



Service Sheet

23rd January 2022, 10.30am St Mary's
The Third 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) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church).

WELCOME

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, radiancy 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.

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.**

STAY SAFE • STAY CONNECTED • STAY HOPEFUL

COLLECT

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SONG

Jesus lead us to the Father
by Your Spirit
Help us draw near

As we come with awe and gladness
Help us draw near

Alleluia alleluia
Help us draw near

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4. 14-21

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the

surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The **Spirit** of the Lord is upon me, because he has **anointed** me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

"The year of the Lord's favour" in today's reading is a reference to the Old Testament institution of the Jubilee: Every 50 years the soil was to rest, property sold due to poverty returned, and Israelites sold as slaves due to poverty, freed. It was like a 'reset' button to restore God's original purpose in creation. However, no reference to the celebration of this festival can be found in Scripture. It is quite likely that it was never observed. In Luke 4 Jesus is saying: "Now is the time of fulfilment. I have come to put the world to rights." As followers of Jesus we are called "the body of Christ", his presence in the world. How can we be part of Isaiah's vision today?

HYMN

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name

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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

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.

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

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
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
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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

FRANK FLETCHER

We recently learned that Frank Fletcher died last year. He was part of the ministry team here in Denham as a Church Army evangelist for many years from 1977 and a great blessing to many. He passed away in September. We thank God for his life and ministry! Please pray for his wife and family at this time.



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

LiFT NIGERIA: THANK YOU

We have received a thank you letter from Peter Okparaji, the director of LiFT and the orphanage home that we have helped to build. Please find his letter and a couple of videos from the home at www.denhamparish.church/lift

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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 30 January.

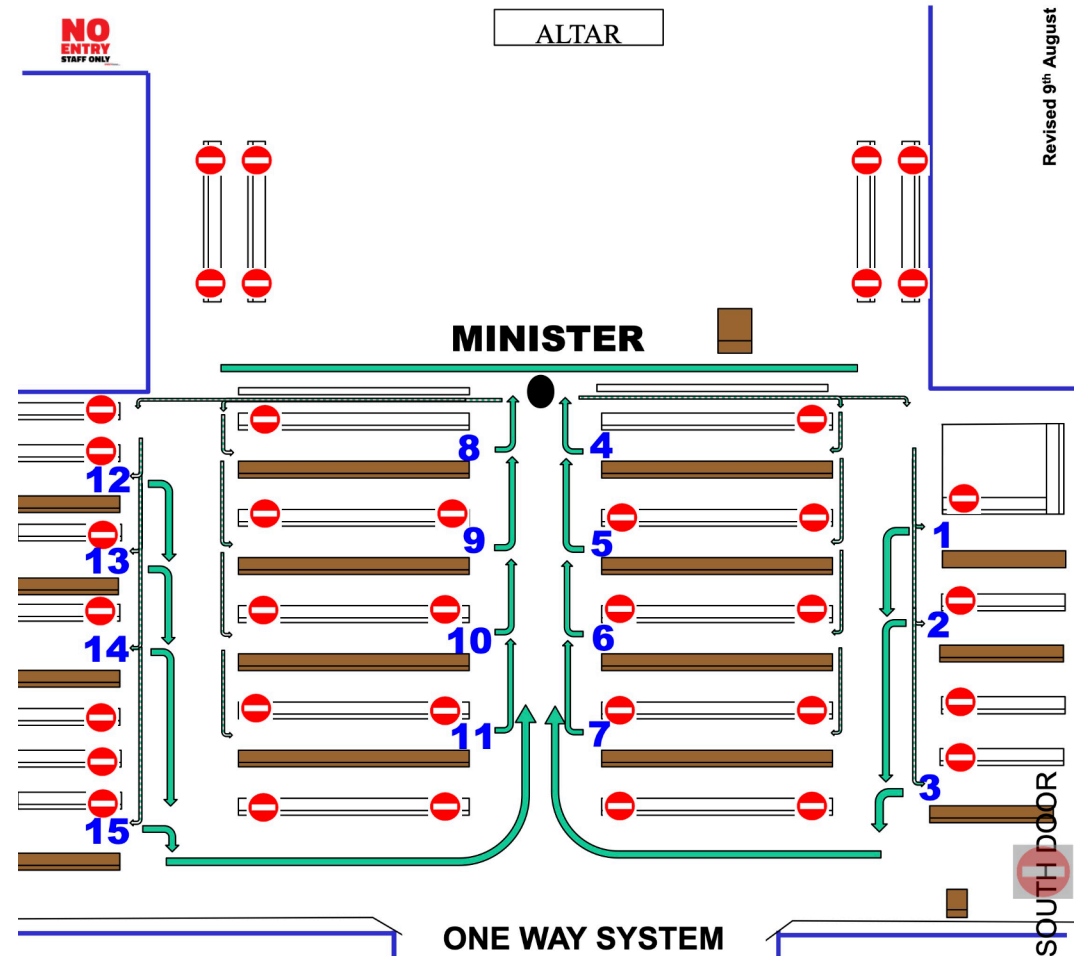
ONLINE DONATIONS



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.

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 Frank Marchant, Enette Reid, Rosemary Temple, and all those who have lost loved ones.



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 eat and consume your bread there. Thank you

Route TO take Communion

Route BACK to your pew/seat



What do you think?

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