

Service Sheet

17th July 2022, 10.30am St Mary's

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Made for Relationships: Singleness

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).

Christoph Lindner, Rector

WELCOME

HYMN

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near,
daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display
shining to the perfect day.

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

Almighty God, send down upon
your Church the riches of your
Spirit, and kindle in all who
minister the gospel your countless
gifts of grace; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN

Father God, I wonder how
I managed to exist
without the knowledge
of your parenthood
and your loving care.
But now I am your child,
I am adopted in your family,
and I can never be alone
'cause, Father God,
you're there beside me.

*I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises
for evermore.*

(Children leave for Sunday Club now)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BANNIS

FIRST READING:

1 Corinthians 7. 6-9

This I say by way of concession, not of command. I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has a particular gift from God, one having one kind and another a different kind. To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is well for them to remain unmarried as I am. But if they are not practising self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame with passion.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING:

Matthew 22. 23-30

The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, 'Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother." Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. Last of all, the woman herself died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife

of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.' Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

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Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness,

lost in his love.

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

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me
save that thou art;
thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father,
and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling,
and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour,
and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not,
nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance
through all my days;
thou, and thou only,
the first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven
when battle is done,
great heaven's joy to me,
O bright heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune *Chopsticks*."

SAYING THANK YOU TO LOUISE

On Sunday, 7th August at 10.30am we will say "Thank you" to Louise for leading our musical worship for more than 40 years.

Would you like to contribute to a gift for her? Please put a sealed envelope addressed to Victoria with cash or a cheque through the office letterbox. Please make cheques payable to Denham PCC and write "Louise" on the back of the cheque. For cash please put a note in the letter saying "gift for Louise".

Alternatively, please make a bank transfer with reference "Louise":

Denham Parochial Church Council
Account No. 30305553
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WHAT I'VE LEARNED DURING COVID...

What have you learned over the last years about God, faith, life, relationships or church? Christoph would love to hear from you! Email him at rector@denhamparish.church, call him or arrange a cup of tea with him.

Vestry Teas and St Mary's Festival

Today 3-5pm, is the last of our Vestry Teas at St Mary's before the summer break. We will then have Vestry Teas again as part of **St Mary's Festival on Sunday 11 September**. Please make sure you put the day in your diary - more details soon!

Let's pray together ...

- For conflicts and wars around the world and those working for peace. For generosity in welcoming refugees.
- For our relationships with friends, family, neighbours and colleagues, that they would be marked by welcome and grace.
- For those who struggle with difficult relationships or recover from break-ups, for those who suffer abuse. Lord, have mercy.
- For those who have lost loved ones, especially the family and friends of Sarah MacIntyre and Tony Smith.

A big thank you to all who came to my 90th birthday party at St Mark's and made it a memorial and happy occasion. Thank you for all the cards and good wishes. Marion Francis

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE:

Made for relationships

24 July: Grandparents, Godparents

31 July: The Greatest Love

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