



Service Sheet

29th October 2023 10.30am, St Mary's
The Book of Romans: Hope
What has God promised?

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

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 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! 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! 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 Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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

It's for everyone who lives on this planet
It's for everyone who's here in this place
Doesn't matter if you're young
or you're wrinkly
Doesn't matter if you've spots on your face
It's so big that you could wrap it around you
It's so deep that you could dive in and swim
It's the love of God who gave us his own Son
So that we can live forever with him

*It's a big gift. It's not a small gift
It's a gift from God. It's a ... BIG GIFT!*

It's for everyone who chooses to follow
It's for everyone who trusts in his love
It's for you if you believe in Jesus
It's for you if you believe in God's Son
Even though we never ever deserve it
Even though we still keep doing things wrong
Jesus loves us and he wants us to know it
Come on shout your praise for life
that goes on and on and on and on...
(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS SNEAK PREVIEW

FIRST READING: Romans 8. 14-17,31-32, 38-39

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: John 14. 1-7

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

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SERMON

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: 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**

HYMN

We believe in God the Father
God Almighty by whose plan
Earth and Heaven sprang to being
All created things began
We believe in Christ the Saviour
Son of God in human frame
Virgin-born the child of Mary
Upon whom the Spirit came

Christ who on the cross forsaken
Like a Lamb to slaughter led
Suffered under Pontius Pilate
He descended to the dead
We believe in Jesus risen
Heaven's King to rule and reign
To the Father's side ascended
Till as judge He comes again

We believe in God the Spirit
In one church below above
Saints of God in one communion
One in holiness and love
So by faith our sins forgiven
Christ our Saviour Lord and friend
We shall rise with Him in glory
To the life that knows no end

CHOIR: The Lord bless you and keep you (Rutter)

BLESSING

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Diary

Tuesday 31st Oct 5-7pm

Lantern Light Party @ St Mary's

Last chance to sign up TODAY!

www.denhamparish.church/lightparty

Weds 1st Nov - Little Lions toddler group.

St Mark's. Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

KEY VERSE FOR TODAY:

“... we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.”

ROMANS 8.23–24

READING ROMANS

In preparation for next Sunday, read the following passages:

Before the next session, read the following passages in Romans:

READING 1: *Romans 9.1–18*

READING 2: *Romans 9.19–10.4*

READING 3: *Romans 10.5–21*

READING 4: *Romans 11.1–24*

READING 5: *Romans 11.25–36*

Justification

ROMANS 8.1–11



Adoption

ROMANS 8.12–17



Glorification

ROMANS 8.18–30

OUR FUTURE HOPE GIVES US COURAGE TO KEEP GOING THROUGH LIFE’S CHALLENGES

NEW CREATION: ‘... the whole of creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth ...’
ROMANS 8.22

NEW BODIES: ‘... we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.’ ROMANS 8.23

NEW SECURITY: Romans 8 concludes with some amazing promises
‘If God is for us, who can be against us?’ ROMANS 8.31

‘... we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.’ ROMANS 8.37

‘... [nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.’
ROMANS 8.39

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