



# Service Sheet

8<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 10.30am St Mary's  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Restructuring Imagination | APCM

**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)).

### WELCOME

### GATHERING PRAYER

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed, hallelujah!**

Meet with us and walk with us,  
open your word, break the bread.

May we see you, risen Saviour,  
warm our hearts

with your living presence.

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed, hallelujah!**

### HYMN

**Love's redeeming work is done;**

fought the fight, the battle won:

lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,

lo, he sets in blood no more.

Lives again our glorious King;

where, O death, is now thy sting?

Dying once, he all doth save;

where thy victory, O grave?

Soar, we now where Christ has led,  
foll'wing our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n;  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection thou!

### 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.**

**STAY SAFE • STAY CONNECTED • STAY HOPEFUL**

## LOOKING THROUGH THE RESURRECTION LENS



**HARD  
PRESSED**

**WASTING  
AWAY**

**PERPLEXED  
PERSECUTED  
STRUCK DOWN**

**THOUGH OUTWARDLY  
THAT WE ARE WASTING  
AWAY OUR LIGHT AND  
MOMENTARY TROUBLES**

### FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 4. 7-8, 14, 16-18

We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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

### SECOND READING: Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief

priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

**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.**

### 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*

### STRETCHING BREAK

### APCM

*Please refer to page 3 of the Annual  
Report for the agenda*

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## Cathy Macqueen



Hello, my name is Cathy. I am married to Chris Macqueen and we have two sons. Jonathan (high school geography teacher) is married to Abi and they are about to move to Plymouth where Abi will train as an anaesthetist. Timothy is an ecologist and you can spot him at St Mary's helping out at Forest Church and Destiny. Chris and I married in 1990 and moved into the Uxbridge area as Chris was lecturing at Brunel University and I worked as a dietitian at Hammersmith Hospital.

When the boys were 8 and 10 years old, we moved to South East Asia, initially working for the Leprosy Mission based in Malaysian Borneo and then for World Vision in Cambodia. Returning after a decade overseas we had changed and wanted to find a new church, with a friend recommending that we consider St Mary's. Within a couple of visits, we both quickly felt at home and have really enjoyed getting to know and be part of the St Mary's family. Chris sings in the choir and is on the PCC whilst I have been involved in supporting Café Church, the Welcome Team, leading a Bible Book Club and editing Denham Parish News.

I work (Monday-Thursday) as a community dietitian for Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust. This involves a combination of working from home, the office (Windsor) and completing home visits (Slough and Windsor) to the frail elderly and those who are artificially tube fed. It is a role which provides plenty of job satisfaction and even the occasional cup of tea when completing a home visit!

I was surprised when asked to consider becoming a Church Warden and it isn't a role that I am taking on lightly. With God's grace, I seek to support and serve you all, that together we may show the love of Jesus within our community.

## Michele Lee MBE



I have lived in Denham Green for over 27 years with my husband Nick and we brought up our two sons here. Both are now married, and we have a beautiful 7 month old granddaughter. I built up a private physiotherapy service in Denham and am a paediatric physiotherapist having specialised in the treatment of Dyspraxia/DCD for over 38 years. However, I have recently semi-retired. I also work with my husband as his ophthalmic technician a couple of sessions a week. I have served as a trustee for 25 years for the Dyspraxia Foundation, the national charity for dyspraxia and served as their chair for 9 years. I am currently a patron for the charity as well as a member on the expert research and medical panels. I also served for 10 years on the Association of Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapy and held the posts of PRO and secretary. In 2018 I was awarded an MBE for my services to dyspraxia in paediatric physiotherapy and for my work for the Dyspraxia Foundation.

I have always loved St Mary's Church and have always felt it the key to our community in the village. We became far more involved after attending the ALPHA group just before lockdown. The Sunday service online has given Nick and I the opportunity to attend the 10.30 service no matter whether we are in the UK or abroad. We are also members of the Monday evening Bible Book Club, which we have found so beneficial for our understanding of the Bible. I would really welcome the opportunity to further be involved in St Mary's Church. I believe that my past experiences of being a trustee and the commitment I have given to the charity would assist me in being an active and conscientious trustee for the Denham PCC.



