

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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Alpha

ALPHA STARTS ON THUR 3 FEB

Who could you invite to explore life, faith and meaning this year? Find out more and sign up through our church office or at www.denhamparish.church/alpha

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Appeal. You have given a total of £940 which we have rounded up to £1,000, allocating £500 each to SHOC / Trinity and Give & Share

BRF IS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Our mission partner BRF was started 100 years ago. *Songs of Praise* will mark this milestone on 23 January. Find out more: about centenary plans and resources:

www.brf.org.uk/centenary/

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.

email: office@denhamparish.church

phone: 01895 832771

READ THE BIBLE IN 2022

Find ideas and suggestion to establish a regular pattern of Bible reading, including a brand-new book from our mission partner BRF:

www.denhamparish.church/bible/



ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will print high quality Christmas cards of the nativity stained-glass window at St Mary's this year. Interested? [Contact Edda.](#)

1952 - WHAT A YEAR!

For our next magazine we are inviting you to share your memories of 1952. They could be personal or connected with what happened in the world. What is your stand-out memory? Send your contribution to the church office or email magazine@denhamparish.church by Sunday 23 January.

Let's pray together ...

- For joyful courage as we live out the good news of Jesus in our daily lives.
- For those who live under oppressive regimes or suffer the consequences of natural disasters.
- For our health service, the vulnerable and the sick.
- For the families and friends of Gerald Hollands, Frank Marchant, Enette Reid and all those who have lost loved ones.



Service Sheet

16th January 2022, 10.30am St Mary's
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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). *Christoph Lindner, Rector*

WELCOME

OPENING PSALM. Psalm 36. 7-9
How precious is your steadfast love,
O God! All people may take refuge in
the shadow of your wings. They feast on
the abundance of your house, and you
give them drink from the river of your
delights. For with you is the fountain of
life; in your light we see light. Amen

HYMN

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above;
Join with all nature
in manifold witness,
to Thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today,
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside.

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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your
glory, hidden through past ages and
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord..
Amen

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SONG

Same, same, strong, strong, one, one (x3)

*New day, new life, a new adventure
God, I want to run with you today
New hope, new strength, a new adventure
Jesus, I will live for you today.*

You were the same God,
when my granny was a baby
You're the same God,
who is with me today
You'll be the same God,
when I'm terribly old
The same, same, strong, strong, one,
one, wonderful God!

You were the same God,
when you were a tiny baby
And the same God,
when you suffered and died
But you're alive now,
and your Spirit lives within me
The same, same, strong, strong, one,
one, wonderful God!

You are the same God
when I mess up, disappoint you
And you love me, you forgive me again
You know my future,
you know everything about me
The same, same, strong, strong, one,
one, wonderful God!

(Children leave for Sunday Club now)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and

your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the reward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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SERMON

Jesus was on a mission to save the world, the greatest mission in the history of mankind. Yet he took time to attend a wedding and take part in its festivities. Such social occasions are part of our mission if can discover the mission opportunities therein. Jesus valued such festivities because it involved people and Jesus came to be with people. Our mission can be accomplished in joyous times of celebration with others as well as in their times of pain and difficulty. We bring balance to our lives by bringing Jesus into times of pleasure as well as times of work. Jesus was invited and he came, when we invite him, he comes into our heart.

HYMN

To God be the Glory!
Great things he hath done;
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son;
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory;
Great things he hath done.*

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us,
Great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.

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

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

*Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God*

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
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