

## 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.



## THE BIBLE COURSE

Get a bird's eye view of the all-time bestselling book! In eight sessions we will explore the big story of the bible and its themes.

This course is suitable for anyone – those who want to understand the book better which forms the basis of their faith and those who want to explore it because it has shaped our thinking, values, culture, language and literature like no other.

**Starts on Zoom from Monday, 10 May**

**Find out more and sign up:**

[www.denhamparish.church/biblecourse](http://www.denhamparish.church/biblecourse)

## 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.
- 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 Sean Ryde.

## 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.

**email: [office@denhamparish.church](mailto:office@denhamparish.church)**

**phone: 01895 832771**



## PAROUSIA

Weekly News and Service Sheet

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**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. 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,*

## The Biggest Day of the Year

*By Tom Wright*

Mary Magdalene doesn't feature in John's Gospel until her appearance, with the other Marys, at the foot of the cross. John has told us nothing of her history; the little we know, we know from the other gospels. But her place here is spectacular. She is the first apostle, the apostle to the apostles: the first to bring the news that the tomb was empty.

So two disciples set off to find out for themselves. The beloved disciple goes into the tomb after Peter and *believes* that Jesus is alive again.

Not 'believes that Jesus has gone to heaven'. People often still think that that's what Christians mean when they say he was raised from the dead. John is quite clear, later on in this passage, that that's not what he's talking about. He is talking about *resurrection*.

Ask people around the world what they think is the biggest day of the year for Christians. Most will say 'Christmas'. That's what our society has achieved: a romantic midwinter festival from which most of the things that really matter are carefully excluded. The true answer - and I wish the churches would find ways of making this clear - is Easter. This is the moment of new creation. If it hadn't been for Easter, nobody would ever have dreamed of celebrating Christmas. This is the first day of God's new week. The darkness has gone, and the sun is shining.

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

## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER: Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

### HYMN

Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
Lo, he sets in blood no more.

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to these by both be giv'n;  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

### 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

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

### BIBLE READING: John 20.1-9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

## HYMN

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on him was laid:  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am his and he is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
Till he returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## PRAYERS

*We pray the Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father...**

### HYMN

The Spirit lives to set us free.  
Walk, walk in the light!  
He binds us all in unity.  
Walk, walk in the light!

*Walk in the light, walk in the light  
Walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all.  
Walk, walk in the light!  
The dead were wakened by his call.  
Walk, walk in the light!

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed.  
Walk, walk in the light!  
The Father's kindness is revealed.  
Walk, walk in the light!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BANNIS

### THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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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