



Service Sheet

27th February 2022, 10.30am St Mary's
The Sunday next 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) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church).

WELCOME

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!

To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SONG

First thing in the morning,
I yawn and wake up slowly
As I jump out of bed
let there be one thing on my mind
Today's another day
when we can run together
Side by side together
we will cross the finish line

*I'm gonna run run run
I'm gonna run run run
I'm gonna run run run
All the way with You*

Some days it's easy
to do the things You tell me
Other days it's hard to choose
the way I know is right
When I feel like giving up
You're there to keep me going on
And once we cross the finish line
I know I'll win the prize

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

FIRST READING: Mark 1. 35-37

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6. 5-10

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

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.**

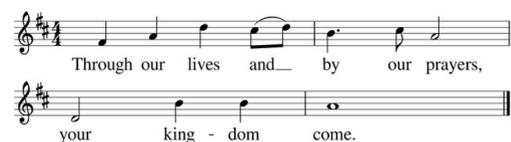
**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**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.*

HYMN

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to him in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus know our ev'ry weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word, through whom you
have created all things; who was sent
by you in your great goodness to be
our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: 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

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

your hands at your sides as you come forward. Please walk back to your pew after you receive the wafer and consume it there.

HYMN

(during communion)

Before You I kneel my Master and Maker
To offer the work of my hands
For this is the day
You've given Your servant
I will rejoice and be glad
For the strength I have to live and breathe
For each skill Your grace has given me
For the needs and opportunities
That will glorify Your great name

Before You I kneel
and ask for Your goodness
To cover the work of my hands
For patience and peace
to shape all my labor
Your grace for thorns in my path
Flow within me like a living stream
Wear away the stones of pride and greed
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me
And a harvest of life is grown

Before You we kneel our Master and Maker
Establish the work of our hands
And order our steps
to seek first Your kingdom
In every small and great task
May we live the gospel of Your grace
Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days
Then our lives will bring eternal praise
And all glory to Your great name
And all glory to Your great name

**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.**

SONG

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm

What heights of love,
what depths of peace
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh
Fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on him was laid:
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

THE BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

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THE HAVEN: A Bereavement Drop-In

A place of safety, welcome and hope renewed.

This monthly get-together is a safe space for all who are living through pain of bereavement and the heartache of loss. It is facilitated by Rev Ian Jennings, Associate Minister of St Mary's, and author of *By a Departing Light* and *What is Life without my Love?* Do join us monthly in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere over a cup of tea or coffee and light refreshments.

St Marks Hall, Denham Green

Friday March 18th 4pm

Friday April 22nd 4pm

Friday May 20th 4pm

Friday June 20th 4pm

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.

Weekly Diary

Weds 2nd, 10am

Ash Wednesday Service (BCP), St Mary's

Weds 2nd, 9.30 and 11am -

Little Lions toddler group at St Mark's

Thurs 3rd, 7pm - Alpha at The Rectory

NO MAY FAYRE THIS YEAR

There will be no late May Bank Holiday this year, due to the extended Platinum Jubilee weekend.

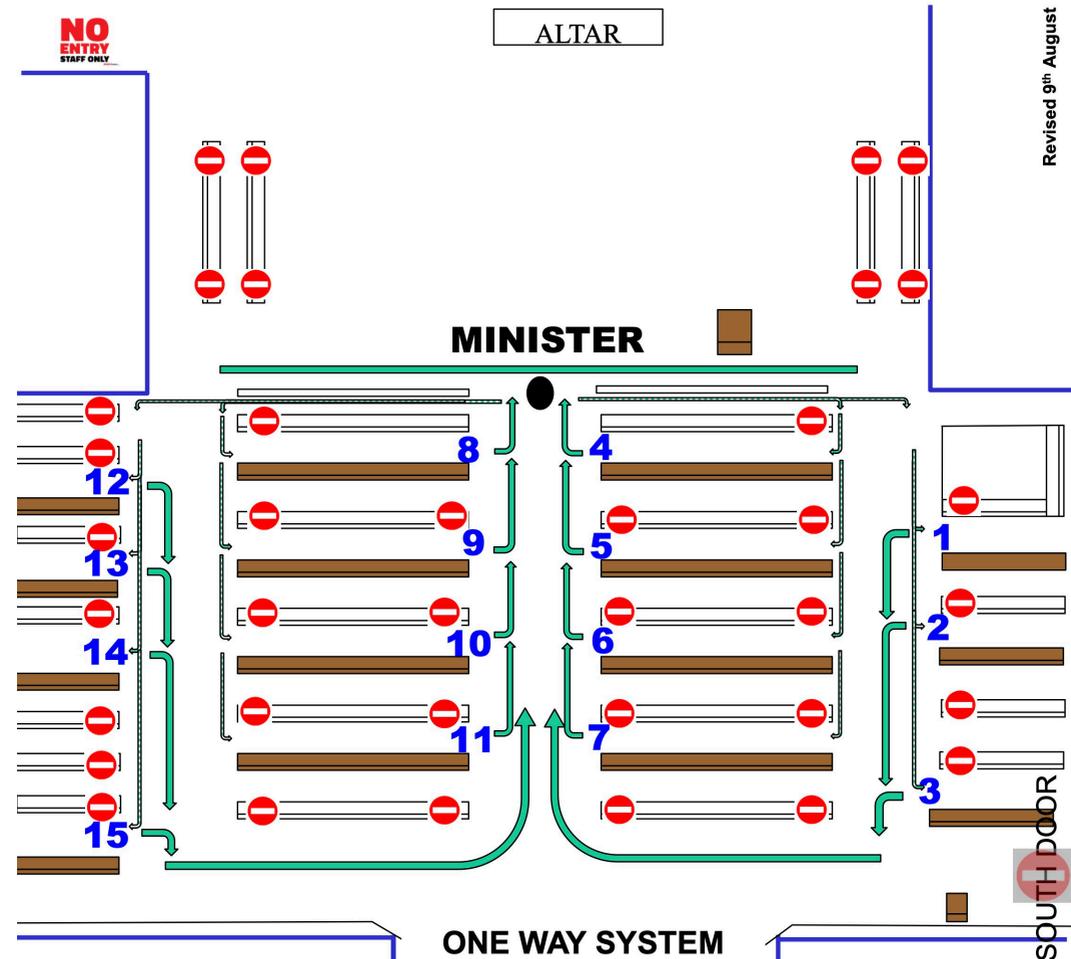
Therefore there will be no Denham Village Fayre. We are making plans to take part in the national celebrations. As plans emerge, you will find the latest update here: www.denhamparish.church/jubilee



