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Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes—and in January we are going to run it **ONLINE!**

A great way to deepen your own faith and to invite others who want to explore the Christian faith to attend with you. **Christoph and Edda will run Alpha online from Monday 25 January.**

Who can you invite to come with you? To sign up or find out more, go to [www.denhamparish.church/alpha](http://www.denhamparish.church/alpha)

**Join us from 25 January 2021!**

## SUNDAY WORSHIP: ON SITE

### St Mary's Church:

*During the renewed lockdown there will be no services at St Mary's Church.*

**Online: Sundays 10.30am**

Stream any time afterwards:

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



## ONLINE AND ON THE PHONE

### Church Coffee Online:

Sundays, 11.15 on our Youtube channel.

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

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



## Let's pray together ...

- pray with thanksgiving for the world God has entrusted to our care.
- For medical experts, politicians and public leaders – for wisdom, compassion and integrity.
- those who are sick and those suffering from bereavement, especially the family of Jessie Sims and Geoff Newell.

## 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.



# PAROUSIA

Weekly News and Service Sheet

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

## The Second Sunday of Epiphany

**Welcome!** To protect one another and help fight the COVID pandemic we are not restarting services at St Mary's Church for the time being. But the life of our church is not being put on hold and God remains active in his world! This news and service sheet is one way of keeping in touch and worshipping together. You can download it from our website or ask our church office to send you a paper version. The inside pages provide you with a simple service so you can worship at home. Please check our website or Facebook page on a regular basis and do contact our church office if we can help in any way. *Christoph Lindner*



*"Every day holds the promise of great joy in small achievements!"*

*"But this do I call to mind, Therefore I have hope: The kindness of the LORD has not ended, His mercies are not spent. They are renewed every morning— Ample is Your grace!"*

Lamentations 3:21–23

Dear friends,

Edda and I chose this photo as one of our favourite ones from last year (taken on a walk in Marlow). It brings a smile to our face and reminds us that each day holds good things for us, if we learn to recognise them and trust in God's unfailing grace.

These will be tough weeks for everyone - the pandemic is a revealer: it shows us what's at the "bottom of the pond" in our lives - and it's not always pretty!

Over the last weeks we have of course all realised that it will be some time until we emerge from the Covid pandemic. **Can you and I welcome this difficult season as an opportunity for God to do a deep work in us?**

Last year we started to establish healthy habits. So far we have explored prayer, fellowship and generosity. This coming Sunday we will add a fourth one: Learning from the Bible. It's foundational to sustain us in our discipleship. There are many ways in which we can do this - on Sundays, on our own, in groups. Bible reading notes and Lectio 365 are helpful in keeping a daily rhythm.

We have now been running Bible Book Clubs since April - there are seven groups meeting at different times of the week. If you'd like to try one of the groups, please get in touch with our parish secretary Victoria. *Christoph Lindner*

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

## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER

(Lamentations 3.21-23)

But this do I call to mind,  
Therefore I have hope:  
The kindness of the LORD has not ended,  
His mercies are not spent.  
They are renewed every morning—  
Ample is Your grace!

### HYMN

Thou, whose almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight:  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring  
On thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth thy flight;  
Move on the water's face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the earth far and wide  
Let there be light.

## COLLECT

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and  
uncertainty, that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will we may enter the  
unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### BIBLE READING: *Mark 1.1-3*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus  
Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in  
the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending  
my messenger ahead of you, who will  
prepare your way; the voice of one  
crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare  
the way of the Lord, make his paths  
straight" '.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTION (or read page 1)

### SONG

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

### PRAYERS

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom,  
we pray for all Christian people;  
for Steven and Alan, our bishops,  
and for all who teach and guard the faith.  
May the word of Christ dwell richly in  
our hearts, and knit us together in the  
bond of your love.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of nations,  
and for those in authority under them.  
Give them the gift of your wisdom,  
and a right discernment in all things.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own parish of Denham;  
for those who live, work and visit here,  
and for all who seek the common good,  
especially at this time of crisis.  
Speak your word of peace in our midst,  
and help us to serve one another as  
Christ has served us.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who do not believe,  
and for those of hesitant belief.  
Open their ears to hear your voice,  
and open their hearts to receive you,  
the very Word of life.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those bowed down with grief,  
fear or sickness. May Christ your living  
Word bring them comfort and healing.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have died in  
the faith of Christ, and we rejoice with  
all your saints, trusting in the promise of  
your word fulfilled.

**Lord of the Church, hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind to  
serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

**We pray the Lord's Prayer:  
Our Father...**

### HYMN

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for all throughout the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
Empty tomb, for he was free:  
He broke the pow'r of death and hell  
That we might share his victory.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

### THE BLESSING

Go now in peace, knowing that you have  
been born again, not of perishable seed,  
but of imperishable, through the living  
and enduring word of God.

And the blessing of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**