



Service Sheet

17th March 10.30am, St Mary's
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
A Long Obedience: Hope

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 PRAYER (from Psalm 130)

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

HYMN

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more

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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

²Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: John 12. 20-26

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

Above the voices of the world around me,
my hopes and dreams,
my cares and loves and fears,
the long-awaited call of Christ has found me,
the voice of Jesus echoes in my ears:
'I gave my life to break the cords
that bind you,
I rose from death to set your spirit free;
turn from your sins
and put the past behind you,
take up your cross and come and follow me.'

What can I offer him who calls me to him?
Only the wastes of sin and self and shame;
a mind confused, a heart that never knew him,
a tongue unskilled at naming Jesus' name.
Yet at your call, and hungry for your blessing,
drawn by that cross
which moves a heart of stone,
now Lord I come, my tale of sin confessing,
and in repentance turn to you alone

Lord, I believe; help now my unbelieving;
I come in faith because your promise stands.
Your word of pardon and of peace receiving,
all that I am I place within your hands.
Let me become what you shall choose
to make me,
freed from the guilt and burden of my sins.
Jesus is mine, who never shall forsake me,
and in his love my new-born life begins.

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou has promised,
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heav'n receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

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

Hope of our calling:
hope through courage won;
By those who dared to share
all Christ had done.
Saints of today,
Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling:
hope with strength empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen
and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too
To live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling:
hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness
throughout the world;
Bring peace from conflict,
fruitfulness from weeds,
The kingdom's harvest
from a mustard seed.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered
and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed
by sacrament and word
We go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

BLESSING

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DIARY

WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH

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

Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

PALM SUNDAY 24th MARCH

9am Holy Communion

10am Palm Sunday Procession

Village Hall Denham

10.15am Destiny, St Mark's

10.30am Sunday Service

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUN 28 April, 10.30am: Sunday Service

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 27th 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 collect them.**

**We need help on the day in various
areas: set up and take down,
sandwich makers, grand raffle stall,
bottle tombola stall, children's
activities and vestry teas. Please sign
up at the back of church or call the
church office.**

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 families and friends of Bishop Alan Wilson and of Joy Evans.

HOLY WEEK at St Mary's Church

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

