



Service Sheet

15th October 2023 10.30am, St Mary's

The Book of Romans: Peace

How can we find rest in a stressful world?

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:
How great thou art,
how great thou art!*

When through the woods
and forest glads I wander,
and hear the birds
singing 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

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BAPTISM OF TOMMY JOHN KOPP

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 Tommy 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: Tommy, 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. Tommy 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.

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!
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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?

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Romans 5. 1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR: A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester (LJ White)

O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother: May I know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly.

SECOND READING: John 14. 23-27

²³Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing:
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing
O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes
in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass

the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
til we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.

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: BRF Ministries, 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**

OFFERTORY SONG

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power, our God our God*

BLESSING

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Diary

WEDS 18th OCT

Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's.
Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

SUN 22nd OCT

9am: Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.30am: Holy Communion at St Mary's

KEY VERSE:

'Hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been
poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit, who has
been given to us.'
ROMANS 5.5

SUGGESTED READING ROMANS:

- READING 1: *Romans 6.1-11*
- READING 2: *Romans 6.12-14*
- READING 3: *Romans 6.15-23*
- READING 4: *Romans 7.1-6*
- READING 5: *Romans 7.7-25*

(Space for your notes)



Lantern Light Party at St Mary's

Tuesday, 31 October, 5-7pm

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