



Service Sheet

24th October 2021, 10.30am St Mary's

The Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday
THE COURAGE TO OBEY

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 *(from Luke 21.33)*
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but your words, Lord Jesus, will
never pass away.

HYMN

Thou, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring,
On thy redeeming wing,
Healing and sight;
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious trinity,
Wisdom, love, might;
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light!

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

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in
change and uncertainty, that trusting
in your word and obeying your will we
may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

SONG

(Children leave for Sunday Club after song)

Father God I wonder
how I managed to exist
Without the knowledge
of Your parenthood
And Your loving care
But now I am Your child
I am adopted in Your family
And I can never be alone
'Cause Father God
You're there beside me

*I will sing Your praises
I will sing Your praises
I will sing Your praises
forevermore*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Exodus 1. 15-21

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew
midwives, one of whom was named
Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When
you act as midwives to the Hebrew
women, and see them on the
birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it
is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives
feared God; they did not do as the king
of Egypt commanded them, but they
let the boys live. So the king of Egypt
summoned the midwives and said to
them, 'Why have you done this, and
allowed the boys to live?' The
midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because
the Hebrew women are not like the
Egyptian women; for they are vigorous
and give birth before the midwife
comes to them.' So God dealt well with
the midwives; and the people
multiplied and became very strong.
And because the midwives feared
God, he gave them families.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 3. 20-21, 31-35

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Courage to obey - does obedience require courage? We may feel that it is more about compliance. However obedience to God sometimes puts us into conflict societies norms and that needs courage.

The midwives, Shifra and Puah in Exodus chapter 1, demonstrated great courage in the face for the kings command. They knew that obedience to God was the highest priority. It is for us too and may well, at times, test our courage to the limit.

HYMN

King of kings, majesty
God of heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at your throne

*Your majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before you now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty*

Earth and heaven worship you
Love eternal, faithful and true
Who bought the nations,
ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near
to your throne;
All within me cries out in praise.

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.

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

May the mind of Christ, my Saviour,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that I may triumph only
in his saving pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me,
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only Him.

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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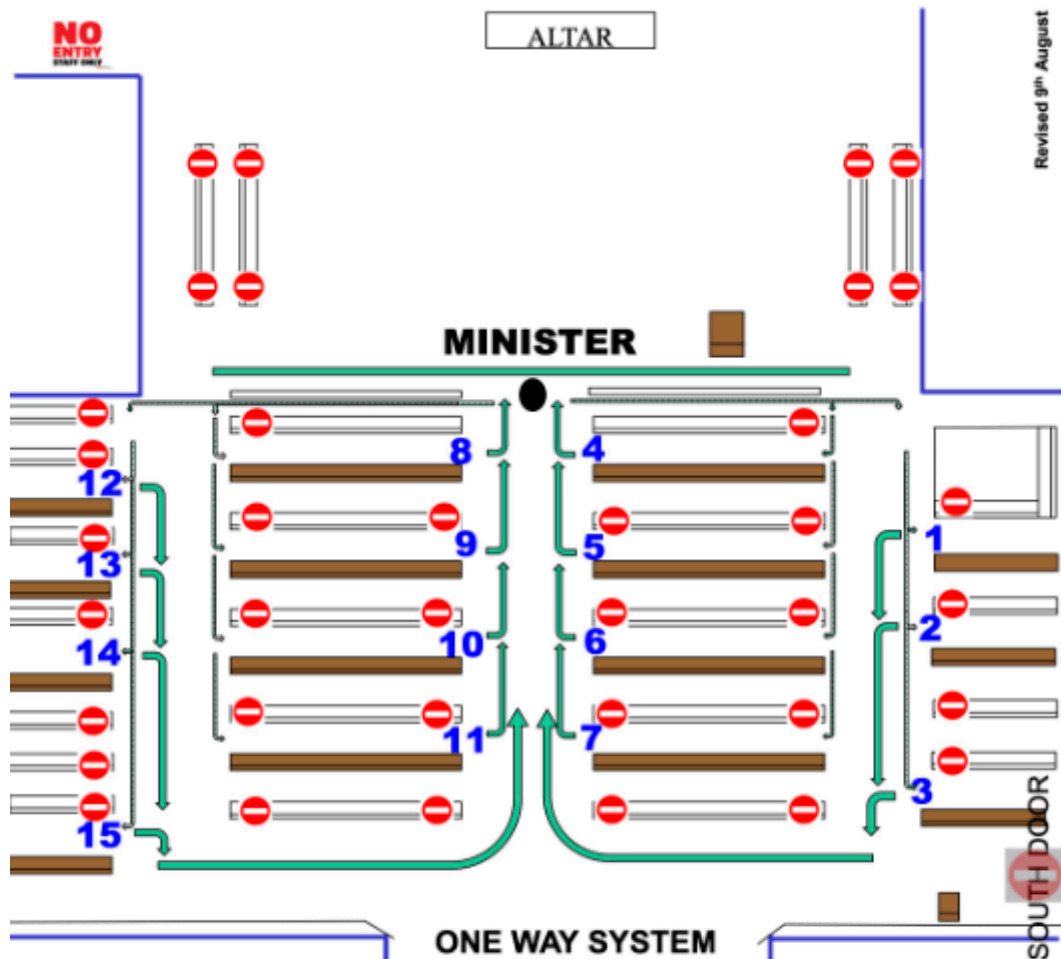
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go!**

There are many ways to use your gifts at Denham Parish Church. Have you considered helping with the following groups and ministries? Talk to the people in brackets to find out more!


- Sunday Club for children
[Edda Lindner]
- Little Lions Toddler Group
[Kathy Paine]
- Destiny
(older children and teenagers)
[Jane Brown]
- Choir
[Louise Hardy]
- Seniors
[Ian Jennings]
- Bellringing
[Andrew Simpson]
- Coffee after church
[Jenny Browne]
- Office help
[Victoria Lucas]
- Camera operators
[Christoph Lindner]
- Distributing Denham Parish News
[Cathy Macqueen]
- Packing boxes for Give and Share
[Craig Alexander and Caroline Goodwin]


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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

Doxecology COP26 Tour

An evening of worship and prayer on themes of creation, ecology and Christian hope in partnership with A Rocha UK.

**Wed 3 Nov, 7.30pm,
St James Muswell Hill**

More information and tickets:

[www.resoundworship.org/
doxecology](http://www.resoundworship.org/doxecology)



Denham Manor: Make a Poppy!

“It is 100 years of the Poppy this year and to mark this occasion we (here at Denham Manor) as going to make a collage of 100 poppies (in the shape of a poppy). Each of the 100 poppies will be made and designed by individuals from around the community as well as ourselves. Therefore, we are asking for your help in this initiative.”

Vikki Morris, Activities Manager

Drop your poppy off at the church office and we will take them all to Denham Manor!



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 Maureen Ryder, Wendy Hoare, Jennifer Graham, Irene Clarke, Robert Dell, Maurice Parfitt and all those who have lost loved ones.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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).

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

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.