



# Service Sheet

1<sup>st</sup> May 2022, 10.30am St Mary's  
Third Sunday of Easter

## RESURRECTION PEOPLE: RAISING

**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](http://www.denhamparish.church)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/denhamparish.church](https://facebook.com/denhamparish.church)).

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

### WELCOME

#### GATHERING PRAYER

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed, hallelujah!**

Lord we can't see you, yet we believe in you, meet us in our unbelief. Help us bring our questions, risen Saviour, that we may know you as our Lord and our God.

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**He is risen indeed, hallelujah!**

#### HYMN

**Jesus, where'er thy people meet,**  
there they behold thy mercy seat;  
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,  
and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heav'n before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

### 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

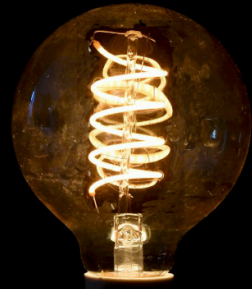
Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### GAME: What's Changed?

#### SONG

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
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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

## Weekly Diary

**TODAY, 4pm - Forest Church, St Mary's**

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup>, am - Little Lions toddler group**

Contact Edda: [eddalindner18@gmail.com](mailto: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 flyer at the back or take a look at [www.denhamparish.church/jubilee](http://www.denhamparish.church/jubilee) and make sure you keep the evening of Thur 2 June free in your diary.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of

**JONATHAN GOVAN** will be held on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, at 12 noon. All welcome.

## 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. The first part of our service will be streamed on YouTube. The business part will be on Zoom. Details will be emailed to everyone on the electoral roll. We will aim to finish by 12.15.

A list of candidates is displayed on our blue noticeboard at St Mary's and at [www.denhamparish.church/apcm](http://www.denhamparish.church/apcm)

### Let's pray together ...

- For everyone affected by the war in Ukraine and those working for peace. For generosity in welcoming refugees.
- For Derek Flynn and Ruth Anne Bonner and all those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit.
- For the families and friends of Gillian Seabrook, Sam Goodwin, George Wakeman and all those who have lost loved ones.

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*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING: John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are

those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

### Thanks be to God

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1. 3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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### Thanks be to God

## SERMON

### SONG

God I look to You,  
I won't be overwhelmed  
Give me vision to see things like You do

God I look to You  
You're where my help comes from  
Give me wisdom  
You know just what to do  
(REPEAT)

*I will love You Lord my strength  
I will love You Lord my shield  
I will love You Lord my rock  
Forever all my days I will love You God*

*Hallelujah our God reigns  
Hallelujah our God reigns  
Hallelujah our God reigns  
Forever all my days hallelujah*

## 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.**

## 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.**

## HYMN

**The day of resurrection!**  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,

our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.

## SPEAKING BLESSING

- Blessed are you who have not seen and yet have believed.
- Blessed are you who don't have all the answers, yet dare to walk in faith.
- Blessed are you when life takes an unexpected turn, and you hold on to Jesus for dear life.
- Blessed are you when you know you are poor in spirit, for yours is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are you who mourn, for you will be comforted.
- Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you will be filled.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for you will be called children of God.

## 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.**