



PAROUSIA

Weekly News and Service Sheet

13th June 2021

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St Mary's Church! We are so glad you are here. Today's service is a Holy Communion Service. Due to current restrictions it will be in one kind (bread) only. Please familiarise yourself with the detailed information in this booklet.

Christoph Lindner, Rector

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART (Reflection by John Stott)

It is immediately obvious that the words 'in heart' indicate the kind of purity which Jesus means, as the words 'in spirit' indicated the kind of poverty he meant. The 'poor in spirit' are the spiritually poor as distinct from those whose poverty is only material. From whom, then, are the pure in heart being distinguished?

The popular interpretation is to regard purity of heart as an expression for inward purity, for the quality of those who have been cleansed from moral - as opposed to ceremonial - defilement. And there is good biblical precedent for this, especially in the Psalms. David, conscious that his Lord desired 'truth in the inward being', said, 'you teach me wisdom in the secret heart' and could pray, 'Create in me pure heart, O God.'

Jesus took up this theme in his controversy with the Pharisees and complained about their obsession with external, ceremonial purity: 'you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness'.

This emphasis on the inward and moral is certainly consistent with the whole Sermon on the Mount which requires heart-righteousness rather than mere rule-righteousness. Nevertheless, in the context of the other Beatitudes, 'purity of heart' seems to refer in some sense to our relationships. More precisely, the primary reference is to sincerity. In the verses of Psalm 24 the person with 'clean hands and a pure heart' is one 'who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god'. That is, in their relations with both God and others, people like this are free from falsehood. So the pure in heart are those whose whole life, public and private, is transparent before God and others. Their very heart - including their thoughts and motives - is pure, unmixed with anything devious, under-hand or sordid. Hypocrisy and deceit are repugnant to them; they are without deceit.

Yet how few of us live such a life and live it in the open! We are tempted to wear a different mask and play a different role according to each occasion. This is not reality but play-acting, which is the essence of hypocrisy. Some people weave round themselves such a tissue of lies that they can no longer tell which part of them is real and which is make-believe. Only Jesus Christ was absolutely pure in heart, being entirely guileless.

Only the pure in heart will see God, see him now with the eye of faith and see his glory in the life of the world to come, for only the utterly sincere can bear the dazzling vision in whose light the darkness of deceit must vanish and by whose fire all pretence is burned up.

STAY SAFE • STAY CONNECTED • STAY HOPEFUL

WELCOME

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (Psalm 51:10–12)

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

COLLECT

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BANNS

FIRST READING: Proverbs 4. 20-27

My child, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forwards, and your gaze be straight before you. Keep straight the path of your feet, and all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matt. 5. 1-2,8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 pure in heart, for they will see God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

SONG

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my master,
ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

THE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church. We acknowledge
one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

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

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our
joy, at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him
you have created all things from the
beginning, and formed us in your own
image. Through him you have freed us
from the slavery of sin, giving him to be
born of a woman and to die upon the
cross; you raised him from the dead and
exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own
possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious
name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ, and as we follow his example and
obey his command, grant that by the
power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of
bread and wine may be to us his body
and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed, took bread and gave you
thanks; he broke it and gave it to his
disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my
body which is given for you; do this in
remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took
the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all
of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you and for
many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this,
as often as you drink it, in remembrance
of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we
remember his offering of himself made
once for all upon the cross; we proclaim
his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension; we look for the coming of
your kingdom, and with this bread and
this cup we make the memorial of Christ
your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high
priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and
praise, and as we eat and drink these
holy gifts in the presence of your divine
majesty, renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love and unite us
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven, we worship you, Father
almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**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.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

*At present we receive Holy Communion in
one kind (bread) only.*

*We have devised a one-way system for
receiving the bread and then returning to
your place through the empty first pew.
Please refer to the diagram on page 7 for
details and familiarise yourself with your
pew number. We are inviting people to
come forward by pew number starting
with pew No. 1.*

*Please follow the directions of our
sidesteam and keep a distance of two
meters to the person in front of you. If
you'd like to receive a blessing, please
keep you hands at your sides as you come
forward. Please walk back to your pew
after you receive the wafer and consume
it there.*

**Almighty God, we thank you for
feeding us with the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ. Through him
we offer you our souls and bodies to
be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and
glory. Amen.**

HYMN

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heav'ns
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

THE BLESSING

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

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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.

