



Service Sheet

22nd January 2023, 10.30am, St Mary's
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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 PSALM *From Psalm 27*

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will
I seek after:

**to live in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and
to inquire in his temple.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, in this new year, we
invite You to shape our life and set
the direction of our year. We listen to
Your word; we long to imitate Your
works and we welcome Your Spirit
as we fix our eyes on You.**

HYMN

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!**

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place,
my never-failing treas'ry filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! My shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art;
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with ev'ry fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

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.

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

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

SONG

Be strong and courageous

Do not be afraid

Don't be discouraged

For the Lord your God will be with you

Oh be strong and courageous

Do not be afraid

Don't be discouraged

For the Lord your God will be with you

Wherever you go, wherever you go

When troubles come

The Lord your God is with you

He will always be there by your side

He is strong when you feel small

and frightened

You will never, ever be alone

(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4. 12-23

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what

had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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.**

OFFERTORY SONG

Water You turned into wine

Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

*Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God*

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
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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. Please return to your seat through the middle aisle.

We take communion in both bread and wine. 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.

Hymn during Holy Communion

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill thy Church with light divine;
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
we to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ear,
'tis life and health and peace (x3)

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ,
your loosened tongues employ,
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy (x3)

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name (x3)

THE BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Weekly Diary

Weds 25th - Little Lions toddler group.
St Mark's. Contact eddalindner18@gmail.com

Weds 25th 1-5pm. Warm Space
St Mark's.

**Fri 27th 4pm. The Haven drop-in
Bereavement Group.** St Mark's

DIARY DATE

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (BCP)

Weds 22nd February, 10am, St Mary's

ONLINE DONATIONS

If you wish to make
a donation to
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Church, please scan
this code with the
camera or QR app
on your smartphone
and follow
instructions.



Let's pray together ...

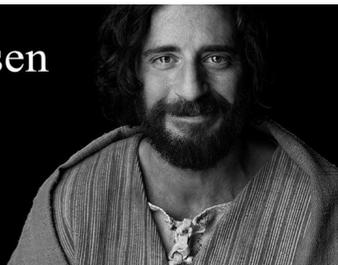
- For creation care and all our efforts to look after our planet - individually, as a nation and international community.
- For conflicts and wars in our world: For people of peace to find ways of making peace.
- For those who are unwell.
- For those who have lost loved ones.

Christmas Appeal

A big thank you for all donations towards our Christmas Appeal for Trinity/SHOC and Tearfund. A total of £1,200 was given, of which both mission partners will receive £600 each.

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The CHOSEN is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. It's the free show that tens of millions of people have watched so far.



Please join us at St Mark's every Wednesday until 1st March from 1pm-5pm, when St Mark's will open as a warm space. All are welcome to enjoy a free hot drink and a bowl of soup on us. Please spread the word.

The warm space could be your very own coffee shop over the next weeks... Please drop in - on your own or with a friend or neighbour, even if it's just for 10 minutes to enjoy a hot drink and a chat.



Alpha starts at St Mark's tomorrow evening and there is a space for you! Sign up with the link above or call our church office!

YouVersion's 2022 Verse of the Year

YouVersion is a Bible app that has been installed on more than 545 devices worldwide. Each year it identifies the verse that has been shared, bookmarked and highlighted most. This year, the verse that people in Ukraine engaged with most is also the top verse among the global YouVersion Community:



*Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you
with my victorious right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10