

Go forth and tell O Church of God arise  
Go in the strength  
which Christ your Lord supplies  
Go till all nations His great name adore  
And serve Him Lord and King for evermore

## 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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## Denham Manor: Make a Poppy!

"It is 100 years of the Poppy this year and to mark this occasion Denham Manor are going to make a collage of 100 poppies made and designed by individuals from around the community as well as ourselves. Help them by making one, too!

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

## Remembrance Sunday Service: Next Sunday, 10.45am

There will be a Sunday Club for children. Please drop your child off in the vestry before the service starts.



### Let's pray together ...

- For joyful courage as we live out the good news of Jesus..
- For care of God's creation and our efforts to combat the effects of climate change
- For the vulnerable and the sick.
- For the families and friends of Robert Dell, Maurice Parfitt and Irene Clarke and all those who have lost loved ones

## This afternoon, 2.30-4.30pm Remembering Loved Ones

*An afternoon of quiet reflection  
at St Mary's Church*

- Spend time in quiet reflection
- Light a candle
- Share a memory

## BOOK LAUNCH: "Cushty - A Romany Life" Sat 13 Nov, 3pm, St Mary's

Joe Smith is a local resident and member of St Mary's Church. In his new book he tells the story of the ups and downs of his life. As a boy he showed promise as a golfer, but then became involved in boxing, bare-knuckle fighting and eventually crime.

Today Joe is a businessman, author, family man and Christian. He will speak frankly about his life experiences and what he has learned. This event is suitable for anyone aged 12 or older.

Tickets are free. Please spread the word and sign up as we are still limiting numbers to keep everyone safe. Go to

**[www.denhamparish.church/  
booklaunch](http://www.denhamparish.church/booklaunch)**

## 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](http://www.denhamparish.church)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/denhamparish.church](https://facebook.com/denhamparish.church)).

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAISE (from Psalm 145)

*I will exalt you, my God the King;*

**I will praise your name for ever and ever.**

*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*

**his greatness no one can fathom.**

*One generation commends your works to another;*

**they tell of your mighty acts.**

*They celebrate your abundant goodness*

**and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

## HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My dear Redeemer's praise (2)

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of his grace! (3)

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,

That bids our sorrows cease (2)

'tis music in the sinner's ears,

'tis life and health and peace. (3)

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb

Your loosened tongues employ (2)

Ye blind, behold your Saviour come

And leap, ye lame, for joy! (3)

My gracious Master and my God,

Assist me to proclaim (2)

And spread through all the earth abroad

The honours of thy name. (3)

# Service Sheet

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 10.30am, St Mary's**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**  
**The Courage to Witness**

## 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, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## SONG

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth  
with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

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*This is amazing grace. this is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace...*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King  
who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Children leave for Sunday Club)*

### **FIRST READING: Daniel 6. 3-7, 10-16**

Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. So the presidents and the satraps tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. The men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'

So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions.'

Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.'

Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!'

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 8-9, 13-18**

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

*One of the great joys of being a Christian is realising that God chooses to work through us, wherever we are. Some of us may feel that we don't have the tools to be witnesses for Jesus in our daily lives. London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) have developed a framework to help us. Which of the following 6Ms are you good at? Which can you grow in? "Lord, give us your courage."  
**Model** godly character | **Make** good work | **Minister** grace and love | **Mould** culture | **Mouthpiece** for truth and justice | **Messenger** of the gospel.*

## **CHOIR - Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

## **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.**

*(Children return from Sunday Club)*

## **SONG**

I am a city on a hill. I am a light in the darkness  
Jesus living in me can change the world  
(x2)

*Let my light shine let my light shine  
Let my light shine  
(x2)*

*If God is for me who can stand against me  
Let my light shine, let my light shine  
Let my light shine  
(x2)*

We are a city on a hill  
We are a light in the darkness  
Jesus living in us can change the world  
(x2)

## **HYMN**

Go forth and tell O Church of God awake  
God's saving news to all the nations take  
Proclaim Christ Jesus Saviour Lord and King  
That all the world His worthy praise may sing

Go forth and tell God's love embraces all  
He will in grace respond to all who call  
How shall they call if they have never heard  
The gracious invitation of His word

Go forth and tell the doors are open wide  
Share God's good gifts let no one be denied  
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose  
Your ransomed powers for His sole glory use