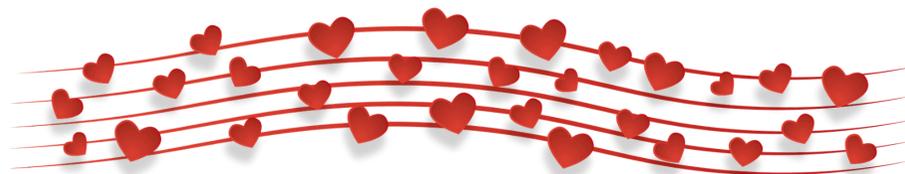




## Family Events at St Mary's!\*



St. Mary's Church  
Denham

Sunday  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 10.30am

### *Mothers Sunday Family Service*

**Little  
Lions**  
TODDLER GROUP

Wednesday mornings  
in term time  
St Mark's Church Hall  
Contact: Kathy Paine  
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**FOREST CHURCH**  
Make an Easter Garden  
Saturday 1 April, 4 pm

**PALM SUNDAY**  
2 April

10am:  
Follow Joey the Donkey  
from the Village  
Memorial Hall to  
St Mary's Church

10.30am:  
Family service with  
Sunday Club for children

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
9 April, 10.30am

9.45-10.15 am  
Big Easter Egg Hunt

10.30 am  
Easter Family Service

#### **WELCOME**

Praise God who loves us.  
**ALL: Praise God who cares.**

#### **SONG**

He's got the whole world in his hand.  
He's got the whole world in his hand.  
He's got the whole world in his hand.  
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hand. (3)  
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hand. (3)  
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the tiny little baby in his hand. (3)  
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got ev'rybody here in his hand. (3)  
He's got the whole world in his hand.

#### **HYMN**

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Saviour has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace*

Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun

#### **QUIZ: People who care**

#### **BIBLE STORY: The Secret Baby**

#### **SONG**

*Our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God.  
Our God is a great big God  
and he holds us in his hands.*

He's higher than a skyscraper  
and He's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
and beyond my wildest dreams.  
And He's known me and He's loved me  
since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part  
of God's amazing plan.

\* **Sunday Club for children every week as part of our 10.30am service**

Please take a flyer (or several!) about family events at St Mary's and share it!

*(The children are leaving for a special activity)*

## **BIBLE READINGS**

### **Exodus 2: 1-10**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

### **Matthew 18. 1-6**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' <sup>2</sup>He called a child, whom he put among them, <sup>3</sup>and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. <sup>6</sup>'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **TALK**

**CHOIR: Faith, Hope and Love** (D Ogden)

## **PRAYERS**

*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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HYMN**

*(During this hymn children will give flowers  
to mums, grannies, godmothers)*

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things has done  
In whom His world rejoices  
Who from our mother's arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today  
  
O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given  
The Son and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven  
The one eternal God  
Whom earth and heaven adore  
For thus it was is now  
And shall be evermore

**Thank you God  
for the love of our mothers:  
thank you God  
for their care and concern;  
thank you God  
for the joys they have shared with us;  
thank you God  
for the pains they have borne for us;  
thank you God for all that they give us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SONG**

My mum's one in a million,  
I'm sure that you would agree.  
I wouldn't say that she's perfect,  
But she's the best one for me.  
Sometimes I can be grumpy,  
Sometimes I get upset,  
But I still know that she loves me,  
And that I'll never forget!

*Oh! This is a Mother's Day song for you.  
Mum, you're ever so special and I'm  
Gonna find ways to say I love you too!*

My mum's ever so clever,  
It's really easy to see,  
She helps make sense of a problem,  
She knows what matters to me.  
Sometimes she is too busy,  
Sometimes she is worn out,  
But I still know that she loves me,  
And that's what this is about!

## **BLESSING**

May the blessing of God be with us  
as we love and serve one another;  
and as we share Christ's love.  
May almighty God bless us,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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