



Service Sheet

29th August 2021

10.30am, St Mary's Church

13th 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) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church).

WELCOME

HYMN

O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today,
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honour and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favour
May serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.

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

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.

STAY SAFE • STAY CONNECTED • STAY HOPEFUL

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.**

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

COLLECT

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from

Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Jesus is addressing three different audiences, namely the pharisees and scribes, the crowds, and finally his disciples. The message is delivered differently to each of these groups, but its essence is the same: our very selves are defiled, made unholy, not by what we take in, but by the corrosion of the human heart. We must prepare our hearts and thereby our selves for the kingdom of God.

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 *singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord God almighty
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord God almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord**

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 your hands at your sides as you come forward. Please walk back to your pew after you receive the wafer and consume it there.

Hymn (sung by choir)

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my ways lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you go before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning
through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

**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

Who breaks the power
of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Let's pray together ...

- For an openness to the gospel in our nation.
- For our St Mary's Festival.
- For joy and caution as Covid restrictions are being lifted.
- For those who are sick and those suffering from bereavement.

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

Online on YouTube.
tinyurl.com/youtube-denham



(The service will also be available for streaming afterwards).

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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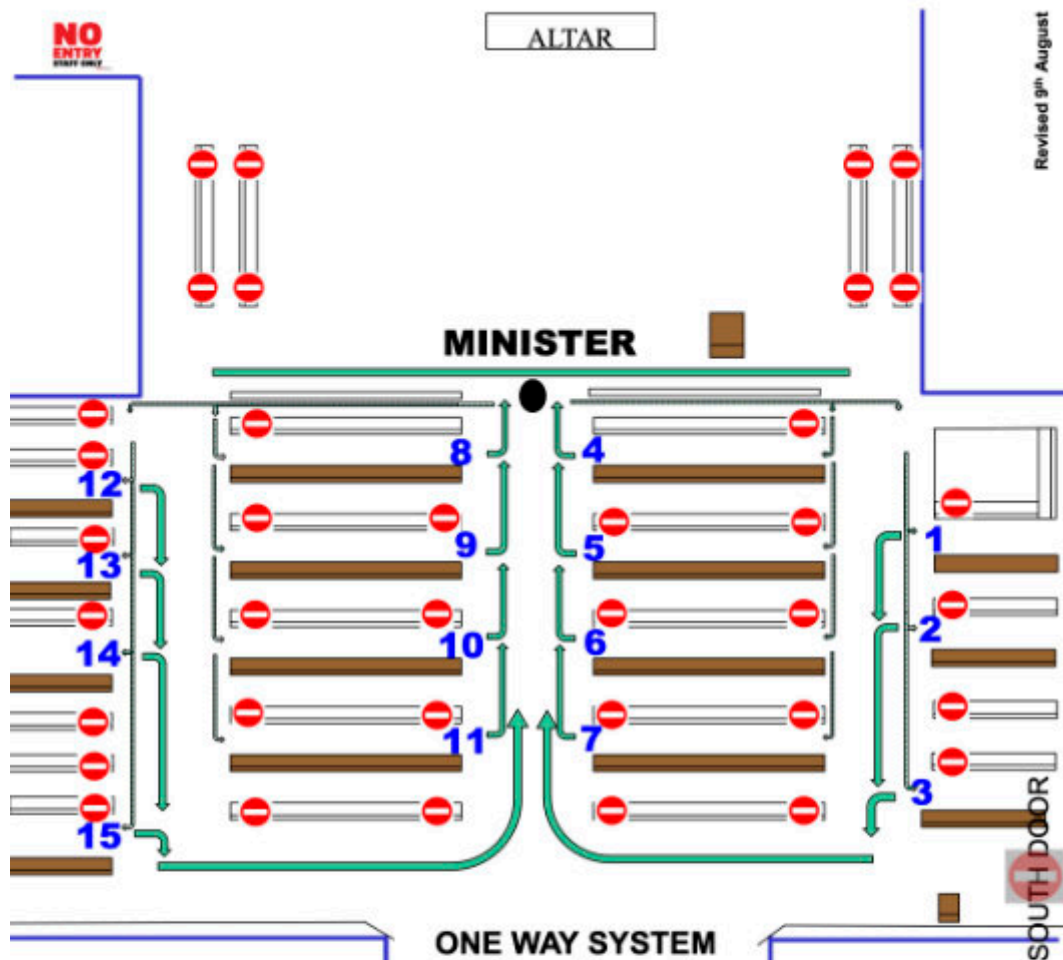
PRAYING FOR AFGHANISTAN

- 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


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.




ONE WAY SYSTEM

Starting with pew 1, follow the bolder  arrows to the front.

Once you have received the bread, please follow the circular route  back through the empty 1st pew) to your seat and consume your bread there. Thank you

 Route TO take Communion

 Route BACK to your pew/seat

HOLY COMMUNION

St Mary's Festival

SIGN UP NOW!



Join us for a community celebration in and around St Mary's Church Denham. Our theme for this year is "Lament and Laughter" - acknowledging what we have lost and celebrating a sense of hope together.





Please check our website for the latest updates.

Saturday 11 September 2021

 From 9am Fit and Fun: Walk, run, cycle St Mary's	 10am-12 Children's Games St Mary's	 From 10am Refreshments St Mary's	 10 am Children's Sport's Day	 11.15 am Little Lions Party, St Mary's
 2pm-5pm Vestry Teas St Mary's	 2pm-5pm Memory Tree St Mary's	 2pm-5pm Light a Candle St Mary's	 2pm-5pm Celebration Bunting St Mary's	

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Sunday 12 September 2021

 Morning Celebration Service St Mary's	 12-2pm Barbecue St Mary's	 1-5pm Open Garden The White House	 Afternoon Sing with Us incl. Singing Vicar
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All proceeds will help us maintain St Mary's Church Building and support our local community through "Give and Share".

GIVE & SHARE

www.denhamparish.church/festival