



Service Sheet

26th September 2021, 10.30am St Mary's

17th Sunday after Trinity

THE COURAGE TO BE COMPASSIONATE

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 (Psalm 37:4)

Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

HYMN

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus Thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in Thee inherit
Let us find Thy promised rest
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty

Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy grace receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave

Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

Finish then Thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder love and 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.

STAY SAFE • STAY CONNECTED • STAY HOPEFUL

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

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 2. 1-8

In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was served to him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence before. So the king said to me, 'Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This can only be sadness of the heart.' Then I was very much afraid. I said to the king, 'May the king live for ever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors' graves, lies waste, and its gates have been

destroyed by fire?' Then the king said to me, 'What do you request?' So I prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors' graves, so that I may rebuild it.' The king said to me (the queen also was sitting beside him), 'How long will you be gone, and when will you return?' So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a date. Then I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may grant me passage until I arrive in Judah; and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, directing him to give me timber to make beams for the gates of the temple fortress, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.' And the king granted me what I asked, for the gracious hand of my God was upon me.

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

GOSPEL READING: MARK 6. 1-8

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and

Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Jesus looked at the huge crowd that had followed him and his disciples to what was supposed to be their rest time. But instead of saying, "give us a break," he was 'moved with compassion as he saw them as sheep without a shepherd.' His compassion led to action which it always does. Compassion is never just a warm feeling of emotional stirring - it is love in action. It involves courage because it takes us out of our comfort zone.

HYMN

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
Lord in Your suff'ring world
This is our prayer
Bread for the children, justice joy peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase

Shelter for fragile lives

Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsmen
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctu'ry
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future our dreams
Lord end our madness
Carelessness greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

Chorus

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of Your ways
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise

Chorus

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. 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 (during Holy Communion)

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life
I know that 'it is finished'.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

**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

*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

And on that day
when my strength is failing
The end draws near
and my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
and then forever more.

THE BLESSING

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself, the power of the
Lord Jesus strengthen you in his
service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill
your hearts; and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among us and remain
with us always. **Amen.**

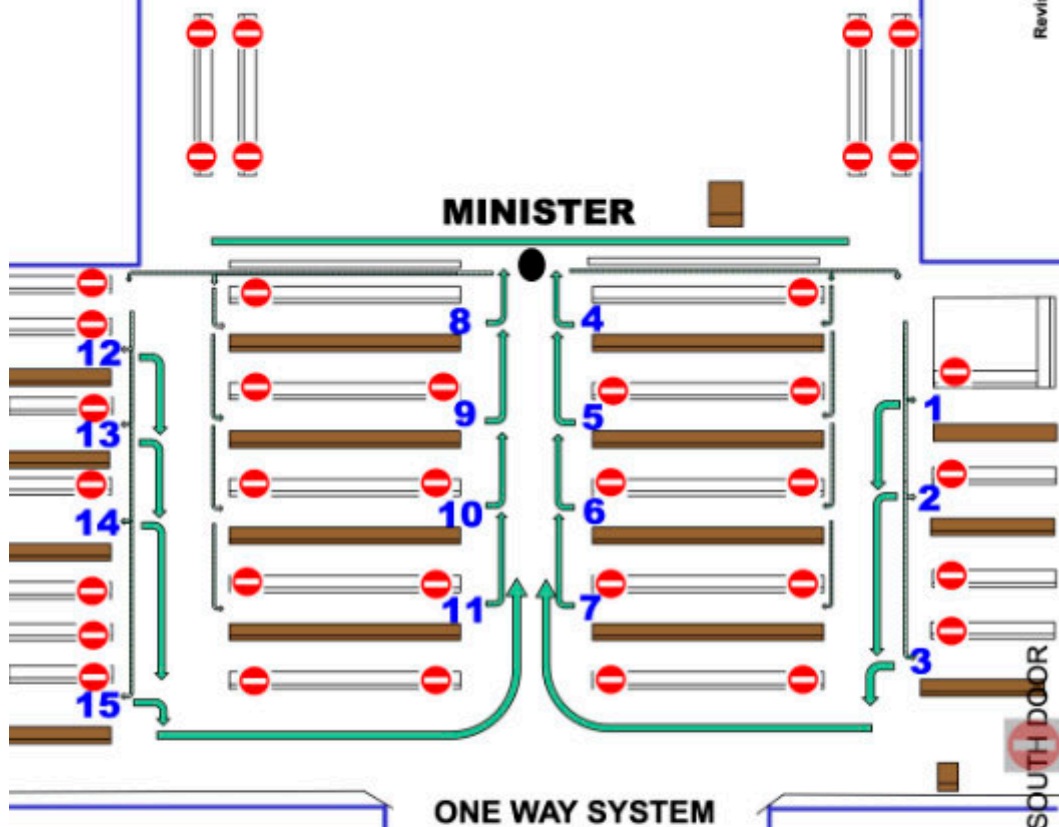
**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen**

**NO
ENTRY
START ONLY**

ALTAR

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MINISTER



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

**HOLY
COMMUNION**

Route TO take
Communion

Route BACK to
your pew/seat

SOUTH DOOR

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 and other religious minorities, 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

Let's pray together ...

- For an openness to the gospel in our nation.
- For joyful courage as we live out the good news of Jesus..
- For those who are sick especially Maureen Ryder
- For the family and friends of Brenda Lee and all those who have lost loved ones.

ST MARY'S FESTIVAL: THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to St Mary's Festival and those who came and invited others - we had a wonderful weekend. We raised a total of £3,279.10 for our Fabric Fund and £205 for Give & Share.

Put it in your diary!

Don't miss out in 2022: St Mary's Festival will be on Sat 11 and Sun 12 September next year.

WHAT IS LIFE WITHOUT MY LOVE?

Ian Jennings is offering a bereavement group this autumn, starting on Friday, October 15th, at 4pm (St Mark's).

He would love to tell you more! You can also find out more and sign up at www.denhamparish.church/bereavement (or call our church office).

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).

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.

OBERAMMERGAU 2022

Our Amersham Deanery Pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play, which was planned for 2020, has been rescheduled for 2022. Due to the postponement, we have had some cancellations and places are available.

Download a brochure:

www.denhamparish.church/oberammergau

HARVEST GIFTS for Sunday 3rd Oct

Supermarket vouchers are a great alternative to food gifts and can bless people in need. We will deliver them to people in our parish and to foodbanks / Citizens Advice in our area.

Our **service offering will support Trinity/SHOC** - one of our mission partners, who support homeless people in our area. You will also be able to make a donation by credit card / contactless.