



SERVICE SHEET

9th April 2023, St Mary's
Easter Day

Welcome to St Mary's Church! Happy Easter! 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). Today's service will be followed by Holy Communion. *Christoph Lindner, Rector*

WELCOME

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Into our darkness dawns your light.
Out of the grave your glory shines.
Jesus, you meet us, Risen Saviour,
and we respond in delighted worship.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, alleluia!
Where the angels every sing. Alleluia!

GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU

SUNDAY CLUB SONG

Ring out the bells at Easter time!

Tell all the world that He's alive!

Sing out the story far and wide,

Shout it from the rooftops,

Jesus is alive! (Repeat)

Now the power of death is broken, The
grave is left behind,

The darkness has been overcome
By love that cannot die.

Heaven's doors are flung wide open

To everlasting light,

The kingdom of our God has come

With power and resurrection!

Deeper than eternal oceans

And stronger than a flood,

The fountain of His endless love

Is now poured out on us.

Here we stand, our hearts wide open

To His eternal life,

The kingdom of our God has come

With power and resurrection!

We're coming alive! We're coming alive!

We're coming alive to love!

(Give out Scribble Sheets for children)

READING: Matthew 28. 1-10

¹ Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. ² Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. ³ His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. ⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. ⁷ And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you." ⁸ The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. ⁹ And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

Christ is risen.

ALL: He's risen indeed, hallelujah!

TALK: What are we looking for?

CHOIR

This joyful Eastertide
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen!*

Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river.
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.

My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.

PRAYERS

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen**

**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.**

SONG

The greatest day in history
Death is beaten You have rescued me
Sing it out Jesus is alive
The empty cross the empty grave
Life eternal You have won the day
Shout it out Jesus is alive, He's alive

*And oh happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed*

When I stand in that place
Free at last meeting face to face
I am Yours Jesus You are mine
Endless joy perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate Jesus is alive, He's alive

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY CLUB: Easter Blessing

Now may the **love** that's in Jesus Christ
be with you this Easter
And may the knowledge that He's alive
stay with you forever. (x2)

*He is risen! Love is here! Hallelujah!
Death has been defeated
By the life of Jesus!*

Now may the **hope** that's in Jesus Christ
be with you this Easter
And may the knowledge that He's alive
stay with you forever. (x2)

Now may the **joy** that's in Jesus Christ
be with you this Easter
And may the knowledge that He's alive
stay with you forever. (x2)

HYMN

Thine be the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of Life;
Life is naught without thee:
Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above.

SENDING:

God sends you out to be his
resurrections people! Jesus who was
dead, is now alive.

And we are his witnesses!

The old is gone, the new is here.

And we are a new creation.

God reconciles the world to himself in Christ.

And we are his ambassadors.

**God, send us out to be your
resurrection people!**

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

(The service continues with Holy Communion.)

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed; through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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 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.

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.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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



because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NIV

SAYING THANK YOU TO IAN

Special Service: 23 April, 10.30am

Ian Jennings' last Sunday as associate minister. Please join us for our 10.30 service on the day.

Let's get social! Sat 22 April, 3-5pm

On Saturday, 22 April from 3pm to 5pm we will get together at **Denham Village School** (new hall) for afternoon tea and to say thank you to Ian. **IMPORTANT:** Sign-up is essential: denhamparish.churchsuite.com/events/jwnthabj
Or sign up with the sheet at the back of church.

Contributions to a gift for Ian

Please put a sealed envelope addressed to Victoria with cash or a cheque through the office letterbox. Please make cheques payable to Denham PCC and write "Ian" on the back of the cheque. For cash please put a note in the letter saying "gift for Ian". Alternatively, please make a bank transfer with reference "Ian":
Denham Parochial Church Council
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email: office@denhamparish.church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 16th April

9am: Holy Communion, St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion Service at St Mary's

Saturday 22nd April 3-5pm

Thank You Tea with Ian (see left)

Sunday 23rd April

9am: Holy Communion, St Mary's
10.30am Sunday Service at St Mary's. With a special thank you to Ian Jennings (see left).

Sunday 7th May

No 9am service!

10.30am Coronation Weekend Community Service at St Mary's
No Café Church!

Sunday 21st May

10.30am Sunday Service with ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Saturday 24th June, 4.30pm

Ordination of Azita Jabbari as Priest at St Mary's Wendover
More details to follow soon.

ONLINE DONATIONS



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

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**.
Pick up a registration form at the back of church or on our website (see address above)



What does it take to be a bellringer?

We have an expert and dedicated team of bellringers at St Mary's. What does it actually take to become one?
Our bell tower captain, Andrew Simpson, would love to tell you more and give you an introductory taster.
Becoming proficient as part of the band of ringers does take several months of training, but it's good fun and our bellringers are a friendly lot.
We are also looking for more people to take an occasional turn to chime the bells on a Sunday morning. This can be learnt in a single session. For more information contact Andrew: andrew@simpson.trumail.com, (01895) 255594

WHERE IS GOD IN A MESSED-UP WORLD?

We ask questions about God, life, and suffering and glib answers don't help.

Roger Carswell is realistic enough to admit that there are things God reveals to us, and things he doesn't reveal. Roger argues that the starting point is to find out who God is, and to figure out if he can be trusted – even if we don't have all the answers.

The author's own experience of suffering with depression, and the real-life stories that are included, make this a compassionate and encouraging look at one of the toughest questions about the Christian faith. Without

dodging or dismissing the issues, *Where is God in a Messed-up World?* shows that our questioning need not be a barrier to entrusting ourselves to God.

'A realistic and compassionate view of how we can respond to suffering.'
Gordon Corera, BBC correspondent

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Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were on their way to the tomb. (...) As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (*From the Gospel of Mark, chapter 16*)