Bible together and are enriched by what others find. *Interested in trying a lifegroup?* Speak to other lifegroup members or one of our ministers.

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Worship today



12th January 2020 1st Sunday of Epiphany Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Stephen Barrett

Readings: Rom 12.1-5
Luke 2. 41-52

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

10.30am Sung Communion *St Mary's* Sidesteam:

Cathy Macqueen & Jane Brown

Readers:

Acts 10.34-43 Diane Liston
Matthew 3.13-end George Meacock

Prayers: Carole Wadlow

Servers: Sam Carter & Clergy

Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 10. 34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 3. 13-end

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' 15But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. 16And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

In Christ alone my hope is found

He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh
Fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on him was laid:
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

FOR REFLECTION

Where am I on my journey with God? What questions do I have about Jesus? Which concrete steps will I take this year to explore or deepen faith in Jesus?

Prayer

God of surprises, we bring our questions to you. Show us more about Jesus as we travel through this year. Amen.

Worship next week



12th January 2020 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: 1 Cor 1.1-9
John 1. 29-42

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

10.30am Morning Worship *St Mary's* Sidesteam:

Mike Stewart & Victoria Lucas

Readers:

1 Cor 1.1-9 Sam Carter
John 1. 29-42 Ann Collins

Prayers: Carlene Litchmore

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.