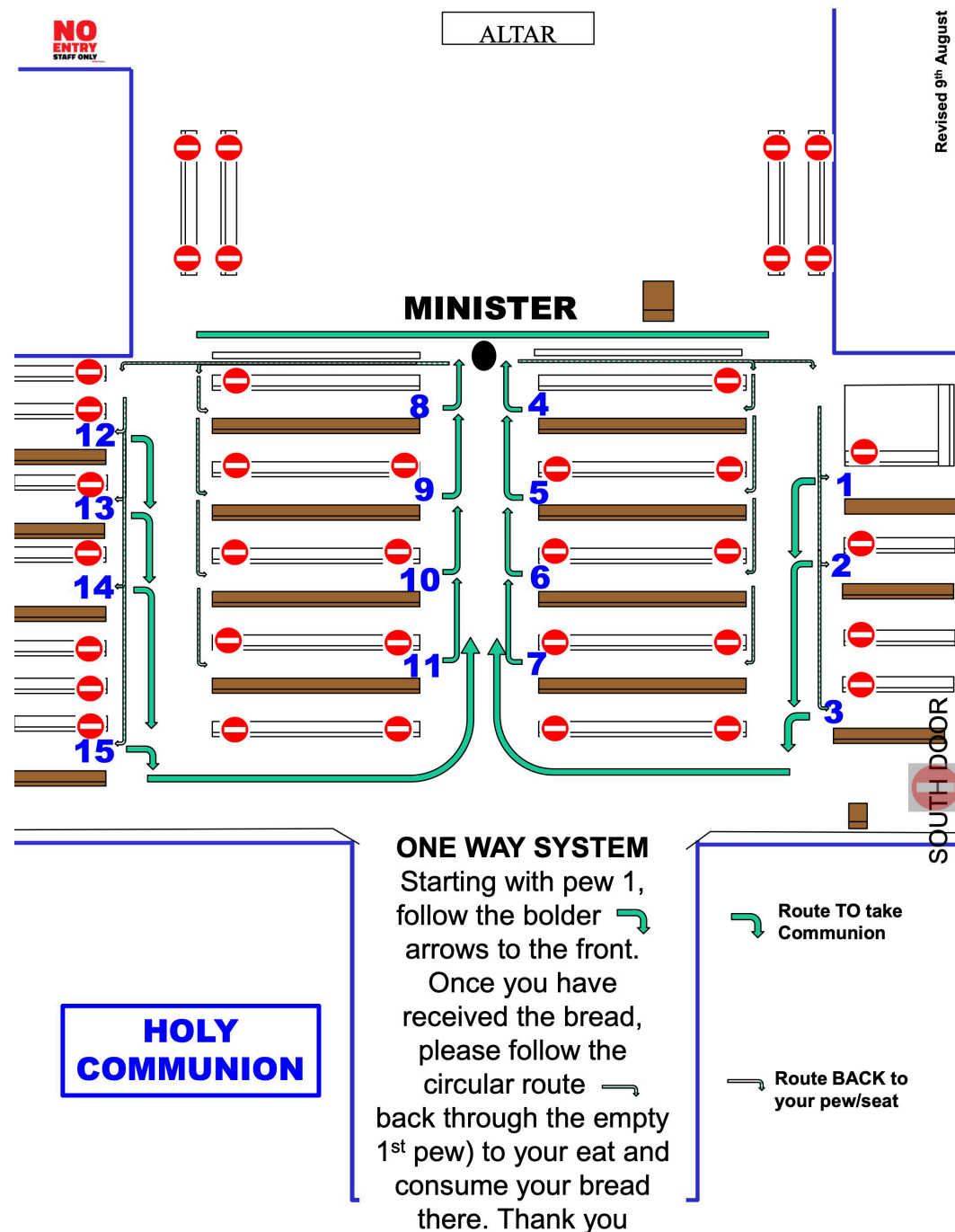
Blessed are the merciful, for

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



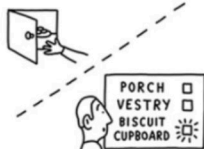
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Cartoon by Dave Walker

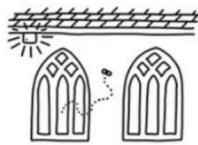
IT DETECTS:



DUBIOUS VISITORS



SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



NOTHING AT ALL (BUT GOES OFF ANYWAY)

AND SENDS AN ALERT TO:



THE DUTY CHURCHWARDEN



THE NEIGHBOURS



THE PRAYER EMAIL LIST

SO THAT THEY CAN:



HOPE SOMEBODY ELSE RESPONDS



IS THAT YOU, VICAR?
CALL SOMEONE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT



CHECK TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS OK

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

Church Coffee Online at 11.15am:

Sundays on Youtube/Facebook or Zoom.

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 families of Clifford Williams.



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