



Service Sheet

9th July 2023, 10.30am, St Mary's
The Fifth 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) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church). *Christoph Lindner, Rector*

WELCOME

OPENING PRAISE (From Psalm 145)

The LORD is gracious
and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

**The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has
made.**

All your works praise you, LORD; your
faithful people extol you.

**They tell of the glory of your
kingdom and speak of your might.**

HYMN

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee: ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,

if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ay we adore him.

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

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SONG

Cast your burden onto Jesus
He cares for you
Cast your burden onto Jesus
He cares for you

*Higher, higher, higher, higher higher
Higher, higher, lift up Jesus higher
(Repeat)*

Now is the time to sing with all your heart.
Now is the time to celebrate our God.
(Repeat)

(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt,
the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I

will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-30

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁶ (Jesus said,) 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest

for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done

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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and
our joy, at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through
him you have created all things from
the beginning, and formed us in your
own image.

Through him you have freed us from
the slavery of sin, giving him to be
born of a woman and to die upon the
cross; you raised him from the dead and
exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,

and made us a people for your own
possession. Therefore with angels
and archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we proclaim
your great and glorious name, for
ever 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.**

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.**

**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 you 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

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.

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

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, Cornerstone

Weak made strong in the Saviour's love

Through the storm He is Lord

Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face

I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil

My anchor holds within the veil

When he shall come with trumpet sound

Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless stand before the throne

BLESSING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

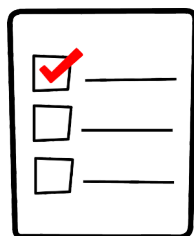
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NEW ON YOUTUBE



Ian Jennings has recorded a talk on "Prayer and Mission" especially for Denham Parish Church. Go to our YouTube channel and scroll down to the section "Videos".

[Youtube.com/DenhamParishChurch](https://www.youtube.com/DenhamParishChurch)



VOTE FOR OUR SERMON THEME FOR AUGUST!

In August our sermon theme will be chosen by you!

Our PCC have made

suggestions for topics and voted on their top three. Now it's your choice which one we will preach on.

Please cast your vote by the end of Tuesday 18 July.

Go to denhamparish.church and click on the banner or go to denhamparish.churchsuite.com/forms/bcgiamss or call the office and leave a message.

- How to be happy in troubled world and why we should be
- How to hear from God (Discernment)
- Faith in the family



Have you seen the roses in the churchyard?

They are

putting on a great show this year. You

can sponsor a rose in memory of a

loved one, if you are interested,

contact the church office for more

information

Diary

Mon 10th July 8pm

The Well. St Mark's

TODAY: Sunday Picnic @ St Mary's

Bring your picnic lunch and join us

after the service every second Sunday of the month:

July 9th, August 13th

Sitting outside if sunny and inside the

Vestry if raining.



Join us tomorrow, Mon 10 July 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.



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 children starting school, moving up to secondary school or leaving school. For families during the summer holidays.
- For those who have lost loved ones; especially the families of Brian Pegg.



CONFIRMATION AT ST MARY'S: Sunday, 1 October, 5pm

Are you interested in being confirmed? There will be a confirmation service at St Mary's on Sunday 1 October. Please contact our parish secretary Victoria to receive updates about preparation classes in September.

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. If you have not been baptised, you will be baptised and confirmed in the service.

The bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

