



# St Mary's Festival

*Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September*

## *Patron Saints and Patronal Festivals*

Many churches are named after a 'patron saint' – either a person from the Bible or from the history of the church. Patron saints give their name to the church and serve as an example of faith. Our patron saint is Mary, the mother of Jesus. The birth of Saint Mary is traditionally celebrated on 8th September. That's why we mark our Patronal Festival on the second Sunday in September. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the life of this church.

This year St Mary's Festival will be operating under particular restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### *However:*

We are making plans for activities both in and around St Mary's Church and online. We will celebrate!

It may be necessary to adjust some of our activities if government regulations change. Please check at [www.denhamparish.church/festival](http://www.denhamparish.church/festival) for the latest update.

*PTO for the programme of events...*

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## Saturday, 12 September

### 10am, St Mary's Church:

Join us for a range of outdoor activities for all ages. We will meet at St Mary's Church. **Please sign up at [www.denhamparish.church/festival](http://www.denhamparish.church/festival)**

10.10am 5k circular walk

10.20am 20k cycle ride

10.30am 5k run

10.40am 1k circular walk

*(especially suitable for families with younger children and people with limited mobility)*

Exercise, enjoy God's creation and community together! The goal is not to be competitive, so do join in. We are inviting you to make a suggested donation (£10pp, £15 for families, pay on arrival) towards St Mary's Fabric Fund. You are very welcome to find additional sponsors or to join us without making a gift.

### From 10am, St Mary's Church:

Church Stall with home-made gifts

## Sunday, 13 September

### Celebration Service:

**"Sailing, Fishing and the Storms of Life"** (with Rev'd Meyrick Beebee)

9.30am St Mary's Church

11.00am St Mary's Church

Please sign up at [denhamparish.church/events](http://denhamparish.church/events) **from Monday 7th September** or call the church office on 01895 832771.

10.30am on Youtube ([tinyurl.com/youtube-denham](http://tinyurl.com/youtube-denham))

12-4pm: Open Garden at the White House

*(Donation of £7pp, Under-13s free; no registration – please pay on arrival)*

You are invited to bring a **picnic** and enjoy it around the Church or in the White House Gardens.

### From 2pm, Online:

A virtual tour of the White House Gardens at [tinyurl.com/youtube-denham](http://tinyurl.com/youtube-denham)

4pm, St Mary's Church: Singing Vicar & Friends

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*(We are planning to stream this live at [tinyurl.com/youtube-denham](http://tinyurl.com/youtube-denham))*

All money given at our festival will go to St Mary's Fabric Fund. Due to the cancellation of the May Fayre this year, this will be very welcome for the upkeep of our church and grounds. You can also donate online at the URL below.

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