



Service Sheet

23rd October 2022, 10.30am, St Mary's

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Hotel to Home 1. From Visitor to Follower

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

OPENING PRAISE (Psalm 84. 1-4)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!

**My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
LORD Almighty,
my King and my God.

**Blessed are those
who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.**

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, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display
shining to the perfect day.

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

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 unfailing 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

(Children will leave for Sunday Club now)

BANNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Romans 10. 9-13

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on

him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19. 1-10

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.'

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.'

Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

HYMN

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope nor Saviour
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour:
none can move us
from thy presence
while we trust thy love and pow'r.

All for Jesus! Thou has loved us,
all for Jesus! Thou hast died,
all for Jesus! Thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in thee.

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.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and
praise.**

Father, you made the world and
love your creation. You gave your
Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free
from sin and death. And so we
gladly thank you, with saints and
angels praising you, and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving
Father, through Jesus Christ, our
Lord; and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit, that broken
bread and wine outpoured may be
for us the body and blood of your
dear Son.

On the night before he died he had
supper with his friends and, taking
bread, he praised you. He broke the
bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is

given for you; do this in
remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took
the cup of wine. Again he praised
you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that
Jesus did, in him we plead with
confidence his sacrifice made once
for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of
life and cup of salvation, we
proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and
resurrection you have set us
free. You are the Saviour of the
world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work
together for that day when your
kingdom comes and justice and
mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms and
bring us with all the saints to feast
at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ,
and in Christ, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are
yours, O loving Father, for ever and
ever.

**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 compulsion to receive the
wine, though.*

*If you'd like to receive a blessing, please
keep your 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

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'come unto me and rest;
 lay down, thou weary one,
 lay down
 thy head upon my breast.'
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting-place,
 and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live.'
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched,
 my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 and all thy day be bright.'
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

CHOIR: The Lord bless you and keep you (Rutter)

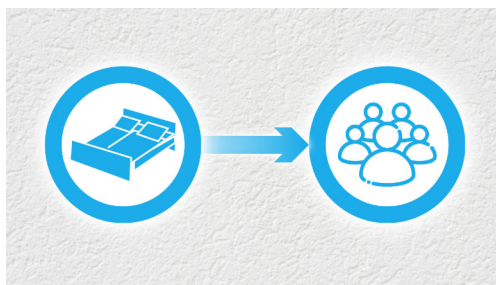
THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory
 Christ was raised from the dead,
 strengthen you to walk with him
 in his risen life; and the blessing of
 God, the Father, the Son and the
 Holy Spirit be with you now and
 always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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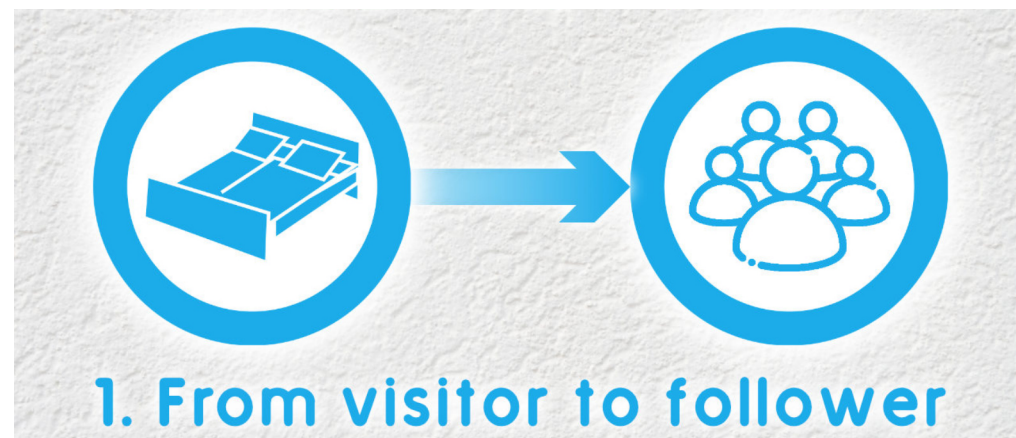
Hotel to Home continues next week:

30 October:

From guest to investor

6 November:

From spectator to player



RESPONSES

(At the end of this series we are inviting you to make responses to all three themes.)

