



Service Sheet

19th November 2023 10.30am, St Mary's

Romans: Devotion How can we live full-on for God?

Safeguarding Sunday

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

OPENING RESPONSE

When we are happy,
when we are full of joy and laughter

God welcomes us.

When we are angry, when people let us
down and make us sad

God welcomes us

When we are tired,
when we need to stop and curl up and rest

God welcomes us

God of welcome,
God whose door is always open

We are glad to meet you here

HYMN

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forever more

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

Dear God, help us to be a church that loves, welcomes, protects; listens, learns, serves; repents, restores, transforms; values, cares, believes. God of justice and compassion, hear our prayer. Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray. In Jesus name. **Amen.**

SONG

God wants us to change, change, change
Into something new

He wants us to change, change, change

We will be brand new

(Repeat)

Try and make a point

To stand out from the crowd

Fix your attention on God

And you will be changed

From the inside out

For God brings the best out of You

Every day we grow closer to our God

And who we're created to be

We can't do it ourselves

God's at work and grows

The Fruit of the Spirit in us

Metamorphing, metamorphing,
metamorphing (ooh! ooh!) [x4]

(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Romans 12. 1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be

overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Matt 20: 25-28

²⁵Jesus called his disciples together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let each a helping hand afford,
and feel each other's care.

Up into thee, our living head,
let us in all things grow,
and by thy sacrifice be led
the fruits of love to show.

Drawn by the magnet of thy love
let all our hearts agree;
and ever t'wards each other move,
and ever more t'wards thee.

This is the bond of perfectness
thy spotless charity.

O let us still we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.

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

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm
What heights of love
what depths of peace
When fears are stilled
when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones
He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood
of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BLESSING

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Diary

Weds 22nd Nov - Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's. Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

Fri 24th Nov - AED Training. St Mark's

**Sun 26th Nov 9am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion with Sunday Club**

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, we would like to get as many people trained 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.

Please spread the word and sign up by calling the Church Office. Or go to:

www.denhamparish.church/AED

Give and Share

Helpers needed please from 6th to 15th December - *Give and Share* will be distributing Christmas hampers to needy families in the local community through local schools. 6th - 8th – drivers needed to collect and transport from supermarkets to St Mark's Hall. 9th-15th – packers needed at St Mark's Hall and drivers to distribute hampers to local schools. **Please contact Dexter** dexterbrown125@gmail.com or text 07903 476535 if you can help in any way.

Please pick up a flyer at the back of church to find out what items are needed.

'TIS THE SEASON TO invite family and friends!

We have many opportunities at Christmas to invite others along to our services. **Please pick up an A5 leaflet** at the back with ideas.

CHRISTMAS FLYERS AND POSTERS 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! Please take posters for shops, pubs, other public places!

KEY VERSE

'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.'
ROMANS 12.1-2

READING ROMANS

In preparation for next Sunday, read the following passages:

READING 1: Romans 13.1-7

READING 2: Romans 13.8-10

READING 3: Romans 13.11-14

READING 4: Romans 14.1-12

READING 5: Romans 14.13-23

In view of God's mercy:



WE MUST BREAK WITH PAST WAYS OF LIVING:

'Do not conform to the pattern of this world ...'

ROMANS 12.2 (NIV)



WE MUST EMBRACE GOD'S TRUTH:

'... be transformed by the renewing of your mind.'

ROMANS 12.2 (NIV)



WE MUST DEVOTE OUR WHOLE SELVES TO GOD:

'Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering.'

ROMANS 12.1 (THE MESSAGE)

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