



Service Sheet

12th September 2021, 9am
**ST MARY'S FESTIVAL
LAMENT AND LAUGHTER**

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

OPENING PRAISE

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good

His love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD
tell their story—

**those he redeemed from the
hand of the foe.**

Let the one who is wise heed these
things

**and ponder the loving deeds of
the LORD.** *(From Psalm 107)*

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.**

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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

STAY SAFE • STAY CONNECTED • STAY HOPEFUL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAMENT AND LAUGHTER

BIBLE READINGS:

Ezra 3. 10-13

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord,

‘For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever towards Israel.’

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people’s weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

NEHEMIAH 8. 1,9-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, ‘This

day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.’ For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, ‘Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

When Israel returns from exile after a terrible disruption of their national life that lasted for several generations, there is laughter and lament: Lament about what has been lost and laughter about a new beginning and new hope. As we begin to recover from the disruption of the pandemic, let’s set our hopes on the steadfast love of God, his Word and our joy in him.

Let’s lean into GRACE | PACE | TRACE in this season.

MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1. 46-55)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from

their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Amen.

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 your 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

**Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice
Tender to me the promise of His word
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice**

**Tell out my soul the greatness of His Name
Make known His might
the deeds His arm has done
His mercy sure from age to age the same
His holy Name the Lord the Mighty One**

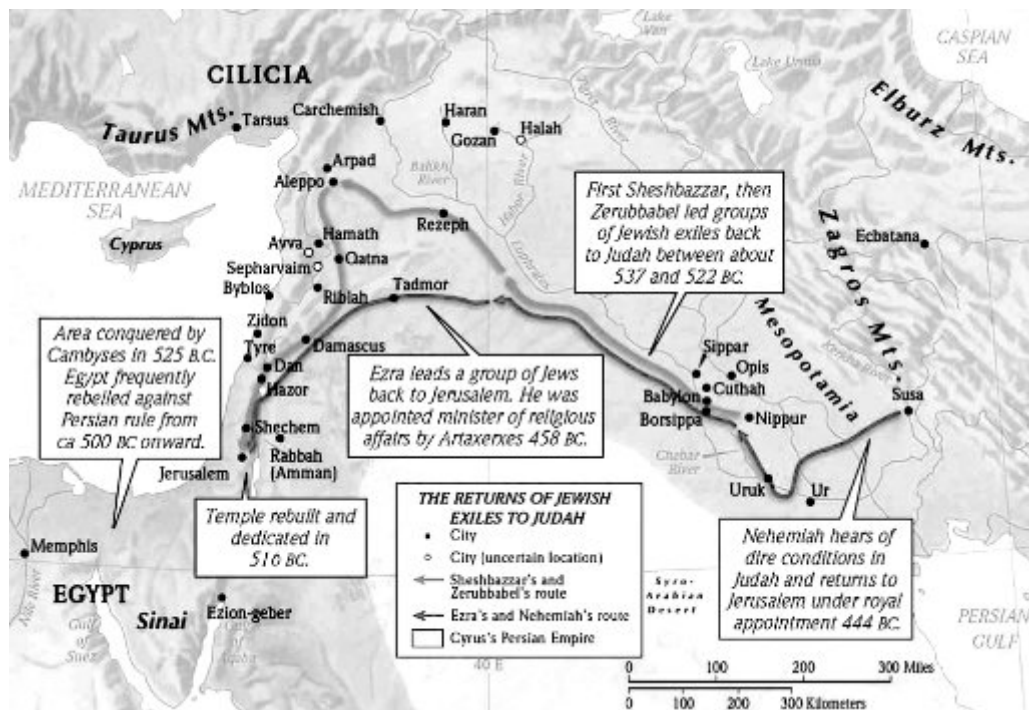
**Tell out my soul
the greatness of His might
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight
The hungry fed the humble lifted high**

**Tell out my soul
the glories of His word
Firm is His promise and His mercy sure
Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore**

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**



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).

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
- For the family and friends of Joan Belsham and all those who have lost loved ones.

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



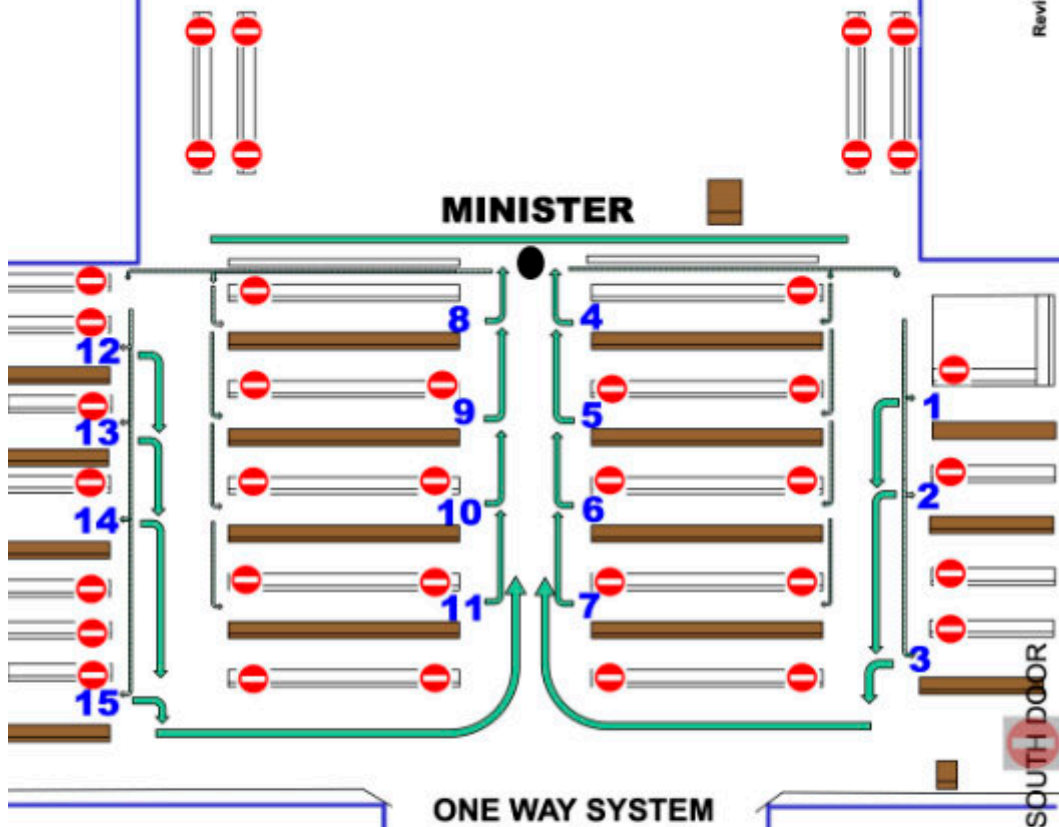
If you wish to make a donation to Denham Parish Church, please scan this code with the camera or QR app on your smartphone and follow instructions.

**NO
ENTRY
START ONLY**

ALTAR

Revised 9th August

MINISTER



**HOLY
COMMUNION**

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 eat and
consume your bread
there. Thank you

Route TO take
Communion

Route BACK to
your pew/seat

St Mary's Festival



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



10am-12

Children's Games

St Mary's



From 10am

Refreshments

St Mary's



10 am

Children's Sports 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

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

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