

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 20th January

10.00am Women's Lifegroup *The Rectory*

10.30am Holy Communion
Denham Garden Village

7.30pm Alpha *The Rectory*

Wednesday 22th January

10am Little Lions Toddler Group
St Mark's

8pm Lifegroup. *Call office for location*

Thursday 23rd January

10.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Friday 24th 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 un-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.

Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Guiding in Denham

Saturday, 25 January, 3-4pm, St Mary's
Followed by refreshments
Everyone is welcome!

EXPLORE LIFE • FAITH • MEANING



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!**

OUR FIRST SESSION IS TOMORROW. Sign up through our church office (01895 832771, office@denhamparish.church)

Disturb us, Lord, when

We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

(Attributed to Sir Francis Drake – 1577)



PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

19th January 2020

2nd 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. During the 10.30 service there is a 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

Healthy Family: The Adventure Begins

Today we are starting a new sermon series on being a healthy church family. This is part of our process of renewing our mission plan for the next years. You can listen to sermons again on our website: www.denhamparish.church/blog

Being disciples of Jesus

- The initiative is with Jesus ("Follow me!")
- We don't know where the adventure will lead, but we know who we are going with.
- The biblical word for disciples is *mathetes*, which means 'those who learn as they follow' – it's training on the job!
- We are called to follow a *person*, not a philosophy or a set of rules.
- The adventure is for everyone - not just for the clever, the important, the physically able!
- Discipleship happens in community - you cannot be a disciple apart from the family of Jesus.
- Jesus calls his disciples the *Body of Christ* - his living active presence in the world today.
- The same Spirit that empowered Jesus now empowers his followers!
- A sense of urgency: Jesus will come back and our time on earth as his followers is limited.
- There will be battles and blessings, but following Jesus will be the most fulfilling life possible.

"The need for active, adventurous disciples of Jesus is as urgent as ever. There is a broken world in need of healing, good news to be shared and Kingdom work to be done, all energised by the Spirit so powerfully present at the baptism of Jesus and the birth of the church at Pentecost." Andrew Roberts

Questions for Reflection

- How do you feel when you hear Jesus' words 'Follow me'? Find a trusted friend to talk with about your thoughts and feelings.
- Do you know someone who might find the adventure of following Jesus challenging at this time? How can you support him or her?
- Imagine Denham Parish Church as a sailing boat. Where is the boat at the moment? In the safety of the harbour? Heading out to sea? Caught in a storm? How strongly is the wind of the Holy Spirit blowing through its sails? How could you catch a fresh wind?

Worship today



19th 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*
Healthy Family: The Nature of Discipleship

Sidesteam:
Robin Doran & Victoria Lucas
Readers:
1 Cor 1.1-9 Sam Carter
John 1. 29-42 Ann Collins
Prayers: Carlene Litchmore
Sunday Club: Kathy Paine

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our
nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Faithful one, so unchanging

Ageless one, you're my Rock of peace.
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you again and again.
I call out to you again and again.

You are my Rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm
Your love is the anchor
My hope is in you alone.

1 Cor 1.1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

John 1. 29-42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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Worship next week



26th January 2020
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore
Reader: Alison Barrett
Readings: Romans 12. 16b-end
Matt. 8.-13

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

10.30am Sung Communion *St Mary's*
Healthy Family: The call to discipleship in Matthew and Mark.

Sidesteam:
Sylvia Gammond & Cheryl Webb
Readers:
1 Cor 1.10-18 Robert Ash
Matt. 4. 12-23 Jenny Browne
Prayers: Ann Collins
Servers: Carlene Litchmore & Clergy
Sunday Club: Edda Lindner
Destiny: Jane Brown & Kim Van Campfort

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 family of **Dr June MacGregor**.

