

# Service Sheet

15<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 10.30am St Mary's  
The Second Sunday of Epiphany  
The Climate Challenge (Tearfund)

**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](http://www.denhamparish.church)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/denhamparish.church](https://facebook.com/denhamparish.church)).

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## WELCOME

### HYMN

All hail the pow'r of Jesus's name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod  
and crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

Ye prophets who our freedom won,  
ye searchers, great and small,  
by whom the work of truth is done,  
now crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

### CONFESSION

God our Father, we are sorry for the  
times when we have used your gifts  
carelessly, And acted ungratefully.  
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us**

We belong to a people who are full and  
satisfied, But ignore the cry of the  
hungry. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us**

We are thoughtless, and do not care  
enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us**

### ABSOLUTION

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins, and bring you to  
everlasting life, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen**

### COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the  
heavens and the earth and made us in  
your own image; teach us to discern  
your hand in all your works and your  
likeness in all your children; through  
Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

### SONG

With me, God is with me  
Yes He's with me every step  
With me, God is with me  
Yes He's with me every step  
And I know God is with me every step I go  
Yes I know God is with me every step

With you, God is with you  
Yes He's with you every step  
With you, God is with you  
Yes He's with you every step  
And I know God is with you  
every step you go  
Yes I know God is with you every step

*And oh the love of God  
is with me every day, every step I take  
He will lead me on into his perfect plan  
Walking hand in hand*

With us, God is with us  
Yes He's with us every step  
With us, God is with us  
Yes He's with us every step  
And I know God is with us  
every step we go  
Yes I know God is with us every step

*(Children will leave for Sunday Club now)*

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 1. 1-2, 11-13, 20-25, 31**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

<sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and

every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: Rev. 22. 1-5**

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair  
Lord in Your suff'ring world  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children, justice joy peace  
Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor, friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain  
Come change our love  
From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear  
Cities for sanctu'ry, freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing fields  
Scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness  
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future our dreams  
Lord end our madness  
Carelessness greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame  
Until Your justice burns brightly again  
Until the nations learn of Your ways  
Seek Your salvation  
And bring You their praise

### **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. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS**

*We pray for our five mission partners: Bible Reading Fellowship, Church Army, SHOC/Trinity, Tearfund and Wycliffe Bible Translators. We thank you for their sharing of good news in action and word and pray that you would sustain and inspire them. May they see rich fruit in their work for you.*

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**

### **HYMN**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
For Jesus restores  
what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;  
And here and hereafter  
the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed,  
the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed  
God's banquet to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God  
is challenge and choice:  
Believe the good news,  
repent and rejoice!  
God's love for us sinners  
brought Christ to his cross:  
Our crisis of judgement  
for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come,  
the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom  
shall answer his call;  
And all things cry "Glory!"  
to God all in all.

## BLESSING

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## TOMORROW:

## Weekly Diary

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm From Refugee to Reverend. Azita's story.** St Mary's

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> - Little Lions toddler group.**  
St Mark's. Contact eddalindner18@gmail.com

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm Warm Space at St Mark's**

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 2pm Renewal of Wedding Vows.** St Mary's

### Let's pray together ...

- For creation care and all our efforts to look after our planet - individually, as a nation and international community.
- For conflicts and wars in our world: For people of peace to find ways of making peace.
- For those who are unwell.
- For those who have lost loved ones.

## FROM REFUGEE TO REVEREND

### Azita's Story



Mon 16 Jan 2023, 7.30pm  
St Mary's Church, Denham  
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**FREE ENTRY**

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