



Service Sheet

**27th August 2023, 10.30am, St Mary's
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Good Call: Grow in Wisdom**

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 Proverbs 1):

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge,

but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

My child, listen when your father corrects you.

Don't neglect your mother's instruction.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart;

do not depend on your own understanding.

Seek his will in all you do,

and he will show you which path to take.

HYMN

All my hope on God is founded;

He doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance
he guideth,

Only good and only true.

God unknown, He alone

Calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory, Sword

and crown betray his trust; What with

care and toil he buildeth,

Tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power, Hour by hour,

Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,

Deep his wisdom, passing thought:

Splendour, light, and life attend him,

Beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore from his store

New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

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

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are **all sinners**. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of **all that we have failed to do**. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SONG

With me, God is with me
Yes He's with me every step
With me, God is with me
Yes He's with me every step
And I know God is with me every step I go
Yes I know God is with me every step

With you, God is with you
Yes He's with you every step
With you, God is with you
Yes He's with you every step
And I know God is with you
every step you go
Yes I know God is with you every step

*And oh the love of God
is with me every day, every step I take
He will lead me on into his perfect plan
Walking hand in hand*

With us, God is with us
Yes He's with us every step
With us, God is with us
Yes He's with us every step
And I know God is with us
every step we go
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Acts 9. 1-19a

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to

the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'⁷ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'¹¹ The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.'¹³ But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.'¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7. 24-29

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ 'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand.²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'²⁸ Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching,²⁹ for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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

Be present Spirit of the Lord
Let sounds of earth be dumb
The Father's love be shed abroad
The dew of blessing on us poured
O Holy Spirit come
O Holy Spirit come

In power unseen upon us rest
Your gracious gifts impart
A mind renewed a spirit blessed
A life where Christ is manifest
An understanding heart
An understanding heart

Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil
Our souls to Christ incline
Intent to do the Father's will
And stand by faith before Him still
In righteousness divine
In righteousness divine

O Spirit come and with us stay
Make every heart Your home
So work in us that we who pray
May walk with Christ in wisdom's way
O Holy Spirit come
O Holy Spirit come

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. If you require a
gluten-free 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.*

SONG DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights
of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand
on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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

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.

Diary

**Sun 3 Sep. 3.30pm Cafe Church.
St Mark's**

**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

Please take posters (for shops and other public places) and flyers to invite people. Why not put them through your neighbours' letterboxes with a personal invitation on a post-it note?

We need you...!

Have you ever thought about helping during the Sunday service?

We are looking for more people to help in the following areas:

Welcome Team

Reading

Intercessions

Sound Desk

Online Chat Moderator

Full training will be given.

Please email or call the church office for more information.

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

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS

Care
for the
Family

THE EARLY YEARS

Starts 12 September

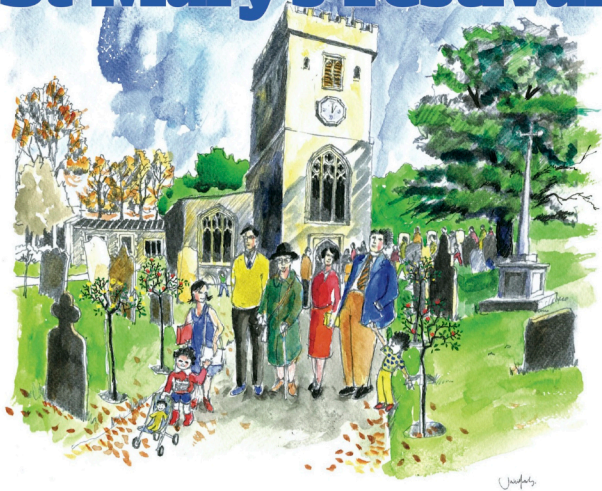


aLUMNI 4 sing
Choral music through the centuries
Sun 10 Sep, 4.30pm, St Mary's

**900 YEARS
ST MARY'S**

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St Mary's Festival



900 YEARS

Join us for a community celebration in and around St Mary's Church Denham. The earliest historical record for St Mary's Church is from 1123, so this year we are celebrating 900 years!

Please check our website for all details.

Saturday 9 September 2023



10am-12noon

Let's pick some litter!
Meet at St Mary's



2pm-5pm

Open Garden
The White House



4-4.30pm

A Slice of Denham History
St Mary's Vestry

Sunday 10 September 2023



10.30am

Celebration Service for
all ages with Ian Jennings



12-2pm

Barbecue
St Mary's



12.30-4pm

Children's Activities
Around St Mary's



1.30pm

Chime St Mary's Bells
St Mary's Bell Tower



2-4.15pm

Vestry Teas
St Mary's Vestry



4.30pm

Concert with aLUMNI 4
St Mary's

All proceeds will help us maintain St Mary's Church Building and Churchyard.

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