

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER at St Mary's Church



### Sunday 24 March: Palm Sunday

10.00am Palm Sunday Procession  
10.30am Sunday Service with Sunday Club



### Thursday 28 March: Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Holy Communion Service



### Friday 29 March: Good Friday

10.30am An Hour at the Cross with Sunday Club  
2.30–3.30pm St Mary's open for quiet prayer



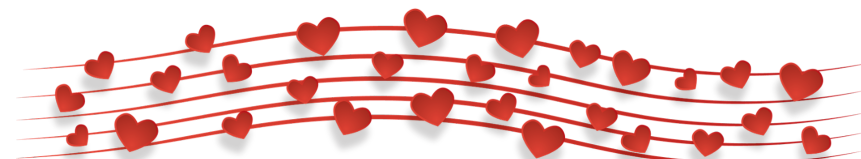
### Sunday 31 March: Easter Sunday

9am Holy Communion  
10am Easter Egg Hunt  
10.30am Family Service



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St. Mary's Church  
Denham

Sunday  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 10.30am

## *Mothering Sunday Family Service* *A Long Obedience: Joy*

### WELCOME

Praise God who loves us.  
**ALL: Praise God who cares.**

### 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;  
sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

### WHAT REALLY COUNTS

### 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.

*(The children are leaving for a special activity)*

### READING: Psalm 126

When the LORD brought back his  
exiles to Jerusalem, it was like a  
**dream!** We were filled with **laughter**,  
and we sang for **joy**. And the other  
nations said, "What **amazing things**  
the LORD has done for them." Yes, the  
LORD has done **amazing things** for us!  
What **joy!** Restore our fortunes, LORD,  
as streams **renew** the desert. Those  
who plant in tears will harvest with  
**shouts of joy**. They weep as they go to  
plant their seed, but they **sing** as they  
return with the **harvest**.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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## TALK

### HYMN

*(Choir only)*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

***(ALL, singing from the top again)***

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me,  
and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

### CONFESSION

Your love gives us life from the  
moment of conception. We fail to live  
as your children. Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

You bless us abundantly. We  
sometimes see only what is lacking.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help. We  
ignore the cries of others.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you  
from you sins, and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS

**Response:**

*God of love,*

**Hear our prayer.**

*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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*(During this hymn children will give  
flowers to mums, grannies, godmothers)*

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things has done  
In whom His world rejoices  
Who from our mother's arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given  
The Son and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven  
The one eternal God  
Whom earth and heaven adore  
For thus it was is now  
And shall be evermore

**Thank you God  
for the love of our mothers:  
thank you God  
for their care and concern;  
thank you God  
for the joys they have shared with us;  
thank you God  
for the pains they have borne for us;  
thank you God for all that they give us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S SONG

If you're feeling sad and weary and  
you're down in the dumps, down in  
the dumps, down in the dumps;  
If you're feeling sad and weary and  
you're down in the dumps, There's  
something you can do:

Don't be grumpy, don't go on and on;  
Don't be grumpy, don't you spoil the fun!

Count your blessings, name them one  
by one; count your blessings, see  
what God has done!

## BLESSING

May God, who gave birth to all  
creation, bless us: may God, who  
became incarnate by an earthly  
mother, bless us: may God, who  
broods as a mother over her children,  
bless us. May almighty God bless us,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and  
for ever. **Amen.**

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## KIDS' CHOIR



**Saturday, 23 March, 4–5pm  
St Mary's Church Vestry**

A monthly choir for children aged 5 to 11.  
Fun, variety and creativity, building your  
child's confidence and skills.

Not sure whether this choir is right for your  
child? Speak to  
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more or come for a  
taster session!

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