

Service Sheet

18th February 2024, 10.30am, St Mary's
The First Sunday of Lent
A Long Obedience: Repentance

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

CHOIR INTROIT:

O come, ye servants of the Lord,
and praise His holy name
From early morn to setting sun,
His might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart:
He makes His mercies known.
Ye princes come, ye people too,
and bow before His throne.

WELCOME

HYMN

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all*

The seasons and the weather
The sun and moon and stars
The planets way beyond us
Like Jupiter and Mars

The creatures of the deep sea
The mountain dwelling goat
He covered some with fish-scales
And others furry coats

The leaping lime-green lizard
the slow and sleepy sloth
He set the speed they'd travel
Then smiled and set them off

He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well

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

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BAPTISM OF EVERLY FIPKIN

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 Everly 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: Everly, 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. Everly, 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

Some of us are big and tall
Some of us are very small
Some of us like pink and some like blue
Some of us like reading books
Some of us like feeding ducks
That's because we're different me and you

*But God loves everyone He's made
God loves each of us in a special way
That's you and you and you and you
And you and you and you and you
God loves you God loves you
That's you and you and you and you
And you and you and you and you
We're part of the big family of God*

Some of us have curly hair
Some of us have specs to wear
All of us have different families
Some of us are very loud
Some of us don't make a sound
That's because we're different you and me

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 120

¹ In my distress I cry to the Lord, that he may answer me: ² 'Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.'

³ What shall be given to you? And what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue? ⁴ A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree! ⁵ Woe is me, that I am an alien in Meshech, that I must live among the tents of Kedar. ⁶ Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace. ⁷ I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Mark 1. 9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well

pleased.' ¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise;
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee;
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace;
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake,
wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm;
O still, small voice of calm

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

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

BLESSING

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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.

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 Patricia White.

Diary

WEDS 21 Feb

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

Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

SAT 24th Feb

4pm Kids Choir

SUN 25th Feb

9am

10.30am

Holy Communion

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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*



DIARY DATE!

CONCERT WITH TORFAEN MALE WELSH CHOIR

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

This is a free concert with a retiring collection. There will be refreshments during the interval.

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