



# Service Sheet

11<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 10.30am, St Mary's  
The first Sunday after Trinity

**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](http://www.denhamparish.church)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/denhamparish.church](https://facebook.com/denhamparish.church)). *Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAISE (from Psalm 33)

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**Sing to him a new song;  
play skilfully and shout for joy.**

For the word of the Lord is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.

**The Lord loves righteousness and  
justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

### HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise,  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r  
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely giv'n,  
graces human and divine,  
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:

## 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

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you  
with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours  
as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive  
what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
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 of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

### SONG

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise*

*You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*(The children leave for Sunday Club)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & BANNIS

### FIRST READING: Acts 11.19-30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews.<sup>20</sup> But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus.<sup>21</sup> The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord.<sup>22</sup> News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.<sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion;<sup>24</sup> for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,<sup>26</sup> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.<sup>27</sup> At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.<sup>28</sup> One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius.<sup>29</sup> The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea;<sup>30</sup> this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING: John 15.12.17

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.<sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you.<sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.<sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### SERMON

#### 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**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace  
where there is hatred,  
let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury,  
your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt,  
true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood, as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
'Where there's despair in life,  
let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness,  
only light,  
and where there's sadness,  
ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves  
that we receive,  
and in dying  
that we're born to eternal life.

## 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 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.*

## HYMN DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
in the truth that Christ makes known;  
we have faith and understanding  
through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
come as advocate to plead;  
loving Spirit from the Father,  
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
come yourself to make us live;  
keep us holy through your presence,  
holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come possess us,  
you the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.

## 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

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm  
What heights of love  
what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones  
He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood  
of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## BLESSING

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## Diary

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June 8pm**

The Well. St Mark's

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**9.30am: Little Lions toddler group** St  
Mark's.

Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 4.30pm**

Ordination of Azita Jabbari as Priest at St  
Mary's Wendover

**Second Sunday Picnic @ St Mary's**

Bring your picnic lunch and join us after  
the service every second Sunday of the  
month:

June 11th, July 9th, August 13th

Sitting outside if sunny and inside the  
Vestry if raining.

### 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. Four our PCC Away Day on Saturday 17 June.
- For residents and staff in local nursing homes: Denham Manor and White Plains.
- For those who have lost loved ones; especially the families of Olive Young, Janet Bird, Terence Skelton and David Webster



Join us tomorrow, Mon 13 Feb, at 8.00pm at St Mark's Church Hall. Once a month we set aside time to let God speak to us and to bring our needs and the needs of the world to him. Just turn up.

## BARNABAS

BAR'NABAS (barna-bas; Gk. "son of prophecy," especially as it is manifested in exhortation and comfort). The name given by the apostles to Joseph (Acts 4:36), probably on account of his eminence as a Christian teacher.

**Charity:** Barnabas was a native of Cyprus and a Levite. Possessing land, he generously disposed of it for the benefit of the Christian community and laid the money at the apostles' feet (Acts 4:36-37). As this transaction occurred soon after the Day of Pentecost, he must have been an early convert to Christianity.

**Associated with Paul:** When Paul made his first appearance in Jerusalem, Barnabas brought him to the apostles and attested to his sincerity (Acts 9:27). Word being brought to Jerusalem of the revival at Antioch, Barnabas (who is described as "a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith," 11:24) was sent to make inquiry. Finding the work to be genuine, he laboured among them for a time; fresh converts were added to the church through his personal efforts. He then went to Tarsus to obtain the assistance of Saul, who returned with him to Antioch, where they laboured for a whole year (11:19-26). In anticipation of the famine predicted by Agabus, the Christians at Antioch made a contribution for the believers at Jerusalem and sent it by the hands of Barnabas and Saul (11:27-30), AD 44. On their return, they brought with them John Mark, a nephew of Barnabas (12:25).

**First Missionary Journey:** By divine direction (Acts 13:2) they were sent out as missionaries and visited Cyprus and some of the principal cities in Asia Minor (13:14). At Lystra, because of a miracle performed by Paul, they were taken for gods, the people calling Barnabas Zeus (14:8-12). Returning to Antioch, they found the peace of the church disturbed by a certain sect from Judea, who insisted upon the Gentile converts being circumcised. Paul and Barnabas, with others, were sent to Jerusalem to consult with the apostles and elders. They returned to communicate the result of the conference, accompanied by Judas and Silas (15:1-32).

**Second Missionary Journey:** As they prepared for a second missionary journey, a dispute arose between Paul and Barnabas on account of John Mark. Barnabas determined to take Mark with them; Paul was not sure that they should. The contention became so sharp that they separated, Barnabas with Mark going to Cyprus, while Paul and Silas went through Syria and Cilicia (Acts 15:36-41). At this point Barnabas disappears from the



## **My faith compels me to seek solutions**

**My name is Garrick Wilson and I work in oncology, in an area called convergence research. I'm based at Imperial College London and the Institute of Cancer Research, the UK's only dedicated cancer research centre. 'Convergence' is the merging of different scientific disciplines to**

**address problems in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.**

**I lead a training programme to create a new generation of convergence doctors who will look at these problems and seek solutions long after I'm out of post. When we put great minds together from different subject areas, we can usually get an answer to a problem more quickly.**

**We all know someone who has been affected by this terrible disease, and I'm seeking to demonstrate my faith in a practical way in response. I'm committed to a theology of justice: the idea that right thinking produces right actions. My Christian faith compels me to see justice through the lens of Jesus' approach to people and their situations – and to get involved in bringing about solutions. If we had more people focused on solutions rather than just highlighting problems, we'd have a better world.**

**Changing people's lives is central to the mission of the Church. I just happen to be playing my part in an area that I'm interested in – God so often works through our interests to impact the world around us. Part of my mission is to increase the number of doctors and scientists from underrepresented groups who can go back to communities that are often hesitant about medical research and engage them in culturally relevant ways, leading to more equitable health outcomes.**

**There is room for me to talk about my faith. I've just come from speaking with a colleague who was crying because their mum has been diagnosed with cancer, which is terrible. We're working on this and suddenly it's close to home. They said: "I'm here with you because I've noticed the way you carry yourself in a crisis." That's the fruit of the Spirit. We should not be overcome by the circumstances we face but reflect the light of Jesus in every scenario.**

**My grandmother and my mother were absolute heroes. My grandmother had such confidence in me. She taught me how to pray about everything. My mum, a single parent, worked incredibly hard to ensure my siblings and I got everything we needed. She would go out to work and return tired, but she was always interested in us and encouraged us to use our gifts to benefit others.**

**Please pray that my work reduces the burden and prevalence of cancer. And please pray that those we are training will see their work in missional terms, eschew self-interest and help people live better lives.**

*(Article by Paul Woolley on [www.premierchristianity.com](http://www.premierchristianity.com))*

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/real-life/the-cancer-specialist-my-faith-compels-me-to-seek-solutions/15588.article>