

# **Service Sheet**

24th July 2022, 10.30am St Mary's The Sixth Sunday of Trinity Made for Relationships: Grandparents, Godparents, Mentors

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**

Immortal, Invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight, all laud we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

### **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.

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#### CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

# **SONG**

Faithful one, so unchanging Ageless one, you are my rock of peace Lord of all I depend on you I call out to you, again and again I call out to you, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble You lift me up when I fall down All through the storm Your love is, the anchor My hope is in You alone (Children leave for Sunday Club)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### FIRST READING: 1 Cor 10:23 - 11:1

'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, for 'the earth and its fullness are the Lord's.' If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. But if someone says to vou, 'This has been offered in sacrifice, then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience - I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgement of someone else's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks? So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offence to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

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

### **GOSPEL READING: John 15. 9-12**

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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**

Jesus said: 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'

The peace of the Lord be

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

### **SONG**

Fathers and mothers
Sisters and brothers
All those who love us
For whom we care
Help and befriend them
Keep and defend them
Jesus our Saviour
This is our prayer

And for those others Fathers and mothers Children who hunger They must be fed We would be caring Readily sharing One with another Our daily bread

Sisters and brothers
Fathers and Mothers
We who together
Offer our praise
Hear our thanksgiving
God ever living
May we walk with You
All of our days

# **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**

Please follow the directions of our sidesteam. There is no one-way system anymore. Please return to your seat through the middle aisle.

We now take communion in both bread and wine again. Please feel under no compulstion to receive the wine, though.

If you'd like to receive a blessing, please keep you hands at your sides as you come forward.

If you'd like to receive Holy Communion seated in the pew, please let a member of our sidesteam know.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER 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.

# **HYMN**

God is Love: Let heav'n adore him; God is Love: let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice. He who laid the earth's foundation, he who spread the heav'ns above, he who breathes through all creation, he is Love, eternal Love. God is Love: and he enfoldeth all the world in one embrace; with unfailing grasp he holdeth every child of every race.

And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then they find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love:

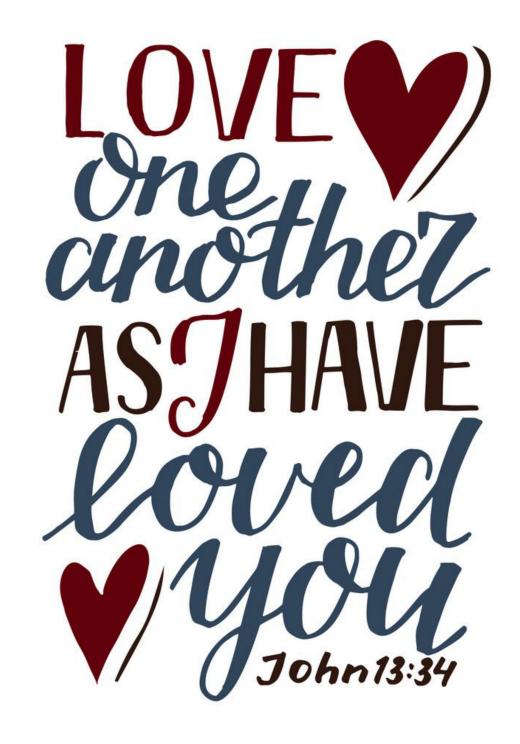
and though with blindness sin afflicts the souls of all, God's eternal loving-kindness holds and guides us when we fall. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain; God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

# **THE BLESSING**

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

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

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

### **SAYING THANK YOU TO LOUISE**

On **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Sort code 208916 (Barclays Uxbridge)

# St Mary's Festival

**St Mary's Festival will be 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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

31 July: The Greatest Love

# 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.

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