



Service Sheet

21st May 2023, 10.30am St Mary's
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

APCM

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

HYMN

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder:
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour, God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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How great thou art, how great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim:
my God, how great thou art!

CONFESSION

**Lord our God, in our sin we have
avoided your call. Our love for you is
like a morning cloud, like the dew
that goes away early. Have mercy on
us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your
sins, heal and strengthen you by his
Spirit, and raise you to new life in
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BANNS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING:

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

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¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: John 17. 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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Thanks be to God

SERMON

SONG

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

PRAYERS

**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.**

STRETCHING BREAK

APCM

*Please refer to page 3 of the Annual
Report for the agenda*

CANDIDATES FOR PCC ELECTION

Kath Sole



Kath is married to Tim. They have two children - Zoe and Zachary. As a family they joined Denham Parish Church in 2016. Since then, Kath has

been actively involved with Sunday Club, Little Lions toddler group, and various creative arts projects (including the celebratory bunting that we used again at St Mary's for the coronation weekend). Kath is passionate about prayer: together with Cathy Macqueen she has created many prayer walks around St Mary's and is leading the preparations for our *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer space, which will be available this week from Thursday to Saturday. She works as a Pastoral Support Tutor at Langley College.

Charlotte Hearnden-Smith

Charlotte was confirmed at St Mary's



Church Denham in June 2019. She has been singing in our church choir for several years. More recently she has joined the leaders'

team of Destiny, our group for young people (10 years and older). Together with her family she has been looking after the hospitality at our monthly Café Church at St Mark's since December last year. Charlotte works for the family funeral directors Hearnden-Smith & Daughters.

HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

SENDING PRAYER

**God of Mission who alone
brings growth to your church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision
to our planning, wisdom to our
actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in
numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local
community, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

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Let's pray together....

- That the church of Jesus would be sharing his Good News in action and word - here in Denham and around the world.
- For our PCC and all those entrusted with leadership in our church.
- For those who have lost loved ones; especially the families of Olive Young, Janet Bird, Terrence Skelton and David Webster.



Are you new to our church or have joined us recently?

Edda and Christoph are inviting you to the Rectory for a welcome tea on Sunday, 28 May, 4-5 pm. Please let Edda know by the end of Friday, 26 May: eddalindner18@gmail.com or call the church office 01895 832771



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.

Please join us for the daily hours of prayer at St Mary's:
(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)

Please note: during those times the prayer room will be closed.



Find out more and sign up for a prayer slot:

www.denhamparish.church/tkc23 or scan the QR code.

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Bereavement
Drop-In

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

www.denhamparish.church/haven