

Service Sheet

23rd July 2023, 10.30am, St Mary's
The Seventh 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 139)

O LORD, you have searched me
and known me.

**You know when I sit down
and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far
away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise;
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee;
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace;
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake,
wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm;
O still, small voice of calm

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

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44. 6-8

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them

into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more

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 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

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
In faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

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

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores
what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!"
to God all in all.

SENDING PRAYER

Lord, we sometimes struggle,
but we will trust in you.
Others may succeed by taking short-cuts,
but we will trust in you.
We live with problems without
easy solutions,
but we will trust in you.
We are often tired and frustrated,
but we will trust in you.
We don't know when you are
coming again,
but we will trust in you.
Lord, remind us of your love for us, and
your power,
**so that we can always trust you,
whatever happens. Amen.**

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.



"God in the Life of Sheila Crunden".

You can now watch the interview
from our last Café Church.

For both videos, go to our YouTube
channel and scroll down to the
section "Videos".

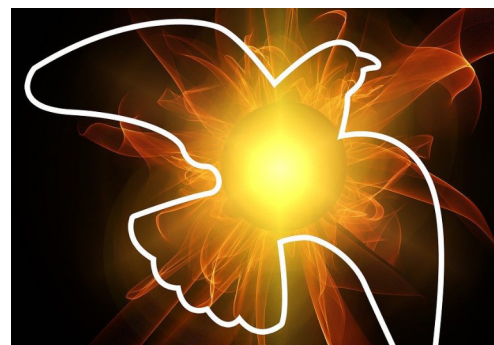
Diary

Sunday Picnic @ St Mary's

Bring your picnic lunch and join us
after the service every second Sunday
of the month: August 13th

Cream Tea at the Rectory:

Saturday, 26 August, 3-5pm



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. 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.*



**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.

Let's pray together....

- As we enjoy the summer weeks at home or away, let us pray for the homeless, refugees and people living in areas of conflict and war.
- 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.





St Mary's Festival

Sat 9th and Sun 10th Sep

Saturday, 9 September



10am - 12noon: Let's pick some litter!

Picking litter is a great way to chat and get to know other members of our community.



2-5pm: Open Garden in the White House

Spend the afternoon in the beautiful garden of The White House.

Sunday, 10 September



10.30am: Celebration Service for all ages

We are delighted to welcome back Ian Jennings.



12-2pm: Barbecue at St Mary's

Hot Dogs, Beef Burgers and Denham Hazy Pale Ale



12.30-4pm: Children's Activities



2-4.15pm: Vestry Teas



4.30pm: Concert with Alumni4

Vocal quartet conducted by Stephen Armstrong, singing classical music from different periods. Tickets coming soon...

For details and updates: www.denhamparish.church/