

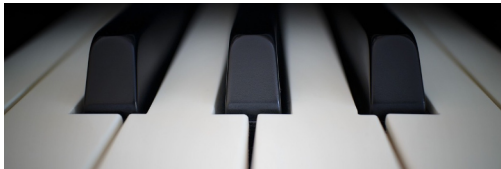
BLESSING

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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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 Dot Hone, Frank Marchant, Enette Reid and all those who have lost loved ones.



OUR NEW CHURCH PIANO

Have you spotted our new "Clavinova" digital piano? We were able to buy it just before Christmas with a generous donation. Thank you, Suzanne and Lee Hearnden-Smith.

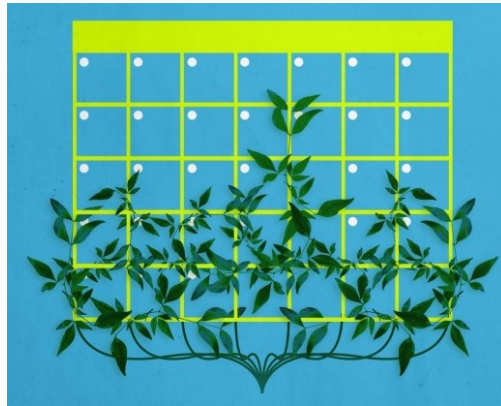
Our 'old' (but still very capable) digital piano has moved to St Mark's Hall where it was first used for Carols at Café Church.

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DIARY DATE: Church Army, Sun 20 Feb

On Sunday, 20 February, we will welcome Michael Cooper from The Church Army as our guest speaker. Church Army is one of our long-standing mission partners. Here is what they are about: "We strive to help those most in need. Through partnership and collaboration, we aspire to empower lives and nurture a sense of belonging in communities across the UK and Ireland."



HEALTHY HABITS: THE COMMON RULE

Next Sunday (13 Feb) we will start a series of talks on shaping healthy daily and weekly habits and on doing it together. The talks are based on the book by Justin Earley. Healthy habits are like a trellis that helps a plant grow in a healthy way. You are invited to try some or all of these habits during the season of Lent.

Get a sneak preview here:
www.thecommonrule.org/



Service Sheet

**6th February 2022, 10.30am St Mary's
The Fourth Sunday Before Lent**

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

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

*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

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

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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SONG

Be strong and courageous

Do not be afraid
Don't be discouraged
For the Lord your God will be with you
Oh be strong and courageous
Do not be afraid
Don't be discouraged
For the Lord your God will be with you
Wherever you go
Wherever you go
When troubles come
The Lord your God is with you
He will always be there by your side
He is strong
when you feel small and frightened
You will never, ever be alone

(Children leave for Sunday Club now)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Luke 4. 38-44

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also;

for I was sent for this purpose.' So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Acts 10.34-38

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus was not seeking a headline but was reaching out to a woman in need; her response was to return to her ordinary, humble tasks. I pray that I may go about my day noticing the marvels of God's work, the wonders of creation - in and around me - and grow in quiet gratitude.

Health is such a priceless gift, Lord. When I am well may I use this gift in the service of others. Lord, today I bring to you the many people who are sick in mind, body or spirit. Lay your healing hands upon them and renew their spirits.

HYMN

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!"
to God all in all.

PRAYERS

COLLECT for the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne

Almighty God,
the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady,
Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness
and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and
people; through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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)

HYMN

And can it be that I should gain
an in'trest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown,
through Christ my own.