



# Service Sheet

**13<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 10.30am, St Mary's**  
**The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Good Call: Seek Advice**

Welcome to St Mary's Church! We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. During the summer holidays there is no Sunday Club - all ages stay together. Child-friendly activities are provided. Access to unsupervised creche in the vestry is available. Please talk to one of our welcomers.

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAISE (From Proverbs 3)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
**and lean not on your own understanding.**

In all your ways submit to him,  
**and he will make your paths straight.**

Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
**fear the LORD and shun evil.**

This will bring health to your body  
**and nourishment to your bones.**

## SONG

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me,  
and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

## 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**

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## COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## SONG

Some of us are big and tall  
Some of us are very small  
Some of us like pink and some like blue  
Some of us like reading books  
Some of us like feeding ducks  
That's because we're different me and you

*But God loves everyone He's made  
God loves each of us in a special way  
That's you and you and you and you  
And you and you and you and you  
God loves you God loves you  
That's you and you and you and you  
And you and you and you and you  
We're part of the big family of God*

Some of us have curly hair  
Some of us have specs to wear  
All of us have different families  
Some of us are very loud  
Some of us don't make a sound  
That's because we're different you and me

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING: 1 Peter 4.8-11

<sup>8</sup>Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

<sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

### GOSPEL READING: John 10.1-5, 11-18

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

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

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.'

<sup>11</sup>'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

<sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

*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

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing ev'ry blessing  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heav'nly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

## 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**

Put thou thy trust in God,  
in duty's path go on;  
walk in his strength with faith and hope,  
so shall thy work be done.

Commit thy ways to him,  
thy works into his hands,  
and rest on his unchanging word,  
who heaven and earth commands.

Though years on years roll on,

his covenant shall endure;  
though clouds and darkness hide his path,  
the promised grace is sure.

Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope, and be undismayed:  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;  
God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms  
his power will clear thy way:  
wait thou his time; the darkest night  
shall end in brightest day.

Leave to his sovereign sway  
to choose and to command;  
so shalt thou, wondering, own his way,  
how wise, how strong his hand.

#### **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**

Lord of the church  
we pray for our renewing  
Christ over all our undivided aim  
Fire of the Spirit burn for our enduing  
Wind of the Spirit fan the living flame  
We turn to Christ  
amid our fear and failing  
The will that lacks the courage to be free  
The weary labours all but unavailing  
To bring us nearer  
what a church should be >>>

Lord of the church  
 we seek a Father's blessing  
 A true repentance and a faith restored  
 A swift obedience  
 and a new possessing  
 Filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord  
 We turn to Christ  
 from all our restless striving  
 Unnumbered voices  
 with a single prayer-  
 The living water for our souls' reviving  
 In Christ to live and love and serve and care

Lord of the church  
 we long for our uniting  
 True to one calling, by one vision stirred  
 One cross proclaiming  
 and one creed reciting  
 One in the truth of Jesus and His word  
 So lead us on till toil and trouble ended  
 One church triumphant  
 one new song shall sing  
 To praise His glory risen and ascended  
 Christ over all the everlasting King

### BLESSING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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### Let's pray together....

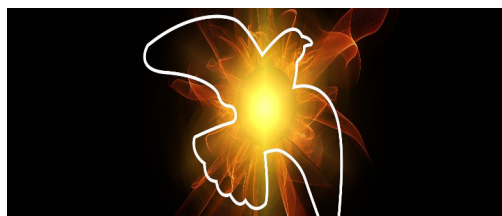
- As we enjoy the summer weeks at home or away, let us pray for the homeless, refugees and people living in areas of conflict and war.
- For children starting school, moving up to secondary school or leaving school. For families during the summer holidays.
- For those who have lost loved ones; especially the family of Andrew Everley

## Diary

**Tomorrow, Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 8pm**  
 THE WELL Prayer Gathering at  
 St Mark's Church Hall.

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Aug, 3-5pm**  
 Cream Tea at the Rectory  
 Sign up at  
[denhamparish.church/creamtea2023](http://denhamparish.church/creamtea2023)

**Sat 9 and Sun 10 Sep:**  
**St Mary's Festival**  
 Find details at the back of this service  
 sheet. Latest updates at:  
[www.denhamparish.church/festival](http://www.denhamparish.church/festival)



### 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.*

## Explore the letter to the Romans



**THIS AUTUMN:  
 ON SUNDAYS AND IN  
 OUR SMALL GROUPS.**

Join one of our small groups to discover one of the most influential books of the Bible and your place in God's story.  
 An inspiring ten-session course by Andrew Ollerton, filmed on location. Interested? Contact our church office.

*"On all my travels, if I had the Gospels, Paul's letter to the Romans and Andrew Ollerton's book I would need nothing else." David Suchet*



Join us tomorrow, Mon 14 August, 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.

## TIME OUT FOR PARENTS

**THE EARLY YEARS**

**Starts 12 September**





# St Mary's Festival

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> and Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.denhamparish.church/)**