



Service Sheet

17th Sept. 2023 10.30am, St Mary's
The Book of Romans: Gospel
How can we become confident in our faith?

Welcome to St Mary's Church! We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello (in the chat feature online, or to the service leader or a member of the welcome team in church). You can find out more about our church on our website (www.denhamparish.church) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church).

Christoph Lindner, Rector

WELCOME

HYMN

O Lord my God,
when I, in awesome wonder
consider all the works
thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder:
thy power throughout
the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul,
my Saviour, God, to thee:
How great thou art,
how great thou art!*
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my Saviour, God, to thee:
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When through the woods
and forest glads I wander,
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God,
his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim,
my God, how great thou art!

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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SONG

When I get up and I start my day
I know Your precious love
Is showing me the way
When I'm at school
Or with my friends
I know Your faithful love
Will never ever end

*Lord let Your love shine through me
Lord let Your love shine through me
I want everyone to know
And all my friends to see
That everywhere I go
It's Your love that lives in me*

When I come home and I watch TV
I know Your awesome love
Is shining down on me
When I lie down and I go to sleep
I know Your tender love
Is watching over me

I need more of this love in my life
Every day to make me grow more like You
Come and let Your love shine through
(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Romans 1. 1-7, 14-17

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and

to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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

SECOND READING: John 1. 9-14

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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SERMON PART 1

CHOIR - Lead me Lord (S S Wesley)

SERMON PART 2

OFFERTORY SONG

I've heard a thousand stories
of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
and that I'm never alone

*You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers
far and wide
But I know we're all searching for
answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

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

We have a gospel to proclaim
good news for all throughout the earth
the gospel of a Saviour's name
we sing his glory, tell his worth

Tell of his death at Calvary
hated by those he came to save
in lonely suff'ring on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave

Tell of that glorious Easter morn
empty the tomb, for he was free
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory

Now we rejoice to name him King
Jesus is Lord of all the earth
The gospel-message we proclaim
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

BLESSING

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We have some new **cards** and **ceramic coasters** with gift envelopes by Hannah Dunnett- an ideal small gift. Should you wish to order any coasters please contact *Anne* (07896533202).

Diary

Tuesday 19th Sept -Parenting Course
continues at St Mark's - not too late to join!

Weds 20th Sept - Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's. Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

Weds 20th Sept 8pm.

Baptism Preparation Evening. Vestry

