

Service Sheet

10th October 2021, 10.30am St Mary's

19th Sunday after Trinity

THE COURAGE TO BE VULNERABLE

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

(Based on 2 Corinthians 12.9)

*Your grace is sufficient for us,
for your power is made perfect
in weakness.*

HYMN

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Til thy mercy's beams I see,
Til they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day

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.**

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**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 139. 1-14

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You

hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Mat. 26. 36-40

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.'

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

The arm of flesh will fail you but God never fails.

Jesus, feeling the weight of impending cruel death turned to his inner circle of friends at his most vulnerable moment . But his friends who had explicitly declared readiness to share his fate failed him. Jesus was able to accept the will of His father, embraced vulnerability in order to unite us with the vulnerable. He was completely open and vulnerable to His Father. We are also being charged to come to Him with our vulnerabilities for in Him we will find the needed security to face our fears and reach out to the vulnerable.

HYMN

From heaven you came helpless babe
Enter'd our world Your Glory veil'd
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

This is our God, the Servant King -
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet "Not my will but Yours", He said

Come see His hand and His feet -
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For Christ we're serving

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 you 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)

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

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; 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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THE WELL

Worship | Pray | Listen

Join us tomorrow, Mon 11 Oct, at 8.00pm at St Mark's Church Hall.

Once a month we set aside time to let God speak to us and to bring our needs and the needs of the world to him. No need to sign up.

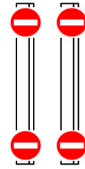
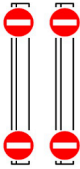
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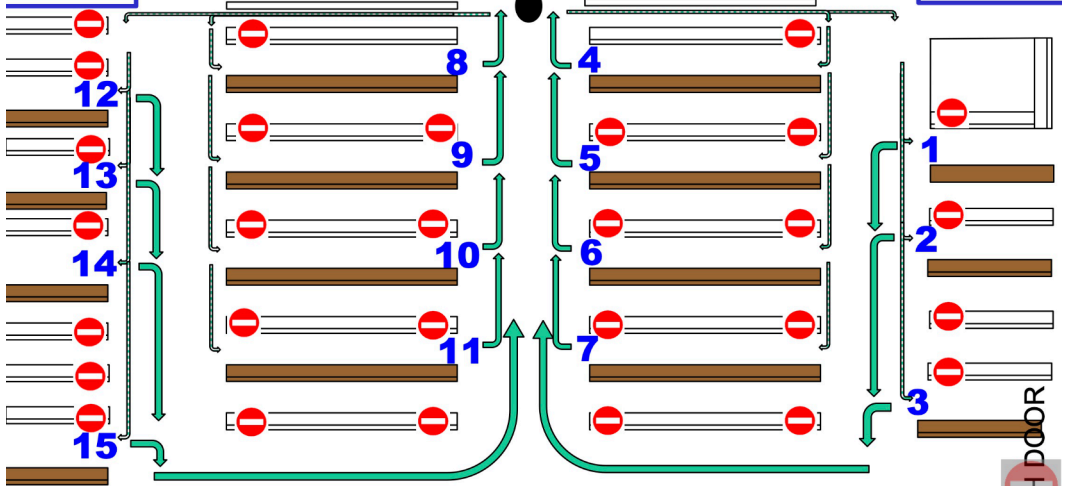
**NO
ENTRY
STAFF ONLY**

ALTAR

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MINISTER




SOUTH DOOR


**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 seat and consume your bread there. Thank you

 Route TO take Communion

 Route BACK to your pew/seat

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: THANK YOU!

Thank you for all your gifts last Sunday! Nnamdi has delivered our food gifts to the foodbank in New Denham (see photo below).

You have given £200 to our mission partner SHOC/Trinity supporting homeless people in our area.

We have also received a total of £250 in vouchers for supermarkets, which will support local people and families through direct gifts and through Give & Share.



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

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 the vulnerable and the sick.
- For the families and friends of Brenda Lee, Maureen Ryder, Wendy Hoare, Jennifer Graham and all those who have lost loved ones.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

FROM NEXT SUNDAY, 17 OCT:

9.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's

This service will last about 45-55 minutes and be reflective and quiet in style. There is no need to sign up for it. This service will not be streamed online.

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).



WHAT IS LIFE WITHOUT MY LOVE?

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

Please pick up a leaflet with more information!

You can also find out more and sign up at www.denhamparish.church/bereavement (or call our church office).

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.