

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

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make His face shine upon  
you and be gracious to you; the Lord  
turn his face towards you and give  
you peace; 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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### PRAYING FOR AFGHANISTAN

- For the displaced (a new wave of refugees is expected)
- For women, who fear that some of their basic human rights will be taken away
- For Christians, who are uncertain who to trust and fear for their lives
- For the sick: Pray that the healthcare system will not collapse
- Pray that the country will not become a haven for a new generation of terrorists

**Find out more and make a donation:**

[www.tearfund.org/campaigns/afghanistan-emergency-appeal](http://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/afghanistan-emergency-appeal)

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

## DIARY DATES


### ST MARY'S FESTIVAL

*Sat 11 and Sun 12 September*  
Save the date and spread the word!  
Find all the latest details and  
download a poster at  
[www.denhamparish.church/festival](http://www.denhamparish.church/festival)

### TEA IN THE RECTORY GARDEN

*Sun 29 August, 4.00-6.00pm*  
Sign up online, or by calling the  
office!  
[www.denhamparish.church/events](http://www.denhamparish.church/events)

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**10.30am Onsite and Online**  
**Onsite at St Mary's.**  
Please register in advance by calling  
our church office or going to  
[denhamparish.church/events](http://denhamparish.church/events)  
**Online on YouTube.**  
[tinyurl.com/youtube-denham](https://tinyurl.com/youtube-denham)   
(Available for streaming afterwards)

#### Let's pray together ...

- For an openness to the gospel in our nation.
- For refreshment for those on holiday.
- For joy and caution as Covid restrictions are being lifted.
- For those who are sick
- For those who we have lost especially Liz (Val Dewhurst's daughter).

### 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.



## Service Sheet

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

10.30am, St Mary's Church  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Welcome to St Mary's Church!** We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello (in the chat feature online, or to the service leader or a member of the welcome team in church). You can find out more about our church on our website ([www.denhamparish.church](http://www.denhamparish.church)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/denhamparish.church](https://facebook.com/denhamparish.church)).

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

### WELCOME

#### HYMN

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!  
All the saints adore thee  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art,  
and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin  
thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy,  
there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r,  
in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name  
in earth, and sky, and sea;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

#### 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.**

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 of constant mercy, who sent your  
Son to save us: remind us of your  
goodness, increase your grace within  
us, that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## **BAPTISM of AGNES DUGAN-DUFF**

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 Agnes and uphold her in her 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: Agnes, 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**

### **Be strong and courageous**

Do not be afraid  
Don't be discouraged  
For the Lord your God will be with you  
Oh be strong and courageous  
Do not be afraid  
Don't be discouraged  
For the Lord your God will be with you  
Wherever you go, wherever you go

When troubles come  
The Lord your God is with you  
He will always be there by your side  
He is strong  
When you feel small and frightened  
You will never, ever be alone

### **BIBLE READING: John 6.56-69**

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken

to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

*"Does this offend you?" (Jesus)*

- We witness polarising trends of wanting to offend or abolish all offence
- "Jesus came to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable."
- Jesus' claim to be the *Messiah*, the *Bread of Life*, still offends. We've read Peter's response - what is ours?

### **SONG**

#### **Jesus, to whom shall we go**

You have the words of life eternal  
Jesus, in whom shall we trust  
Your word is life, light and truth

We believe and we know:  
You are God's Holy One  
You're the bread come from heaven,  
We belong to you, Lord Jesus

### **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**

**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.