

St. Mary's Church Denham Sunday 10th September 2023 10.30am

Celebration Service 900 Years St Mary's Church

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven! To His feet thy tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me His praise should sing? Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows; in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise with us the God of grace! **OPENING PRAISE (Psalm 100)** (Please join in with the words in **bold**)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

WELCOME

CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the good Shepherd, who gives his life for his sheep: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

CHOIR: The Lord is my shepherd





QUIZ: 900 Years

CHILDREN: All Through History

(Please join in with the chorus)

Oh thank you, o thank you That all through history you were faithful Thank you, o thank you That you are just the same when it comes to me When it comes to me

Jesus died to take away our sin So we could get to know our God again The Lord is good the Lord is strong And we will live our lives for Him

> Oh thank you... (Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 3.1-11

¹ Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.







³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? ⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings?

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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

SERMON







SONG

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 [x2]

Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

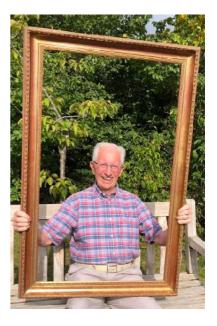
When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

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

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION







CHOIR

For this reason, I will come to you, with a thankful heart, you have given me my name

I will go to the mountains and ask where does my help come from? I will go through the valleys and know that you will comfort me I will walk on the water and trust that you will help me stand You hold my hand, you hold my hand

> For this reason, I will come to you, with a thankful heart, you have given me my name For this reason, I will stand before your face, such amazing grace, everyday you are the same.

May the Lord God be with us, as he was with those who've gone before May he turn our hearts to him, and to the land we're praying for Now we cling to your promise, this is the day the Lord has made We will be glad; we will be glad.



PRAYERS

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

Lord for the years, your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, The word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: For young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you, loveless in strength and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living pow'r remake usself on the cross and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us: Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

CHOIR

The Lord bless you and keep you (Rutter)

BLESSING

ST MARY'S FESTIVAL TODAY:



12–2pm Barbecue Hot Dogs Beef Burgers Denham Ale



12.30–4pm Children's Activities around St Mary's



1.30pm Chime St Mary's Bells



2–4.15pm Vestry Teas



4.3opm Concert with aLUMNI 4

Explore the letter to the Romans

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TODDLER GROUP

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