

Service Sheet

12th March 2023, 10.30am, St Mary's
The Third of Sunday of Lent
Thriving, Not Just Surviving: Plain Priorities

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 SCRIPTURE (Proverbs 3.5-6)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.
 Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.

HYMN

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
 praise the Lord, for he is kind;

*For his mercies ay endure,
 ever faithful, ever sure.*

Let us blaze his name abroad,
 for of gods he is the God;

He, with all-commanding might,
 filled the new-made world with light;

He the golden-tressed sun
 caused all day his course to run;

And the moon to shine at night,
 'mid her starry sisters bright;

All things living he doth feed,
 his full hand supplies their need;

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
 praise the Lord, for he is kind.

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

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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
(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Proverbs 3. 1-8

My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. ² If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. ³ Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. ⁴ Then you will find favour with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. ⁸ Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 8. 18-22

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁸ Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹ A scribe then approached and said, 'Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.' ²⁰ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ²¹ Another of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ²² But Jesus said to him, 'Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.'

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 HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me
save that thou art;
thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour,
and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not,
nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance
through all my days;
thou, and thou only,
the first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven
when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me,
O bright heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.*

CHOIR: Lead me Lord (S S Wesley)

Lead me, Lord,
lead me in thy righteousness.
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

CHOIR

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my ways lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down,
you go before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:

God of my present, my past and future too.
Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

HYMN

Hope of our calling:
hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share
all Christ had done.
Saints of today,
Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling:
hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen
and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too
To live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling:
hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness
throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict,
fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom's harvest
from a mustard seed.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered
and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed
by sacrament and word
We go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

THE BLESSING

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

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Weekly Diary

Mon 13th 8pm - The Well: THERE WON'T BE A PRAYER GATHERING IN MARCH. Next date: 12 JUNE.

Weds 15th March - Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's. Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

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.



REMEMBERING JOYCE TEARALL

We are inviting members of our community to share their memories of Joyce for an article in the next issue of Denham Parish News.

Please send your contribution (no longer than two paragraphs) to magazine@denhamparish.church or drop it off at the church office **before Easter Day (April 9th)**.



NEXT SUNDAY (19th March): MOTHERING SUNDAY

With a special family service at 10.30 am. This is a great service to invite family, friends and neighbours to. **Please pick up an A5 invitation at the back!**

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 21 May 2023 - Electoral Roll 2023

Our APCM will be on Sunday 21 May as part of our 10.30am service.

This year's Electoral Roll registration will be a revised version of 2022. If there are any changes to your details, please complete a new form which is available to collect from the Display Area near the main entrance of the Church or at www.denhamparish.church/apcm2023.

Anyone who has been attending St Mary's for at least 6 months may apply to become a member of the Church which will enable them to vote at the APCM. Signed applications should be sent to the Electoral Roll Officer via the post/hand delivered to the Church Office **by 13 April 2023**.



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.**



THE "MATTHEW MARATHON" Saturday, 8 April, 6-9pm, on Zoom

This year we are focusing on the Gospel of Matthew in our Sunday services. The "Matthew Marathon" is a chance to read through the whole gospel together in one evening on Easter Saturday! We will all be on Zoom. Join us for some of the time or all of it. You are invited to read a section.

There will be a couple of comfort breaks around 7pm and 8pm.

Do you know someone who is not on the internet? Could you invite them to your home to experience the Matthew Marathon together?

IMPORTANT: To receive the details for this Zoom session you have to sign up in advance. You will then receive an email with the login details.

Could you read a section from Mark's Gospel? You can tick a box on the sign-up form. Sign up at the back of church or at denhamparish.churchsuite.com/events/2axbjtr6



You are invited to join us
at St Mary's Denham for our

Mothering Sunday Family Service



19 March 2023, 10.30am

A short service for all ages
with fun songs, prayers & flowers.

Win a "Real Easter Egg"!



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