



Service Sheet

**20th August 2023, 10.30am St Mary's
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Good Call: Divine GPS**

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 SCRIPTURE

(From Isaiah 50)

The Sovereign LORD has given me
his words of wisdom,

**so that I know how to comfort the
weary.**

Morning by morning he awakens me
**and opens my understanding to
his will.**

The Sovereign LORD has spoken to me,
and I have listened.

**I have not rebelled or turned
away.**

Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,

I will not be disgraced.

Therefore, I have set my face like a stone,
determined to do his will.

HYMN

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near,
daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,

till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display
shining to the perfect day.

CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against
our neighbour, in thought and word and
deed; through negligence, through
weakness, through our own deliberate
fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all
our sins. For the sake of our Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us, forgive all that is
past and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life to the glory of your name.
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 glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us
from seeking your kingdom, and to give
all that we have to gain the pearl
beyond all price, through our Saviour
Jesus Christ. **Amen**

BAPTISM OF LAURENCE HOOPER

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Laurence and uphold him in his new life? **With the help of God we will.**

Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ, against sin, the world, and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Laurence, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Lighting of the Baptism Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Laurence, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.

HYMN

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.*

As I travel through the bad and good
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

'LISTEN TO THIS'

FIRST READING: 1 Sam 3. 2-10

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Acts 16.6-15

⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

OFFERTORY 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

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. Amen.

PRAYERS

We pray for our five mission partners: Bible Reading Fellowship, Church Army, SHOC/Trinity, Tearfund and Wycliffe Bible Translators. We thank you for their sharing of good news in action and word and pray that you would sustain and inspire them. May they see rich fruit in their work for you.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

HYMN

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above;
join with all nature in manifold witness,
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today,
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside.

BLESSING

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Diary

Sat 26th Aug, 3-5pm

Cream Tea at the Rectory
Sign up at
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

CONFIRMATION AT ST MARY'S

Are you interested in being confirmed?
There will be a confirmation service at
St Mary's on Sunday, 1 October, 5pm
and preparation classes in September.
Please contact our parish secretary
Victoria to find out more and sign up.

**TIME OUT
FOR PARENTS**

THE EARLY YEARS

Starts 12 September



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