

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 8 NOVEMBER

Please check [www.denhamparish.church/remembrance](http://www.denhamparish.church/remembrance) for the latest updates.

**10.30am: Online Remembrance Sunday service on our YouTube channel.**

**10.45am: Remembrance Sunday service at St Mary's Church**

Please register from 10am on Monday, 2 November in the usual way.

We are planning to set up an outdoor loudspeaker so that you can join in with the service in the churchyard.

Towards the end of the service (at around 11.20am) we will gather around the war memorial. Please join us for that part even if you aren't able to register.

### MAKE A POPPY TREE

From today, we will create a "Poppy Tree" in St Mary's Churchyard: Make a poppy (weather-proof, please) and attach it to the netting around the yew tree in front of St Mary's Church.

### Track and Trace at our church

Have you downloaded the NHS Covid app? As a church we are committed to keeping others safe and you can now use the app to check in at St Mary's and St Mark's - simply scan the code on the NHS track and trace posters.

### Please pray for ...

- Peace and justice in the world
- Those who work for reconciliation
- All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
- Those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit; those suffering from bereavement, especially the family of Myra Withecombe.

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## GIVE AND SHARE

Give and Share is a new ministry of Denham Parish Church, responding to the needs of people in our parish and region. Our twofold goal is (1) to support families who are struggling with the day-to-day cost of living and (2) to express the kindness and care of Jesus through the response of the local church.

In Jesus Christ we see the love of God with hands and feet and as his followers we are called to show this love in practical ways.

This work has grown out of "Operation Christmas Box" which has given away hundreds of presents to families in our area over the last years. To find out more, talk to Craig Alexander or go to [denhamparish.church/giveandshare](http://denhamparish.church/giveandshare)

SUNDAY WORSHIP: ON SITE,  
ONLINE AND ON THE PHONE

**St Mary's Church 9.30am**

Please register online or by calling the church office.

**Online: Sundays 10.30am**

Stream any time afterwards:

**[tinyurl.com/youtube-denham](https://tinyurl.com/youtube-denham)**

**Church Coffee Online on ZOOM today:**

Meeting ID: 836 9097 1697

Passcode: Coffee

**Telephone:** Available any time for a week, Sun to Sat: **01895 714013**

### ONLINE DONATIONS



If you wish to make a donation to Denham Parish Church, please scan this code with the camera or QR app on your smartphone and follow instructions.

phone: **01895 832771**



## PAROUSIA

Weekly News and Service Sheet

**1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

**All Saints Day**

**Welcome to St Mary's Church!** We are so glad you are here. 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. **Please take this sheet with you at the end of the service.** If you read this at home, please find a simple service on the inside pages, which you can use to guide your prayers. *Christoph Lindner, Rector*

### Ever thought of yourself as a Saint? *By Nnamdi Maduka*

St. Paul often addressed his letters to the saints in a particular church, be it Ephesus, Corinth etc, and that meant **all** the members. So, if he wrote to us today, chances are he would start off by saying something like, *To the saints of the church in Denham.* Ever thought of yourself as a saint? No, me neither. But the tradition of the church tells us we are **all** saints. They are not saints because of what they did but purely because of what Jesus has done for them and for all of us. So, you are a saint, I am a saint, this for sure is not self-righteousness. Our holiness and perfection are hinged on the sacrifice made by Jesus on the Cross. It is no longer us that live, it is Christ that now lives in us. In him we live, move and have our being, without Him we are not able to please him.

In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the blessings Jesus offered in the Sermon on the Mount, he declared that the qualities and powers of the impending Kingdom of God were available among his followers in such a way that they would bear a distinctive witness to God before the world.

Today we remember those who have gone ahead of us and treasure the gifts they have brought to Christian spirituality over the centuries. **All Saints**, however, reminds us we are by no means limited to those who have been officially canonized, or those saints who are commemorated on their own individual days in the church calendar. **All Saints** speaks of those who were not famous, not remembered by everyone, but whose lives and deeds have nonetheless endured. That's not to say for a moment that all these people were perfect. In fact, saints in general have a strong track record not only of being imperfect, but of being decidedly odd! We also remember the saints of the present day, including, incredibly, you and me, in all our diversity, our human-ness and, yes, our oddness as well.

Being a saint is not about unreal piety, or excessive devotion. It's about being essentially human and living with humanity towards one another. Today is a history of **great** saints, to be sure, but it is also the history of **nameless** saints. Dead or alive, the saints can touch our lives every day.

As I survey the long line of the saints who have been formally named in the Church's calendar I find the diversity and variety of people - women and men - breath-taking in its range; all sorts and types and conditions - and therefore tremendously encouraging - a source of hope for us all; we who feebly struggle whilst they in glory shine.

**STAY SAFE • STAY CONNECTED • STAY HOPEFUL**

## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER (from Psalm 34)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

### HYMN

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine! Great the Lord in love and wisdom, might and majesty divine! He who framed the starry heavens knows and names them as they shine. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine!

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know. Those who fear him find him mercies, peace for pain and joy for woe; humble hearts are high exalted, human pride and pow'r laid low. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know.

### CONFESSION

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

### COLLECT

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age; as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## BIBLE READING

*Matthew 5. 1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

#### REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

*(John 6.39)* Jesus says: This is the will of him that sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, **and I will raise them up at the last day.**

*The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.*

**Heavenly Father, we give thanks for those no longer with us.**

**Thanks for the love given and received, for lives shared, for fond memories, and for example and inspiration left for us.**

**We thank you for all the ways in which they have enriched our lives and for all they meant to us, mean to us and will go on meaning to us. Amen.**

### HYMN

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,** the Holy One, is here; come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

### PRAYERS

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia, alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion! Fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!

### THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**