(1) Explore more deeply what it means to follow Jesus

- Start praying, even if you never have. Speak to God in your own words, as to a friend. "Try Praying" is a booklet that can help. Pick it up at the end of the service.
- Read "The Story" (Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles). Pick up a copy at the back of church.
- Come to *Alpha* in January. *Alpha* is an introduction to the Christian faith that has helped people all over the world explore faith in Jesus.
- Sign up for baptism preparation if you have never been baptised before.
- Meet up one-to-one with someone who has been a Christian for a while.

(2) Engage more deeply as a follower of Jesus

- Become part of a Lifegroup or Bible Book Club.
- Make space for daily prayer and Bible reading (e.g. Lectio365).
- Meet up one-to-one with another Christian to pray.
- Sign up for confirmation preparation if you have never been confirmed.

(3) Grow as a Christian leader in the church and in the world

- Sign up for a Leaders' Course at Denham Parish Church (details TBC).
- Find specific training that suits you (e.g. St Paul's Theological Centre, London School of Theology, LICC). Find links online.
- Be equipped to meet with others one-to-one to help them grow.
- Read Mark Greene's book *Thank God It's Monday*.

Find all links at www.denhamparish.church/hoteltohome

CHURCHES TOGETHER CONCERT:

At the Concert with the *Churches Together Choir* on Sunday 9 October a total of £372 was given for our St Mary's Fabric Fund. Thank you!

HARVEST THANKSGIVING: THANK YOU!

Thank you for all your gifts last Sunday! Nnamdi has delivered our food gifts to the foodbank in New Denham.

We have also received a total of £590 in vouchers for supermarkets and £90 in cash, which will support local people and families through direct gifts and through **Give & Share**.

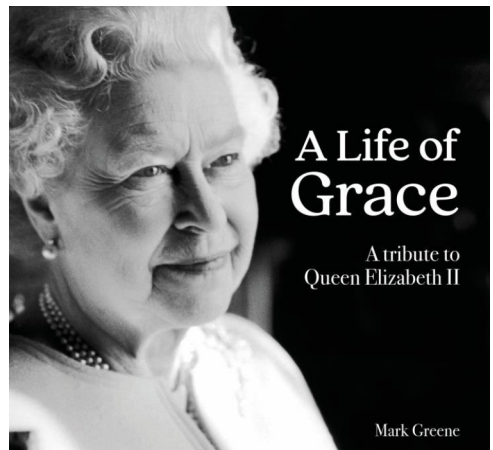
COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The Dioceses of Oxford has pulled together resources to support people struggling with the Cost of Living crisis. Find out more with the link or scan the QR code: tiny.cc/costofliving



Let's pray together ...

- For those who are anxious about rising costs of food, energy, mortgages. For generosity to share our wealth equitably. For wisdom for those in government.
- For conflicts and wars in our world: For people of peace to find ways of making peace.
- For those who are unwell, especially Christine Willson.
- For those who have lost loved ones, especially the family of Nick Maris.



SIGN UP AND RECEIVE A GIFT

Sign up to email updates from Denham Parish Church and you will receive Mark Greene's beautiful, brand-new book "A Life of Grace" as a gift (while our supplies last).

IN CHURCH: Fill in the little Welcome Card in front of you in the pew and don't forget to tick the box on the back page, then hand it to a welcomer or minister.

ONLINE: Go to www.denhamparish.church/new and complete the form there.

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Thank you for being part of our church community. You can purchase the book here: www.tinyurl.com/life-of-grace

ONLINE DONATIONS



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