

A big thank you from LiFT

The Venerable Peter Okparaji has thanked us in a video message for our donations for their LiFT orphanage in Nigeria. Previously they were able to drill a well for their new building. A recent generous donation will enable them to put all the windows in. You can watch his thank you message in today's online service.

NEW MAGAZINE OUT NOW

Please take a copy of the latest issue of Denham Parish News, all about "God at Work".

If you are a church member and pick up your copy from church, would you please pay £5 once a year so we can cover our costs? Please use one of the envelopes provided at the back and put it in the offering bowl. Thank you!

Last chance to take our survey.
HELP US PLAN THE NEXT SEASON.

This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous.

Go to www.denhamparish.church/survey or request a paper version from the office. **Please complete the survey by Mon 7 June.**



Happy Birthday!

Daisy Rogers celebrated her 90th birthday last week. Many blessings!

DID YOU KNOW?

You can find all the latest news, articles and videos on our website. Click on "The Latest" in the menu or go to www.denhamparish.church/blog



PAROUSIA

Weekly News and Service Sheet

6th June 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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, Rector

'Blessed are the merciful for they will obtain mercy.'

An old man saw a scorpion drowning and decided to pull it out from the water. He calmly extended his hand to reach the creature. When he did, the scorpion stung him. With the effect of the pain, the old man let go the creature and it fell back into the water. The man, realising that the scorpion was drowning again, tried to rescue it again, but again it stung him. A young boy standing by, approached the old man and said, "Excuse me, Sir, why do you insist? Don't you realise that each time you try to help the scorpion, it stings you?" The man replied, "The nature of the scorpion is to sting and mine is to help. It will not change in helping the scorpion." With that, the man took a leaf from a nearby tree, pulled the scorpion out from the water and saved its life.

This man was not compelled to save this scorpion, but he chose to save it from drowning. Was he appreciated? No. Did it stop the man? No!

Mercy can be described as compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom we have the power to punish or harm. Nowhere do we imitate God more than in showing mercy. But it can come with a cost — you may be walked on, taken advantage of, and even abused. But the prize is that because of our mercy to others, we will be shown mercy — primarily by God and maybe by others. Mercy is not a sign of weakness, showing mercy takes strength that far surpasses the world's understanding of strength.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Despite our shortcomings, God's mercies never cease.

A writer once said that "an individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." If we are to become instrumental in establishing God's kingdom in the earth, we must become people who know how to show mercy. As a church we have engaged in various projects that have touched lives both far and near. We thank God for that. **"Let us not be weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."** (Galatians 6:9) *Nnamdi Maduka*

SUNDAY WORSHIP: ON SITE

St Mary's Church: 9.30am

Onsite Sunday morning worship. Please register in advance by calling our church office or going to denhamparish.church/events

Online: Sundays 10.30am

Stream any time afterwards:

tinyurl.com/youtube-denham



ONLINE AND ON THE PHONE

Church Coffee Online:

Sundays, 11.15 on Youtube and Facebook, 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 Clifford Stanley Williams.

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

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STAY SAFE • STAY CONNECTED • STAY HOPEFUL

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER Psalm 103. 8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

HYMN

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Til thy mercy's beams I see,
Til they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day

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.**

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble
and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

COLLECT

God of truth, help us to keep your law of
love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we
may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.
AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BANNIS

FIRST READING: Matt. 5.1-2, 7

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 merciful, for they will receive mercy.

SECOND READING: Romans 12. 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold
fast to what is good; love one another with
mutual affection; outdo one another in
showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be
ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in
hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in
prayer. Contribute to the needs of the
saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
Bless those who persecute you; bless and
do not curse them. Rejoice with those who
rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in
harmony with one another; do not be
haughty, but associate with the lowly; do
not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not
repay anyone evil for evil, but take
thought for what is noble in the sight of all.
If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all. Beloved, never
avenge yourselves, but leave room for the
wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance

is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' 'if
your enemies are hungry, feed them; if
they are thirsty, give them something to
drink; for by doing this you will heap
burning coals on their heads.' Do not be
overcome by evil, but overcome evil with
good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In the darkness we were waiting

Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

PRAYERS

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for
the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

HYMN

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
til we've seen this journey through.

(Repeat verse 1)

THE BLESSING

The God of all grace, who called you to his
eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish,
strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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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