



Service Sheet

28th January 2023 10.30am, St Mary's

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

How do we discern what comes from God?

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 PRAISE (from Psalm 111)

Praise the LORD!

**I will thank the LORD with all my heart
as I meet with his godly people.**

How amazing are the deeds of the LORD!

All who delight in him should ponder them.

Everything he does reveals his glory
and majesty.

His righteousness never fails.

He causes us to remember his
wonderful works.

How gracious and merciful is our LORD!

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!

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Praise with us the God of grace!

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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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 our Lord. Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

COMPASS 101

SONG

I am the way the truth and the life
That's what Jesus said
I am the way the truth and the life
That's what Jesus said
Without the way there is no going
Without the truth there is no knowing
Without the life there is no growing
I am the way the truth and the life
That's what Jesus said

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Deut. 18. 15-20

¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I

hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1. 21-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

THE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For
us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On
the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through
the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life
of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with
you. **And also with you**

OFFERTORY HYMN

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear:

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treas'ry filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! My shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with ev'ry fleeting breath'
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

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.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and

gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share
in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Please follow the directions of our sidesteam.

Please return to your seat through the middle aisle.

We take communion in both bread and wine.

Please feel under no compulsion to receive the wine, though. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please make this known to the minister distributing communion.

If you'd like to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides as you come forward.

If you'd like to receive Holy Communion seated in the pew, please let a member of our sidesteam know.

DURING HOLY COMMUNION: CHOIR: Elgar : 'Ave verum'

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

HYMN

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power, our God our God*

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?
(x2)

What could stand against?

SENDING PRAYER

Like a compass that shows us the way
(cup hands as if holding a large compass)
take our hands, Lord,
(raise and offer hands)
and lead us to those who speak your truth.
(take a few steps on the spot)
Amen.

BLESSING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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DIARY

MON 29th Jan 7.30pm - Alpha Course

Contact: office@denhamparish.church

Weds 31st Jan

Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's.

Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

9.30am Alpha Course with Creche

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8.30pm Alpha Course Online

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Sunday 4th Feb

9am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service

3.30pm Cafe Church at St Mark's
(See below)

TIME TO CHAT
FOOD FOR THOUGHT
CAFÉ CHURCH

FAVOURITE HYMNS AND PRAYERS
COFFEE AND CAKE

**God in the life of
Ian and Susan Bickerstaffe**

Denham has an important place in Ian and Susan's heart and they've been a part of Café Church for many years. They will speak about God's faithfulness through the ups and downs and their special connection with a children's home in Nepal.

Sunday, 4 February, 3.30–5.00pm
St Mark's Hall, Denham Green

Coffee and tea available from 3.15pm

Green Tiles Lane, Denham Green, UB9 5HT

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.



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DIARY DATE! CONCERT WITH TORFAEN MALE WELSH CHOIR

Friday, 8 March, 7pm, St Mary's

Save the date and spread the word. More details soon!

We now have an AED (Defibrillator)
at St Mark's House (next to St Mark's Church Hall)

Receive AED and general first aid training for free!

Saturday 6th January 10am-1pm

Saturday 20th January 2pm-5pm

Friday 9th February 10am-1pm



Sign up online
or call 01895 832771.

www.denhamparish.church/AED

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!



The background of the entire image is a composite. The upper portion shows a deep blue night sky filled with numerous stars. The lower portion shows a dark, rugged mountain landscape. A prominent, light-colored rock formation, resembling Half Dome, is visible in the center-left of the lower half. The sky transitions from blue at the top to a darker, almost black, near the horizon.

GREAT

Are the works

OF THE LORD

THEY ARE PONDERED

BY ALL

WHO DELIGHT IN THEM

PSALM 111:2