## INTRODUCING AZITA JABBARI



On Saturday, 2 July, Azita Jabbari will be ordained as a deacon in the Church of England, after completing her theology and ordination training at Wycliffe Hall College, Oxford. On the following day, Sunday 3 July, we will welcome her in our church as our new training curate. Azita will be with us for at least three years, learning all aspects of being a vicar in the Church of England. Her training will be mostly “hands-on” here in the parish, with some further central training with other training curates in the Diocese of Oxford. She comes originally from Iran and has a wonderful testimony of how she met Jesus and then eventually was selected for ordination training in the Church of England.

Azita is married to Kamran; they have two children, Rozhin and Roham. The family is completed by their dog Chelsea.



They look forward to settling in Denham and to getting to know us. Please make a note in your diary and join us for one of our services on Sunday, 3 July. And don't worry if you are away that weekend - there will be plenty more opportunities to meet them.

## HYMN

Go forth and tell  
O Church of God awake  
God's saving news  
to all the nations take  
Proclaim Christ Jesus  
Saviour Lord and King  
That all the world  
His worthy praise may sing

Go forth and tell  
God's love embraces all  
He will in grace  
respond to all who call  
How shall they call  
if they have never heard  
The gracious invitation  
of His word?

Go forth and tell  
the doors are open wide  
Share God's good gifts  
let no one be denied  
Live out your life  
as Christ your Lord shall choose  
Your ransomed powers  
for His sole glory use

Go forth and tell  
O Church of God arise  
Go in the strength  
which Christ your Lord supplies  
Go till all nations  
His great name adore  
And serve Him Lord and King  
for evermore

## SENDING PRAYER

God sends you out  
to be his resurrection people!  
Jesus who was dead, is now alive.  
**He opened our eyes to see him.**  
Jesus restructures our imagination.  
**He helps us see the world, his way.**

Our hearts burn with passion in his presence.

**We are sent out as his witnesses.  
God, send us out  
to be your resurrection people!**

## 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.**

## A PCC UPDATE TO OUR COVID RISK ASSESSMENT

As the country has moved forward with guidance around the wearing of masks and social distancing, we have updated our risk assessment at St Mary's.

With many people attending weddings, funerals and baptisms without wearing masks, and members of our church family asking if it is necessary to wear masks, we would like to propose that we have changed our guidance to be less rigid. We are also allowing seating in all areas of church.

There is no requirement to wear a face covering inside the building, including when singing. However, if you feel more comfortable please continue to wear a face covering. We ask that if you feel ill that you take part in the church service online. If you choose to attend the church service onsite with symptoms, kindly take a lateral flow test first.

You are welcome to sit in any of the pews in the centre of the church but if you would prefer to stay at a distance from people other than your immediate family please sit in the side pews.

As the warmer weather should be with us for the next few months, we will continue to ventilate the building before, during and after services.

We will continue to serve communion in one kind only in the chancel but we won't operate a one-way system anymore.

We will use the West door both for entry and exit. The South door will also be open if people want to leave that way.



## ST MARY'S CHURCH IS CELEBRATING THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 8-9.45pm (doors open 7.30pm)**  
**ALTERNATIVE BEACON BONANZA**

An evening of live light music, Prosecco and puddings, culminating in the lighting up of St Mary's Church Tower and joining with choirs around the world to sing the 'Song for the Commonwealth'.

Dress code: Wear something purple or patriotic colours.

**£10 per adult, children under 16 go free.**

*(Ticket price includes a glass of Prosecco and a pudding.)*

Book your ticket from 1 May (details below)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am**  
**CELEBRATION SERVICE**

Followed by the unveiling of a plaque for the Queen's Green Canopy Tree planted in our churchyard.  
Afterwards: Bring your own picnic | Family games around St Mary's

### **SEVEN ROYAL VESTRY TEAS**

**Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26 June and 3, 10, 17 July, always 3-5pm**

We are excited to bring back Vestry Teas at St Mary's for seven Sundays this year. Some will be hosted by local charities. All ages are welcome. Child friendly activities will be available.

**For more information or to book your tickets for Thursday:**  
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