



Service Sheet

12th February 2023, 10.30am, St Mary's
The Second Sunday before Lent

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

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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.**

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COLLECT

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SONG

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 2. 6-10

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. *This is the Word of the Lord.*
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5. 21-30

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

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

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that I may triumph only
In his saving pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in ev'rything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus,
As I onward go.

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.

We now have gluten free communion wafers available, if you require a GF wafer, please make this known to the minister distributing communion.

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

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
Let me bring your love.
Where there is injury,
your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt,
true in faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness,
only light,
and where there's sadness,
ever joy.

O Master, grant...

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves
that we receive,
and in dying
that we're born to eternal life.

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

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

SENDING PRAYER

When we are sad, Lord,
no ifs or buts - we choose you!
When we are annoyed, Lord,
no ifs or buts - we choose you!
When we fall out with friends, Lord,
no ifs or buts - we choose you!
When we do wrong, Lord,
no ifs or buts - we choose you!
Lord, we choose life, we choose you.
Amen.

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

THE BLESSING

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

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Ian Jennings will be retiring from his role as associate minister at Denham Parish Church on **Sunday, 23 April**. We are so grateful for everything he has brought to our ministry and mission over the last four years. Ian has quickly become a much-loved member of our community. We will make sure that we stay in touch and invite him back on occasions. Please pray for Ian as he prepares for this transition. Make sure to put 23 April in your diary.



Community Board
Denham, Gerrards Cross
and The Chalfonts



Help to decide the priorities for our community

The Bucks County Community Board for Denham, Gerrards Cross and The Chalfonts are looking to understand better what is important to our community. Help them by completing a survey **by 15 Feb** with this link (or scan QR code): tinyurl.com/yourvoicebucks



World Day of Prayer 2023 (www.wwdp.org.uk) "I have heard about your faith"

Friday 3 March, 10.30am-11.30am
St Joseph's Church, Chalfont St Peter

An women-led, ecumenical service for everyone (refreshments afterwards)



Snowdrops

Have you seen the snowdrops in the churchyard

that are starting to appear? If not, take a walk around the back of the church to admire them.

Let's pray together ...

- For those affected by natural disasters, especially in Turkey and Syria.
- 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, especially the family of Joyce Tearall, Pam Dymott and Kath Swinson..



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.

Weekly Diary

Mon 13th Feb 8pm. The Well
St Mark's

Tues 14th Feb 10.30am. Funeral for
t/l Pam Dymott. St Mary's.

Weds 15th Feb 1-5pm Warm Space
at St Mark's

DIARY DATE

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (BCP)
Weds 22nd February, 10am, St Mary's



THE WELL

Worship | Pray | Listen

Join us tomorrow, Mon 13 Feb, at 8.00pm at St Mark's Church Hall. Once a month we set aside time to let God speak to us and to bring our needs and the needs of the world to him. Just turn up.



Joyce Tearall

Last week, Joyce Tearall passed away peacefully after a short illness. Her family were with her. Joyce and her husband Bill moved to Denham Green in the 1950s, where their children David and Sarah grew up. When Peter Crick was Rector, she trained as a reader and was a very active member of the ministry team.

She was known and loved by many people in our community, hosting church groups, leading services, baptisms and funerals, making pastoral visits and much more.

After Bill retired, they moved to Weymouth for a while, until they returned to Denham and lived in St Francis House. They eventually moved to Iver Heath, where Joyce cared for Bill during his illness. On 3 January this year, Joyce celebrated her 90th birthday.

We thank God for the blessing that Joyce has been to our church and community over so many years and pray for her family and the many people who will miss her. She had a vibrant faith and wasn't afraid of death, knowing that her Saviour Jesus Christ would welcome her.

There will be a service of thanksgiving for Joyce at St Mary's on Thursday, 9 March at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments.

