



Service Sheet

5th November 2023 10.30am, St Mary's
The Book of Romans: Mystery
If God is sovereign, what is our role?

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 for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ear,
'tis life and health and peace (x3)

He speaks and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe (x3)

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ,
your loosened tongues employ,
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy (x3)

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name (x3)

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

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SONG

Some of us are big and tall
Some of us are very small
Some of us like pink and some like blue
Some of us like reading books
Some of us like feeding ducks
That's because we're different me and you

*But God loves everyone He's made
God loves each of us in a special way
That's you and you and you and you
And you and you and you and you
God loves you God loves you
That's you and you and you and you
And you and you and you and you
We're part of the big family of God*

Some of us have curly hair
Some of us have specs to wear
All of us have different families
Some of us are very loud
Some of us don't make a sound
That's because we're different you and me
But God loves everyone He's made...

(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Romans 10. 9-15

⁹If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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

SECOND READING: Luke 2. 25-32

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for

my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

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

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above;
join with all nature in manifold witness,
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today,
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside.

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

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the World shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and
let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

BLESSING

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Diary

Tues 7th Nov 7.30-9.30pm

PCC Meeting on Zoom

Weds 8th Nov - Little Lions toddler group.

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

Sun 12th Nov 9am Holy Communion

10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service

**'TIS THE SEASON TO ...
... invite family and friends!**

Last Sunday Christoph talked about the opportunities we have at Christmas to invite others along to our services. **Please pick up an A5 leaflet** at the back with ideas and pray for opportunities.

COMING SOON: Our Christmas flyers with all dates. Do you live in Denham? Please put them through the letterboxes in your road.

Christmas Cards and gifts.

Take a look at the book/gift stall at the back of church. We have some great Christmas cards, coasters and mugs for sale.

Give and Share

The Give and Share team are starting to gather the items needed for their Christmas hampers which they distribute to those families in need in the local area. If you are able to contribute, please pick up a flyer at the back of church to see what items are needed.

Let's pray together....

- For those suffering the consequences of war, natural disasters and oppression. We pray especially for the conflict in Israel and Gaza, and in Ukraine.
- For those who have lost loved ones especially the family of Alastair McGhee

Rend Collective - Campfire - 10th Anniversary tour 17th Feb 2024 19:00 O2 Shepherd's Bush Empire



If you would like to join a group from Denham Parish for an evening of contemporary Christian music scan the QR code for more information, link to book tickets and logistics form. Any questions talk to Kath Sole or email: kathrynharmer@hotmail.com. Please note this is likely to be a popular event so if you would like to come book your tickets soon!

KEY VERSE

'How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?'

READING ROMANS

In preparation for Sunday 19th, read the following passages:

- READING 1: Romans 12.1–2*
- READING 2: Romans 12.3–8*
- READING 3: Romans 12.9–13*
- READING 4: Romans 12.14–17*
- READING 5: Romans 12.18–21*

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