Have you seen the vast array of snowdrops in the churchyard? Go and have a look, they will brighten up your day.

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 those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit.
- For peace in war-torn countries and those threatened by war.
- For the families and friends of Dot Hone and all those who have lost loved ones.

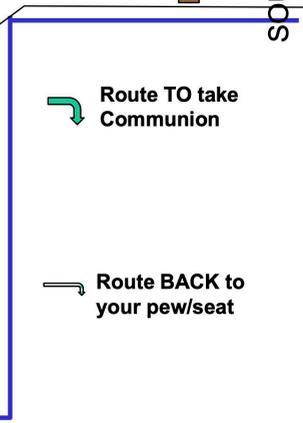


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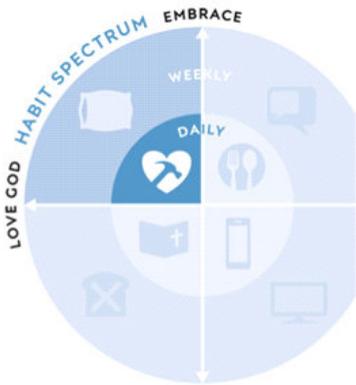
SOUTH DOOR

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 seat and consume your bread there. Thank you



DAILY HABIT 1: KNEELING PRAYER AT MORNING, MIDDAY, AND BEDTIME



Habit at a Glance

The world is made of words. Even small, repeated words have power. Regular, carefully placed prayer is one of the keystone habits of spiritual formation, and is the beginning of building the trellis of habit. By framing our day in the words of prayer, we frame the day in love.

Three Ways to Start

Written prayers. You may want to begin by having a morning, midday, and evening prayer. Here are three you might use:

Morning. Holy Spirit, I was made for your presence. May this day be one I spend with you in all that I do. Amen.

Midday. Lord Jesus, I was made to join your work in the world. Please order the rest of my day in love for the people you have given me to serve. Amen.

Bedtime. Heavenly Father, I was made to rest in your love. May my body rest in sleep, and may my mind rest in your love. Amen.

Alarms and reminders. Use alarms and calendar reminders if you're having trouble beginning the rhythm. Set a daily alarm for 1pm to remind you to stop and pray.

Praying with the body. Kneeling is a great way to mark the moment with physicality and humility. If kneeling is physically challenging or you are in public, try gently turning up your palms, setting them on your knees, or walking to a window.

Three Considerations

Communal prayers. This habit often turns into a communal one. Can you briefly pray with someone at work? Pray together with your spouse, family member or friend at the end of the day (this could be on the phone)? Some parents use the midday or evening prayer as a chance to pray with their children. Habitual, physical prayers are a great way to teach children the rhythms of constant prayer.

Variations. Because the habit of rhythmic prayer frames the day, consider adapting one point for a different time in your day. Morning commuters might place their morning prayer before starting the car or while driving. Consider praying just before going into your workplace or back into your home, as a way to transition your mind and heart.

Embracing repetition. Just because prayers are repetitive doesn't mean they're meaningless. Quite the opposite. Often these prayers form us over time because of their constant presence. Absolutely intermix spontaneous Spirit-led prayers into your day, but building the trellis of repetitive prayer is the way to encourage more prayers to grow.

Say your prayers until your prayers say you.