

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 23 May 2021 - Electoral Roll 2021

This year's Electoral Roll registration will be a revised version of 2021. If there are any changes to your details, please complete a new form which is available at the following link:

[tinyurl.com/electoralroll2021](https://tinyurl.com/electoralroll2021)

or from Electoral Roll Officer (ERO), Maurice Litchmore at [maurl@btinternet.com](mailto:maurl@btinternet.com). If you need a paper copy by post, please contact our church office.

Anyone who has been a regular worshipper at Denham Parish Church (i.e. at least once a month) for at least 6 months may apply to become a member of the Church which will enable them to vote at the APCM. Signed applications should be sent to the ERO via the post or hand delivered to the Church Office **by 29 April 2021.**



We are beginning to plan our first 'onsite' events as we slowly emerge from lockdown:

### Easter Sunday, 4 April

On Easter Sunday we are re-starting the 9.30am service at St Mary's (provided government rules do not change). Please sign up on our website or by calling our church office as before. Online services will continue.

### Holy Week and Easter

Find out about all our services and events: [www.denhamparish.church/easter](http://www.denhamparish.church/easter)

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



## ONLINE AND ON THE PHONE

### Church Coffee Online:

Sundays, 11.15 on our Youtube channel. or on Zoom.

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

### Let's pray together ...

- pray God would deepen our trust in him during this time of Lent.
- 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 Joan Elding and Doris Booker.

## 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

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Palm Sunday**

**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 provides you with a simple service so you can worship at home. Please contact our church office if we can help in any way. *Christoph Lindner*

### Returning the Colt

All four gospels record the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Each synoptic gospel writer includes information that is unique to the purpose of that gospel. Mark records the event in subtle terms. It includes the basic information without some of the spectacular aspects found in the other gospels. Mark records that Jesus:

(1) rides into Jerusalem, (2) enters the temple, (3) looks around at everything, and (4) leaves Jerusalem back to Bethany since it was already late (see verse 11).

What might Jesus be late for? Mark is the only writer to say that Jesus promised to return the colt to its owner. Many writers believe that his rushing back to Bethany may have been to return the borrowed colt.

Integrity is the most valuable and respected quality of leadership and Jesus may be teaching us a big lesson here. Maybe this is about Jesus keeping his word. C.S Lewis describe Integrity as doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

We are not born with integrity, it is learned, Rick Warren says that integrity can be built by defeating the temptation to be dishonest; humility grows when we refuse to be proud; and endurance develops every time you reject the temptation to give up. Jesus riding a colt was a sign of humility.

What if returning the colt is a metaphor for us as we enter into this holy week? What do you need to return this week? What do we need to release or let go? We all have stuff that we have carried around with us far too long. It is no longer able to take us anywhere or give us life. It is just baggage we carry that continues to weigh us down. It impoverishes life and corrupts our heart.

What do you need to let go of? Is it grudge or resentment, anger, fear, disappointment or regret? This holy week may be the right time to return and release it all to God.

Jesus stayed true to himself all through this difficult week and so must we. God invites us to return to our God-given, true self, that self of beauty and goodness that God created and has loved from the beginning.

The hymn "At the name of Jesus" assures us that if we enthrone Him in our heart, He will subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true. When we crown him as our captain, in temptation's hour, He will enfold us in His light and power. *Nnamdi Maduka*

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## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER

We welcome you, King Jesus, humble king, king of our lives, with shouts of “hosanna” for you are the God who saves. We fix our eyes on you, King Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, our hope of a wilderness restored. **Amen.**

### HYMN

*All glory, laud and honour,  
to thee, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel  
Thou David's royal Son  
Who in the Lord's name comest  
The King and Blessed One

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before Thee we present

Thou didst accept their praises  
Accept the prayers we bring  
Who in all good delightest  
Thou good and gracious King

### CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### COLLECT

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

### BIBLE READING: Mark 11.1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into

the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTION (or read page 1)

#### PRAYERS

By the nails through your hands and feet, Give comfort to the suffering.  
**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By the crown of thorns upon your head, Give hope to the despairing.  
**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By the spear that pierced your side, Give courage to the heart-broken.  
**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By your being scorned and rejected of men, Give love to the lonely.  
**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By your time of desolation, Lift up all who are down.  
**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By your death on the cross, Give us life which is eternal.  
**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

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

#### HYMN

**My song is love unknown,**  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovingly be.  
O who am I, that for my sake,  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King;  
then ‘Crucify!’ is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and ‘gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.

#### SENDING PRAYER

Jesus, we have walked with you this far.  
May we not abandon you in this Holy  
Week, but stay by your side through  
your sorrow, that we might also join you  
for your resurrection morning.  
Surprise us on this journey, as we fix our  
eyes on you, author and perfecter of our  
faith. **Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to  
find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope, and the  
assurance of sins forgiven; and the  
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us  
and remain with us always. **Amen.**

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