

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

BLESSING

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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 Lizzy and her family and all those being baptised today around the world: That they would be lights in the world as they follow Jesus.
- For those who are unwell, especially Cynthia Sterry.
- For those who have lost loved ones especially the family of Elizabeth Pasmore

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PRAYER TRAIL: LORD'S PRAYER

Our latest prayer trail around St Mary's Church is The Lord's Prayer in 14 languages. Find them and guess what they are! Do you speak one or several of them? Why not pause and pray it in that language.

DENHAM PARISH NEWS

The latest issue is out. Please take an extra copy to give as a gift to someone. It's also a simple way to invite people to St Mary's Festival (see below).

ST MARY'S FESTIVAL

Sunday 11 September.

*A community celebration for all ages
in and around St Mary's Church*

Latest updates at

denhamparish.church/festival

Spread the word, invite family,
friends and neighbours!

CAN YOU HELP ON THE DAY?

Sign up here:

bit.ly/festival-help-2022

Or scan the QR code with your phone



(Or call the church office)

phone: 01895 832771



Service Sheet

4th September 2022, 10.30am St Mary's
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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 God beyond all praising,

we worship you today,
And sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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 LIZZY ROSE HOLDEN

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 Lizzy
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.

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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: Lizzy, 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. Lizzy, 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

Our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God
and he holds us in his hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper
and He's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams.
And he's known me and he's loved me
since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
of God's amazing plan.

(Children leave for Sunday Club now)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Luke 14. 25-33

(Jesus said to them:) Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

SONG

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder

And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace. this is unailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King above all kings
Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace...

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

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.