

# Service Sheet

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, 10.30am, St Mary's  
The Third Sunday of Lent  
A Long Obedience: Patience

**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

### HYMN

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
(x3)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

### 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

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### BAPTISM OF LOUIS ATKINSON

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 Louis and uphold him in his 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: Louis, 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. Louis, 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**

He's got the whole world in his hand.  
He's got the whole world in his hand.  
He's got the whole world in his hand.  
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, brother ...

He's got you and me, sister ...

He's got the tiny little baby ...

He's got ev'rybody here ...

*(Children leave for Sunday Club)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **FIRST READING: Psalm 129**

<sup>1</sup> 'Often have they attacked me from my youth' —let Israel now say—

<sup>2</sup> 'often have they attacked me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.

<sup>3</sup> Those who plough ploughed on my back; they made their furrows long.'

<sup>4</sup> The Lord is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned back.

<sup>6</sup> Let them be like the grass on the housetops that withers before it grows up,

<sup>7</sup> with which reapers do not fill their hands or binders of sheaves their arms,

<sup>8</sup> while those who pass by do not say, 'The blessing of the Lord be upon you! We bless you in the name of the Lord!'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: John 2. 13-22**

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables.

<sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said

this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

### **SONG**

My heart is restless  
Let peace wash over me  
Lost in distractions  
But You God I will seek

*I will wait for You*

*I will wait for You*

*Let my heart be still for You are God*

You know my longing  
You listen to my fears  
I'm not forgotten  
Your goodness draws me near

*I will wait for You*

*I will wait for You*

*Let my heart be still for You are God*

*You are always good*

*Lord forever kind*

*I will trust and know*

*That You are God*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance  
    he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, Hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light, and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

## **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**

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**

Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me  
save that thou art;  
thou my best thought  
in the day and night,  
waking or sleeping,  
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,  
be thou my true word,  
I ever with thee  
and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father,  
and I thy true heir;  
thou in me dwelling,  
and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate,  
my sword for the fight,  
be thou my armour,  
and be thou my might,  
thou my soul's shelter,  
and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward,  
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not,  
nor all the world's praise,  
thou mine inheritance  
through all my days;  
thou, and thou only,  
the first in my heart,  
high King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven  
when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me,  
O bright heav'n's sun;  
Christ of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.

## 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.

## Diary

**WEDS 6 Mar**

**Little Lions toddler group.** *St Mark's.*  
Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

**FRI 8<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**7pm**

**Torfaen Welsh Choir**

**SUN 10<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**9am**

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion**

**Mothering Sunday**

**Family Service**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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*

**Denham Fayre is back  
Save the date: Monday  
27<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

**We need help in the following  
areas before the Fayre:**

**Cake bakers, donations for bottle  
tombola, unused gifts for tombola  
stall and teddies for teddy  
tombola. Please bring tombola  
items to church where we will**

**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 Bishop Alan Wilson

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