



Service Sheet

24th April 2022, 10.30am St Mary's
The Second Sunday of Easter

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

GATHERING PRAYER

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

However we come,
in excitement or tears,
you meet us all and bring us joy.
Lift our spirits, risen Saviour,
help us hear you speak our name.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

HYMN

Sing to God new songs of worship,
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm:
he has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving pow'r;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship,
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness:
sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship,
let the sea now make a noise;
all the earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord:
let the hills be joyful together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

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.

EMOJI RESPONSES

Happy, sad or somewhere in between?

STAY SAFE • STAY CONNECTED • STAY HOPEFUL

CONFESSION

Jesus, you were filled with joy in the Holy Spirit, you delighted in the company of laughing children, you told funny stories and enjoyed happy times with friends.

Forgive us when we confuse holiness with being humourless.

Sometimes we take ourselves too seriously. We can miss out on childlike joy and wide-eyed wonder in this world you've made.

Help us to live lightly in your resurrection power, filled with the joy of our salvation.

Help us to be grateful for what we have and content whatever our circumstances, and to be bringers of your good, happy news to the world.

Help us to rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn. 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.**

COLLECT

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

SONG

Give me joy in my heart,
keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart,
keep me praising,
keep me praising til the end of day.

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving,
keep me serving til the end of day.

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 20. 1-18

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

This joyful Eastertide

away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.

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.**

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:

**All: 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.

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:

All: 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.*

**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
Fullness 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!

SENDING PRAYER

God sends you out to be his
 resurrection people!
 Jesus who was dead, is now alive.
He turned our grief into joy.

Jesus wept, and Jesus laughed.
We weep with him and laugh with him.

God sends us out to weep with those who
 mourn and rejoice with those who rejoice.
We go out into a needy world.
 God, send us out to be your
 resurrection people!

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

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APCM: SUNDAY 8 MAY

NO 9am service

**10.30am Our Annual Meeting will be
 part of our morning service.**

Please join us at St Mary's if you can.
 (Livestream on Zoom will be available).
 We will aim to finish by 12.15.

email: office@denhamparish.church

Weekly Diary

Mon 25th, 10.30am Holy Communion

Denham Garden Village

Weds 27th Little Lions toddler group

Contact Edda: eddalindner18@gmail.com

Pathways

The latest issue of Pathways, the magazine
 for the people of the Diocese of Oxford,
 can be picked up at the back of church.

PLATINUM JUBILEE AT ST MARY'S

Our plans are taking shape! Please take a
 look at www.denhamparish.church/jubilee
 and make sure you keep the evening of
 Thur 2 June free in your diary.

UKRAINE: HOW CAN WE HELP?

PRAY denhamparish.church/praying-for-peace

DONATE: www.dec.org.uk

To donate essential supplies, call our
 church office for details.

