

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.

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!

BLESSING

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SAYING THANK YOU TO LOUISE

Next 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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Let's pray together ...

- For conflicts and wars around the world and those working for peace. For generosity in welcoming refugees.
- For Sienna and her parents and godparents. For our children's and young people's leaders at Denham Parish Church.
- 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, Tony Smith and Jill Grainger.



Service Sheet

31st July 2022, 10.30am St Mary's

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Made for Relationships: The Greatest Love

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

O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder:
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

And when I think that God,
his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim,
my God, how great thou art!

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.**

BAPTISM of Sienna Melis

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Sienna and uphold her in her new life? **With the help of God we will.**

Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Baptism

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ, against sin, the world, and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Sienna, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Lighting of the Baptism Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Sienna, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*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
(Children leave for Sunday Club now)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: John 15. 9-17

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. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: : 1 John 4. 7-19

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has

ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be
Oh, who am I that for my sake?
Oh, who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from Heaven's throne,
salvation to bestow
But they refused and none
the longed, for Christ would know
But O, my friend, my friend indeed
Who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way
and His sweet praises sing
Resounding all the day,
hosannas to their King
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath
And for His death they thirst and cry

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,

he gave the blind their sight
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

SERMON

SONG

We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the valley
with You by our side
You will go before us, You will lead the way
We have found a refuge
only You can save

*Sing with joy now; our God is for us
The Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us
if our God is for us?*

Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back
still Your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward
with never ending grace

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love