



Service Sheet

11th February 2023 10.30am, St Mary's
The Sunday next before Lent
Pass it on!

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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near,
daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display
shining to the perfect day.

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.

CONFESSION

God of truth,
when we won't go far enough
in speaking out for justice...

Forgive us we pray.

When we won't go far enough out of
our comfort zone...

Forgive us we pray.

When we won't go far enough in taking
responsibility for our behaviour...

Forgive us we pray.

When we won't go far enough in
meeting the needs of those around us...

Forgive us we pray.

Forgive us and help us to change, to
grow, and to appreciate fully all that
you have done for us – in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ABSOLUTION

May Almighty God forgive us, renew us
and make us more like Jesus. **Amen.**

Living God, your forgiveness enables
and empowers us to change, to move on
and to be made whole. Thank you for
your patience, your grace, and your
presence with us. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Holy God, you know the disorder of our
sinful lives: set straight our crooked
hearts, and bend our wills to love your
goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG

I am a city on a hill
I am a light in the darkness
Jesus living in me can change the world
(x2)

Let my light shine let my light shine
Let my light shine
(x2)

*If God is for me who can stand against me
Let my light shine let my light shine
Let my light shine*
(x2)

We are a city on a hill
We are a light in the darkness
Jesus living in us can change the world
(x2)

Let your light shine let your light shine
Let your light shine. Let it shine
(x2)

*If God is for us who can stand against us
Let your light shine let your light shine
Let your light shine* (x2)

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING (Psalm 145. 1-13)

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.
They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,
so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9.2-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne; alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone: hark the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood: Jesus, out of ev'ry nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, not questions how; though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise,, 'I am with you evermore?'

Alleluia, bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay; alleluia, here the sinful flee to thee from day to day; intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own; alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne; thou within the veil has entered robed in flesh, our great High Priest; thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

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: Mozart, '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!

There is a Redeemer,

Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer.
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
In that holy place.

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

Go forth and tell!
O Church of God awake!
God's saving news
to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus,
Saviour, Lord and King
that all the world
his worthy praise may sing

Go forth and tell!
God's love embraces all;
he will in grace
respond to all who call;
how shall they call;
if they have never heard
The gracious invitation
of His word?

Go forth and tell!
where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want,
the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord,
concern of heart and mind,
A love like Yours
which cares for all mankind

Go forth and tell!
the doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts
let no one be denied;
live out your life
as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed pow'rs
for his sole glory use

Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength
which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations
His great name adore
and serve Him, Lord and King,
for evermore

BLESSING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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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 Pamela Gough.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

28 April 2024 - Electoral Roll 2024

This year's Electoral Roll registration will be a revised version of 2023. If there are any changes to your details, please complete a new form which is available to collect from the Display Area near the main entrance of the Church.

Anyone who has been attending St Mary's for at least 6 months may apply to become a member of the Church which will enable them to vote at the APCM. Signed applications should be sent to the Electoral Roll Officer via the post/hand delivered to the Church Office by 10 March 2024.

DIARY

MON 12 Feb

8pm The Well . St Mark's

WEDS 14 Feb

10am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's

Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's.

Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

THURS 15 Feb

8pm Baptism Prep Evening

St Mary's Vestry

SUN 18th Feb

9am Holy Communion

10.15am Destiny at St Mark's

10.30am Family Service with baptism

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRI 8 March, 7pm: Concert with *Torfaen Male Welsh Choir*, St Mary's [see back page]

SUN 10 March, 10.30am: *Mothering Sunday*
Family Service, St Mary's

SUN 28 April, 10.30am: Sunday Worship
with *Annual Church Meeting (APCM)*

Please note: There will be no 9am service so we can all come together.

MON 27 May: *Denham Village May Fayre*

SUN 8 September: *St Mary's Festival*



THE WELL

Worship | Pray | Listen

Join us tomorrow, Mon 12 February at 8.00pm at St Mark's. 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.



Denham Fayre is back - Save the date Monday 27th May 2024.

We need help in the following areas before the Fayre:
Cake bakers, sandwich makers, donations for bottle tombola

We need help on the day in various areas, grand raffle stall, bottle tombola stall, children's activities and vestry teas.

Please call or email the church office on 01895 832771 or office@denhamparish.church

St Mary's Church Denham presents **Torfaen Male Choir** **A MUSICAL TASTE OF WALES**



Torfaen Male Choir were formed in 2019, by the amalgamation of two award-winning male choirs, Cwmbran & Pontypool.

Under the excellent tutelage of MD, Steve Bard, they perform a wide-ranging repertoire, encompassing all genres.

Accompanist: Penny Hughes

Soloist: Travis Smith (inset, right)

Finalist in *Britain's Got Talent* 2023



This is a free concert. There will be a retiring collection. Reserve your ticket online or by calling our church office (details below). During the interval refreshments will be on offer.

Friday, 8 March 2024, 7.00pm
St Mary's Church Denham
www.denhamparish.church/wales

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