

Remembrance Sunday

12th November 2023 10.45am, St Mary's The Third Sunday before Advent

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*

HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good; His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God whom Heaven and earth adore, From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

HYMN

Hope for the world's despair We feel the nations' pain Can anything repair This broken earth again For this we pray in every place A spark of grace to light the way

Wisdom for all who bear The future in their hand Entrusted with the care Of this and every land When comes the hour, O Lord, we pray Inspire the way we spend our power

Honour for all who've paid War's painful bitter price When duty called they made The greatest sacrifice Their memory will never cease To cry for peace and harmony

Ease for the troubled mind In endless conflict caught Each soul that cannot find The peace beyond all thought May they be blessed with healing balm For inner calm and perfect rest

Love for the human heart When hate grows from our fears And inwardly we start To turn our ploughs to spears Help us to sow love's precious seed In word and deed that peace may grow

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COLLECT

God. our refuge and strength. bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2.2-5

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills: all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord. to the house of the God of Jacob: that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction. and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples: they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

SECOND READING: John 15, 13-17

¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you.¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit. fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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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

A FULL PEAL OF BELLS

On Thursday 16th Nov, we are privileged to have a visiting band of bellringers ring a full peal on St Mary's bells, the first since 2017, to mark Coronation year, delayed to include a former member of the band visiting from Australia. It will start around 10.30 am and last about 3 hours. Our bells are highly regarded in ringing circles and the band includes members who ring at St Paul's Cathedral, so this will show off the bells at their best. To avoid distracting the ringers the church will not be open, but we hope you will enjoy the sound around the village and thank you for your understanding.

New AED DEFIBRILLATOR at St Mark's House and training

We now have a new defibrillator for the community in Denham Green at St Mark's House, next to the hall, and it is important to get as many people trained on it as possible. The first opportunity will be on Friday, 24 Nov from 10 to 1 at St Mark's Hall.

You will learn how to recognise someone's heart has stopped, how to do CPR and use a defibrillator, as well as some other crucial first aid techniques.

We want to make sure we fill up the available places for this first training. Please spread the word and sign up on our website - click on events, or call the Church Office.



Join us tomorrow, Mon 13 November at 8.00pm at St Mark's Church Hall. Once a month we set aside time to let God speak to us and to bring our needs and the needs of the world to him. Just turn up.

'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.

CHRISTMAS FLYERS HAVE ARRIVED!

Please pick up as many as you need at the back. Do you live in Denham? Please put them through the letterboxes in your road and add your name and road to the list at the back. so we don't deliver twice!

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Mon 13th Nov 8pm The Well at St Mark's

Weds 15th Nov - Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's. Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

Thurs 16th Nov 10.30am - 1.30pm Peal of Bells at St Mary's

Sun 12th Nov 9am Holy Communion 10am Destiny at St Mark's 10.30am Sunday Service

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.

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 OR 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!

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.

A SPECIAL ADVENT CALENDAR TO TELL A VERY SPECIAL STORY!



Follow the star, come join in the fun! Christmas is coming, the countdown's begun...

This Follow The Star Advent Calendar is a fun way for children and their families to mark Advent and celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Featuring a fold-out, stand up crib scene, stickers for every day of Advent and a rhyming Nativity story sheet, it tells the story of how – and why – Jesus came to be born in Bethlehem.

Free accompanying daily activities are also available from the Church of England via <u>cofe.io/AdventCalendar</u>

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