



Service Sheet

14th May 2023, 10.30am, St Mary's
The Sixth 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

HYMN

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heav'n before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

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

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 our Lord. 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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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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 da
Do da do da mountains
Do da do da do da do da
Do da do da mustard

(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BANNS

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 3. 13-end

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the

days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 14. 15-21

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SONG

Jesus lead us to the Father
by Your Spirit, help us draw near

As we come with awe and gladness
Help us draw near

Alleluia alleluia, help us draw near

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, you are my rock of peace
Lord of all, I depend on you
I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm
Your love is, the anchor
My hope is in You alone

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 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.**

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 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.

DURING HOLY COMMUNION

I have heard so many songs
Listened to a thousand tongues
But there is one that sounds
above them all
The Father's song, the Father's love
You sung it over me and for eternity
It's written on my heart

Heaven's perfect melody
The Creator's symphony
You are singing over me
The Father's song
Heaven's perfect mystery
The King of Love has sent for me
And now You're singing over me
The Father's song

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

HYMN

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not,
As Thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me!

Summer and winter;
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
In their courses above;
Join with all nature
In manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness,
Mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today,
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside.

SENDING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for your promise of the Spirit of truth to guide and lead us. Send us out with hearts ready to welcome your gift, eyes open to see and ears eager to hear, that we may live and reveal your truth and love in every moment, day by day. Amen.

BLESSING

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Weekly Diary

Weds 17th - Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's. Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

Sunday 21st May

NO 9am SERVICE!

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

Let's pray together....

- For King Charles and his family, our government and all who exercise leadership: that they would seek wisdom and seek the common good.
- For conflicts and wars in our world: For people of peace to find ways of making peace.
- For those who have lost loved ones especially the family of Rita Bishop, Audrey Baker and Cheryl Malvermi.



Join the global wave of prayer in the Denham Parish Prayer Space

On the 25th, 26th and 27th May St Mary's Vestry will be transformed into an interactive prayer space, between 2pm and 10pm Thursday/Friday, 8am to 9pm Saturday.

Each day there will be an open session for the Church to gather in prayer.

Please note: during those times the prayer room will be closed. (There is no need to sign up for these sessions, just turn up):

25th May 8.15pm to 9pm

26th May 8pm to 9pm

27th May 10am to 11am (all ages, child friendly activities)

Find out more and sign up for a prayer slot:
www.denhamparish.church/tkc23 or scan the QR code.

If you would like to be part of the team, please talk to Azita or Kath Sole.



APCM: 21 May, 10.30am, St Mary's

Please join us for our Annual Church Meeting, where we review 2022 and pray for the future of our ministry and mission. We will elect church officers and give thanks to those who sustain our work week by week.

Our APCM will be integrated into a short morning service and **there will be no 9am service**, so we can all be together.

The Annual Report is essential reading and is available now. Please pick up a paper copy from church or from our church office in the week (during office hours). You can also download a PDF at www.denhamparish.church/apcm

We are continually updating a poster at the back of church and on our website (same link as above) with candidates for elections.

After the APCM - why not bring a picnic (eat in churchyard grounds if dry or Vestry if raining) ... followed by Music on the Village Green, 3pm - 5pm (The Styles)



DIARY DATE: Sat 24 June, 4.30pm

AZITA'S ORDINATION AS PRIEST

at St Mary's Wendover

PLEASE NOTE: Sadly, seating is limited and Azita only has a small number of 'tickets', which have all been allocated. We will publish the link for the live stream nearer the time.

**THE HAVEN
Bereavement
Drop-In**

**Next meeting:
Weds, 24 May, 4pm
St Mark's House
Find out more:**

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DATES

Starts 8th June 2023

8/6 & 15/6 Sessions 1&2
22/6 Break
29/6 & 6/7 Sessions 3&4

7.30pm - 10pm Every Thursday

St Marks Hall Denham Green
Green Tiles Lane,, UB9 5HT

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