

Service Sheet

5th March 2023, 10.30am St Mary's
The Second Sunday of Lent
Thriving not Surviving: Faith in the Healer

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

WELCOME

OPENING PSALM (30.4-5)

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people;

praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,

but his favour lasts a lifetime;

weeping may stay for the night,

but rejoicing comes in the morning.

HYMN

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and listen for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin
make straight the way for God within
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

To heal the sick stretch out Your hand,
make wholeness flow at Your command;
sin's devastation now restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

To Him who left the throne of heaven
to save mankind, all praise be given;
to God the Father, voices raise,
and Holy Spirit, let us praise

CONFESSION

Lord, sometimes we deliberately keep
our lives very narrow, suffering with a
bit of tunnel vision.

We ask your forgiveness.

For the times we are overcome with fear,

or when we try to fit you into our plans,
because we just aren't brave enough to
explore something new,

we ask your forgiveness.

For the times we overlook people, don't
give them their chance to shine,

we ask your forgiveness. Amen.

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, by the prayer and discipline
of Lent may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings, and by following in his
Way come to share in his glory; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE CENTURION'S SERVANT

SONG

Faith as small as a mustard seed

Will move mountains move mountains

Faith as small as a mustard seed

Will move mountains by the power of
God

Believe what Jesus said was true

Believe He meant it just for you

Wait and see what God will do

As you pray as you pray

Do da do da do da do do da

Do da do da do da do da do da

Do da do da do da do da do da

Do da do da mustard

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 30

¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. ² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. ⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.' ⁷ By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: ⁹ 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?' ¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!' ¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

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

SECOND READING: Matt 8. 1-13

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; ² and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' ³ He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and

offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' ⁵ When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him ⁶ and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, in terrible distress.' ⁷ And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.' ⁸ The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.' ⁹ For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go', and he goes, and to another, 'Come', and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this', and the slave does it.' ¹⁰ When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹³ And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour.

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

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
In faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

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.

SONG DURING PRAYERS

Through our lives and by our prayers
Your kingdom come

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**

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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BLESSING

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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.**

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our earthquake appeal in February. In total you have given £740 which has been transferred to our mission partner Tearfund. Tearfund is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee.

A SECOND-HAND iPad?

Our church iPad, which controls our livestream camera, is coming to the end of its useful life. Do you know someone who might have a spare second-hand one that is still fully functional and would consider donating it to St Mary's? Contact Victoria.



THE FUTURE OF THE FAYRE

We are pausing *Denham Village Fayre* again in 2023. Find out more and how you might be able to help in future in our latest magazine or go to the website:

www.denhamvillagefayre.org.uk

Weekly Diary

TODAY 3.30pm - Cafe Church.
St Mark's

Weds 8th Mar - Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's. Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

Thur 9th Mar 2.30pm. Funeral for t/l Joyce Tearall. St Mary's.

You can make a donation to Joyce's chosen charity *The Children's Society* here: <https://l2d.live/bd2>

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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 families of Joyce Tearall.