



# Service Sheet

21<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 10.30am, St Mary's  
The Third Sunday of Epiphany  
How we respond to God's Call

**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](http://www.denhamparish.church)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/denhamparish.church](https://facebook.com/denhamparish.church)).

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAISE (Psalm 62.1-2)

For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
**from him comes my salvation.**  
He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
**my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

### 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  
sing 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

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## BAPTISM OF MILLIE BIRKBY

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 Millie and uphold her in her 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: Millie, 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. Millie, 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

*Our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God  
and he holds us in his hands.*

He's higher than a skyscraper  
and He's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
and beyond my wildest dreams.  
And he's known me and he's loved me  
since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part  
of God's amazing plan

*(Children leave for Sunday Club)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING: Jonah 3. 1-5,10

<sup>3</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR: Lead me Lord.** (S.S Wesley)

### SECOND READING: Mark 1. 14-20

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

<sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets

and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and ever more,  
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to 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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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.

## Diary

**MON 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 7.30pm - Alpha Course**

Contact: [office@denhamparish.church](mailto:office@denhamparish.church)

**WEDS 24<sup>th</sup> JAN**

**Little Lions toddler group.** St Mark's.

Contact: [eddalindner18@gmail.com](mailto:eddalindner18@gmail.com)

**9.30am Alpha Course with Creche**

Contact: [office@denhamparish.church](mailto:office@denhamparish.church)

**4pm The Haven, Bereavement group.** St Mark's House.

**8.30pm Alpha Course Online**

Contact: [office@denhamparish.church](mailto:office@denhamparish.church)

**SUN 28<sup>th</sup> JAN**

**9am: Holy Communion** at St Mary's

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## CHRISTMAS APPEAL: THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Appeal! At the Christingle Service you gave £150 for the Children's Society. A total of £2,000 was given for our chosen mission partners, with £1,000 each going to SHOC/Trinity and Tearfund. Sunshine House Home and School have expressed their gratitude for the toys given at the Crib Service. ***Would you like to visit Sunshine House to find out more about their work?*** Please speak to Pam Montgomery or Victoria Lucas in the office to express your interest.

**Rend Collective -Campfire - 10th Anniversary Tour 17th Feb 2024  
19:00 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



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**St Mark's Hall, Denham Green**



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