

Weekly Diary

Weds 21st , am - Little Lions toddler group.
St Mark's. Contact eddalindner18@gmail.com

Fri 23rd 4-6pm. The Haven.

Bereavement drop-in. St Mark's

Sun 25th 4pm. Forest Church. St Mary's

Weds 28th 8pm. Baptism Preparation.

Call the church office for more details.

Let's pray together ...

- For the Royal Family and all those who mourn the death of the Queen. For King Charles III. For the faith, life and work of Queen Elizabeth to bear much fruit in our nation and around the world.
- For those who are unwell, especially Cynthia Sterry.
- For those who have lost loved ones especially the family of Elizabeth Pasmore

PRAYER TRAIL: HM The Queen

We have brought back our Jubilee Prayer Trail around St Mary's Church with poignant quotes and prayers from the life of Queen Elizabeth II. It is an invitation to walk, linger and pray.

HEALTHY WEEKLY HABITS

Our new series on healthy weekly habits is starting today. Catch up on previous talks about daily habits on our Youtube channel:
youtube.com/DenhamParishChurch

FOREST CHURCH

Sunday 25 September 4pm

Engage with God inspired by his creation all around you. An outdoor service for children of all ages. We will meet behind St Mary's Vestry.



Service Sheet

18th September 2022, 10.30am, St Mary's
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
One Hour Conversation with Friends

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

“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

WELCOME

HYMN

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
thou burning sun with golden beam
thou silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him, O praise Him
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
ye lights of evening find a voice

All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others take your part
O sing ye alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast your care

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One.

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.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SONG

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.

WEEKLY HABIT 1: One Hour Conversation With a Friend

The Habit at a Glance

We were made for each other, and we can't become lovers of God and neighbour without intimate relationships, where vulnerability is sustained across time. In habitual, face-to-face conversation with each other, we find a gospel practice; we are laid bare to each other and loved anyway.

Three Considerations

On telling secrets. The question is not how to tell secrets; everyone knows how. The question is whether it's worth it. With someone you trust and who loves you, it always is. There's no bigger catalyst for deep relationships than telling your secrets.

The power of good questions. Often great conversations come from someone who has mastered the art of good questions. If that isn't you, consider brainstorming with your friends to come up with some good questions you can regularly ask each other.

Open friendships. While the habit of weekly conversation begins in intimacy, it ends in openness. The goal is not just to enjoy the fruits of friendship together, but also to offer them as nourishment to others. Think of your spaces of friendship as one of the first places to invite a new person you meet to.

There is darkness in all of us, but honest conversation is a practice of light.

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*I will sing your praises (x3)
for evermore.*

(REPEAT)

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Genesis 2. 18-24

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

SECOND READING: John 15. 15-17

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

SERMON

HYMN

From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and gie your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

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.**

REFLECTION

We see tears and celebration,
for this life so dignified,
bearing thanks and hearts of sadness,
to the God of death and life.
As he takes her to his promise
of an audience with the King,
we remember all she gave us,
wreaths of gratitude we bring.

In these days of change and trial,
be the rock on which we stand, when
we fear in this new season, hold us
firmly in your hands.
May we rise to her example,
to be humble, kind and fair,
swift to pray and slow to anger,
choosing faith and not despair.

In the midst of coronation,
she once knelt in silent prayer,
oil was poured in Christ's commission,
called to lead her people there.
May we know that same anointing,
move in royal authority,
then speak liberty and healing,
to a world in need of peace.

Lord forgive, when pride and envy,
leave our nation bruised and stained,
turn us back towards our calling,
to make your name great again.
May we rise above divisions,
Lord, our brokenness we bring,
that a more united kingdom,
would give glory to the King.

When our days are at their dimming,
and our work on earth is done,
may we hear as does our sovereign,
'Faithful servant, welcome home.'
May we rise with Christ to witness,
a new heav'n and earth displayed,
ours a robe that will not tarnish,
hers a crown that will not fade.

*Words: Andy Flannagan & Sam Hargreaves.
Sung by Katherine Jenkins*

HYMN

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to him in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

THE 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,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain
with you always.
Amen.