

Service Sheet

16th April 2023, 10.30am St Mary's
The Second Sunday of Easter

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

GATHERING PRAYER

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

Lord, we can't see you, yet we believe
in you, meet us in our unbelief.

Help us bring our questions, risen

Saviour,

that we may know you as our Lord and
our God.

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He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

HYMN

Love's redeeming work is done;

fought the fight, the battle won:

lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,

lo, he sets in blood no more.

Lives again our glorious King;

where, O death, is now thy sting?

Dying once, he all doth save;

where thy victory, O grave?

Soar, we now where Christ has led,

follo'wing our exalted Head;

made like him, like him we rise;

ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!

Praise to thee by both be giv'n;

thee we greet triumphant now;

hail, the Resurrection thou

QUESTIONERS IN THE BIBLE

CONFESSION

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we
are **all sinners**. We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of **all** that we have failed
to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for
us, forgive us for all that is past, and help
us to live each day in the light of Christ
and his resurrection. **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

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred: open the doors of
our hearts, that we may seek the good of
others and walk the joyful road of
sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God
the Father. **Amen**

SONG

Give me joy in my heart,

keep me praising,

give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart,

keep me praising,

keep me praising til the end of day.

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart,
keep me serving,
keep me serving til the end of day.

Give me oil in my lamp,
keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp,
keep me burning,
keep me burning til the end of day.

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BANNERS

FIRST READING: John 20. 19-end

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the door of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SECOND READING:1 Peter 1. 3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down,
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth
and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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.

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**

HYMN

O Christ the same,
through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes,
our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O Living Word,
the source of all creation,
who spread the skies
and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same,
who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks
for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same,
the friend of sinners sharing
our inmost thoughts,
the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon Your body bearing
the marks of love,
in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man,
who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of life,
in all Your saving power,
O Christ the same,
to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks
for this the present hour

O Christ the same,
secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves,
our days and years remain,
our work and rest,
our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm,
our pleasure and our pain: >>>

O Lord of love,
for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes,
when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same,
beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

SENDING PRAYER

God sends you out to be his
resurrection people!

Jesus who was dead, is now alive.

We believe, help our unbelief.

We'd like to touch his hands and
see proof.

**We have faith in what we haven't
seen.**

The risen Jesus comforts us in our
doubt.

**We are sent out into a doubting
world.**

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

BLESSING

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of our services. It makes a big
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SAYING THANK YOU TO IAN

Special Service: 23 April, 10.30am

Ian Jennings' last Sunday as associate minister.
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THANK YOU TEA WITH IAN

Sat 22 April, 3-5pm

This event is now fully booked.

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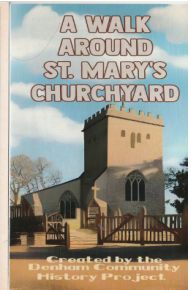
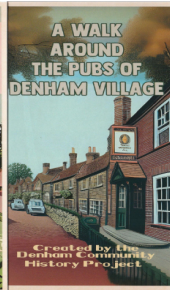
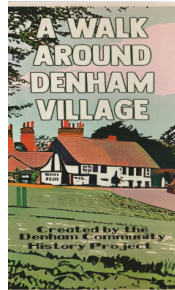
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Project has been telling stories about the history
of our village and its people on its website at
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purchase **three walking guides** to the village,
including a guide to a stroll around St. Mary's
churchyard. They're on sale at the church book
stall - £3 each or £7 for three. All proceeds (and
any extra voluntary donations) go to support
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