

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

**Lord of all hopefulness,**  
Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like,  
No cares could destroy;  
Be there at our waking,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled  
At the plane and the lathe;  
Be there at our labours,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome,  
Your arms to embrace;  
Be there at our homing,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment,  
Whose presence is balm;  
Be there at our sleeping,  
And give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
At the end of the day.

### BLESSING

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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### 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 are sick and those suffering from bereavement.

### Recovering and Rebuilding

Thank you to all who took part in our church survey. At church coffee last Sunday we shared some of the results. The video is 16 minutes long. (Find it at [denhamparish.church/blog](http://denhamparish.church/blog)).

Many people find this recovery phase difficult. Please reach out to someone you trust and don't wait for them to contact you!

### 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](http://denhamparish.church/events)

#### Online: Sundays 10.30am

Stream any time afterwards:

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



#### Church Coffee Online at 11.15am:

Sundays on Youtube/Facebook or Zoom.

### 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

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 peace-makers: Peace rules the day when Christ rules the heart.

Perfect peace is the gift of Christ our Lord. The Prince of Peace came to bring us peace. But our world isn't peaceful – there are religious, ethnic and sectarian divisions everywhere.

The world desperately needs peacemakers today. We need men and women who will stand in the gap, people who will allow peace to begin with them. We cannot give what we do not have. We need the peace that passes all understanding in our lives here and pray to rest in peace when it is time to go home.

The New Testament ministry of peace-making and peace-keeping requires the active involvement of a third-party to step between contentious people to restore God's peace. Peace-making is therefore costly in time, effort and emotional strain. It calls for a self-sacrificial involvement in situations of strife and tension.

To some people, Jesus' teachings are an impossible dream. Others see his Sermon on the Mount as the heavenly blueprint for peace-making in the world today. Some Christian organisations are experimenting with alternative ways of rehabilitating criminals. They are demonstrating a true ministry of peace-making through reconciliation. Their victim - offender reconciliation programme serves as a go-between. It brings victims and offenders together to pave the way for offenders to make some measure of restitution for a crime and seek reconciliation with the victim. Through such initiatives citizens of God's kingdom are being used to bring an end to problems such as social injustice and inner-city deprivation.

Reflecting on Mathew 5:7, Bishop Steven writes that peace or *shalom* is more than the absence of conflict. *Shalom* means wholeness and well-being and fulfilment and reconciliation. Jesus himself came to make peace and effect reconciliation, to break down barriers and create a single new humanity (Ephesians 2:17)

The church like Jesus is called to a ministry of reconciliation. This begins with offering and receiving forgiveness within the Christian community. But we are also called to be peacemakers and reconcilers within our wider society, between generations, in families torn by strife, in divided communities and in God's wider world.

In whatever situation we find ourselves, there is perfect peace to be found in Jesus. This peace is incomparable, indescribable and full of meaning, we all need it, ask for it today! It is available for those who desire it! *Nnamdi Maduka*

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## WELCOME

### PSALM 34.1-3, 11-14

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

## HYMN

*Bless the Lord O my Soul, O my Soul  
worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your holy name*

The sun comes up,  
it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass  
and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
when the evening comes.

You're rich in love  
and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
for my heart to find.

## 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.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COLLECT

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## BAPTISM of ANGUS CAMPBELL

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Angus and uphold him in his new life?  
**With the help of God we will.**

### Profession of Faith

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### The Baptism

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ, against sin, the world, and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

### The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Angus by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

## SONG

*Our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God  
and he holds us in his hands.*

He's higher than a skyscraper  
and He's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
and beyond my wildest dreams.

And he's known me and he's loved me since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

## FIRST READING: Matthew 5. 1-2,9

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 peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'

## SECOND READING: James 3. 13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### 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.**