

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power
of human telling;
Nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

BLESSING

The God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing; and the
blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among
you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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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

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 Jennifer Graham, Robert Dell, Maurice Parfitt and Irene Clarke and all those who have lost loved ones

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's

A shorter service (about 45-55 minutes),
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)

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

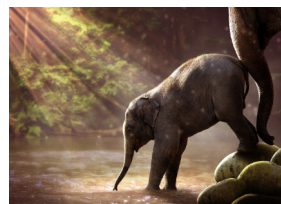
**Drop your poppy off at the
church office and we will take
them all to Denham Manor!**



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.



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).

Christoph Lindner, Rector

WELCOME

OPENING PSALM (From Psalm 126)

*When the LORD restored the fortunes of
Zion, we were like those who dream.*

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy**

*Then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."*

**The LORD has done great things for
us, and we rejoiced.**

HYMN

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next

Service Sheet

31st October 2021, 10.30am, St Mary's
4th Sunday before Advent
The Courage to Dream

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heaven adore
For thus it was is now
And shall be evermore

CONFESSION

**Lord our God, in our sin we have
avoided your call. Our love for you is
like a morning cloud, like the dew that
goes away early. Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your
sins, heal and strengthen you by his
Spirit, and raise you to new life in
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

God of glory, touch our lips with the
fire of your Spirit, that we with all
creation may rejoice to sing your
praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF MARY BIRKBY

God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We thank you for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life.

We thank you that we are known to you by name and loved by you from all eternity.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, who has opened to us the way of love. We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

May Mary learn to love all that is true, grow in wisdom and strength and, in due time, come through faith and baptism to the fullness of your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Will you do all that you can to help and support this family?
With the help of God, we will

SONG

If I have a little
Or if I have a lot
I can be happy
With whatever I've got
I can face all kinds of things
With the power my Jesus brings

I-I-I-I I can do all things
'Cause Jesus gives strength,
No-o-o-o-o matter what life brings
I can do all things
(REPEAT)

Whenever I'm in trouble
And I can see no end
God can see my trouble
And He wants to be my friend
I can face all kinds of things
With the power my Jesus brings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Genesis 37. 5-11

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, 'Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.' His brothers said to him, 'Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?' So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, 'Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.' But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, 'What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?' So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 3.14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts

through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Joseph demonstrated the power of dreams, able to dream dreams, interpret the dream of others and use it to solve problems. Dreams can tell what is to come and beyond. When God sends us a dream it can also express the future that is coming. Dreams can come to warn us, prepare us or encourage us. The key thing we must do is to pray about the dream and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as we search out the interpretation. We must approach it with God's Word, wisdom, accountability and prayer.

SONG

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

*You are good good oh
You are good good oh*

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

PRAYERS

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.