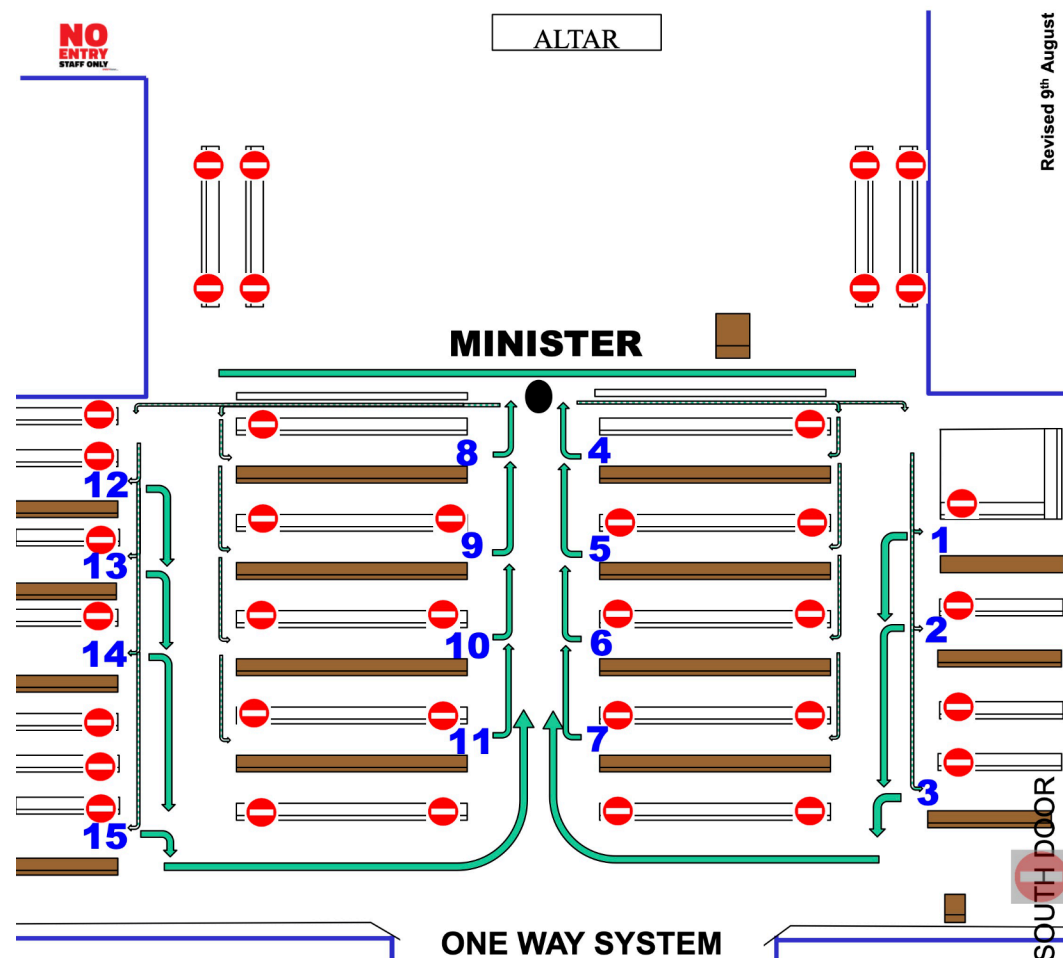
WELCOME sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk

A service of thanksgiving for the life of
JONATHAN GOVAN will be held on
 Saturday, 7th May, at 12 noon. All
 welcome.

MARION FRANCIS will be celebrating
 her 90th birthday on Sat 9 July, 2–4.30pm
 and you are invited! Please make a note in
 your diary. There will be a sign-up sheet in
 church.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of
SUE FLETCHER will be held on
 Wednesday, 6th July, at 2pm. All welcome
Let's pray together ...

- For everyone affected by the war in Ukraine and those working for peace. For generosity in welcoming refugees.
- For the families and friends of all those who have lost loved ones.



ONE WAY SYSTEM

Starting with pew 1,
 follow the bolder
 arrows to the front.

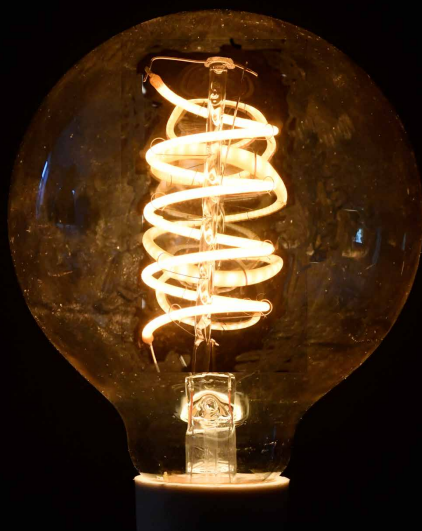
Once you have
 received the bread,
 please follow the
 circular route
 back through the empty
 1st pew) to your seat
 and consume your bread
 there. Thank you

Route TO take
 Communion

Route BACK to
 your pew/seat

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Amersham Deanery Celebration
Thursday 5th May

With the



Bishop of Oxford Steven Croft
7 pm to 9 pm St Mary's Church, Chesham

You are warmly invited to come and be inspired,
and to celebrate what God is doing in our Deanery

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Food. Fellowship. Sharing our Visions Area

7:30 pm Time of Worship and Address by Bishop Steven

8 to 9 pm. Open time of Questions and Answers.

Free Parking in Water Meadow Car Park HP5 1LF from 6 pm