



Service Sheet

3rd September 2023 10.30am
St Mary's
The Thirteenth 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. 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

HYMN

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee: ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ay we adore him.

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 and his resurrection.
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins, and bring you to
everlasting life, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

COLLECT

Almighty God, you search us and know
us: may we rely on you in strength and
rest on you in weakness, now and in all
our days; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

BAPTISM OF KACIE LEA ALLEN

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 Kacie
and uphold her in her 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: Kacie, 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. Kacie, 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.

“WHO ARE YOU?”

SONG

Who is this man who was born as a child though he was God? (JESUS!)
Who is this man who loved the small, the sick, the poor? (JESUS!)
Who said that God wants us all to be like little children? (JESUS!)
Who gave his life so that I could be a child of God?

*Jesus, Son of God and Saviour
He is Jesus, Son of God and Lord!
Jesus, Son of God and Saviour
He is Jesus, Son of God and Lord!*

Who can I turn to when I need a friend and helper? (JESUS!)
Who can I talk to when I feel so weak and small? (JESUS!)

Who is this man who will keep all the good things he has promised? (JESUS!)
Who's got the power to make me a child of the greatest King?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. ³ On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. ⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

SECOND READING: Matt 16. 13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the

keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON

OFFERTORY 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

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

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation
By water and the word
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride
With his own blood he bought her
And for her life he died

Called out from every nation
Yet one through all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord one faith one birth
One holy name she blesses
And shares one holy food
As to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

In toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blessed
At last the church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three-in-One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy
Lord grant to us your grace
With them the meek and lowly
In heaven to see your face

SENDING PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, you are our rock,
the firm ground on which we stand.

[stamp feet]

You are there when things go wrong.

[cover face]

You love us when we are hurt by

others. *[hug self]*

With your help we can be calm, even
when things are difficult.

[palms down, calming gesture]

Thank you. *[open hands]* Amen.

BLESSING

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Diary

TODAY. 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
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your neighbours' letterboxes with a
personal invitation on a post-it note?



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OUR SMALL GROUPS.**

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influential books of the Bible and your place in God's story.
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FOR PARENTS**

THE EARLY YEARS

Starts 12 September



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