



# SERVICE SHEET

## 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, St Mary's Easter Day

**Welcome to St Mary's Church!** Happy Easter! 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)). Today's service will be followed by Holy Communion. *Christoph Lindner, Rector*

### WELCOME

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### CHOIR INTROIT

Joyfully praise Him, God has now raised him;  
Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel.

In Him we're given rich gifts from heaven.  
He's the Saviour from death and hell.

Helper in sorrow, hope for tomorrow,  
Lord of creation, life's strong foundation.

Nothing can separate us from his love.

God in his kindness stoops down to find us,  
rescues the sinners, now lives within us.

Nothing can separate us from his love.

### HYMN

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, alleluia!  
Where the angels every sing. Alleluia

### HETTIE OPENS AN EASTER EGG

#### KIDS' CHOIR SONG

*Ring out the bells at Easter time!*

*Tell all the world that He's alive!*

*Sing out the story far and wide,*

*Shout it from the rooftops,*

*Jesus is alive! (Repeat)*

Now the power of death is broken,

The grave is left behind,

The darkness has been overcome

By love that cannot die.

Heaven's doors are flung wide open

To everlasting light,

The kingdom of our God has come

With power and resurrection!

Deeper than eternal oceans

And stronger than a flood,

The fountain of His endless love

Is now poured out on us.

Here we stand, our hearts wide open

To His eternal life,

The kingdom of our God has come

With power and resurrection!

*We're coming alive! We're coming alive!*

*We're coming alive to love!*

## READING: John 20.1-10

<sup>1</sup> Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.<sup>2</sup> She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"<sup>3</sup> Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb.<sup>4</sup> They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.<sup>5</sup> He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in.<sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there,<sup>7</sup> while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings.<sup>8</sup> Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed—<sup>9</sup> for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead.<sup>10</sup> Then they went home.

*Christ is risen.*

**ALL: He's risen indeed, hallelujah!**

*(Children leave for an Easter activity)*

## READING: John 20.11-18

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;<sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.<sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."<sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried

him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### CHOIR

This joyful Eastertide  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
has sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood has lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver.

### PRAYERS

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. 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.**

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*(During this hymn the children will join us again)*

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes,  
tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan,  
wrought in love, borne in pain,  
paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is he laid?'  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
Speaking life, stirring hope,  
bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till he appears, for he lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith  
with certainty,  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with power  
and authority!

And we are raised with him,  
Death is dead, love has won,  
Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with him,  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

### 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

**Thine be the glory,**  
Risen, conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes  
Where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,  
Risen, conqu'ring Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth;  
Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee,  
Glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is naught without thee:  
Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conqu'rors  
Through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
To thy home above.

### BLESSING

All our problems  
**we send to the cross of Christ.**  
All our difficulties  
**we send to the cross of Christ.**  
All our hopes  
**we set on the risen Christ;**  
and the blessing of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

*(The service continues with Holy Communion.)*

## CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed; through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and

restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.**

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. **We now have gluten free communion wafers available, if you require a GF 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.*

**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.**

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God,

which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and

remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

## BISHOP ALAN WILSON

A memorial service for Bishop Alan Wilson will be held at All Saints Church, High Wycombe on Saturday, 13 April at 11.30am. This service will be live-streamed on the diocesan website.

[www.oxford.anglican.org/  
bishop-alan--book-of-condolences.php](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/bishop-alan--book-of-condolences.php)



**Saturday 11 May, 10 am – 12 noon  
St Mary's Church**

If you love to sing, just come along to St. Mary's Church, Denham, and join in a feast of singing music both familiar (and maybe less familiar) and learn more about good breathing habits, voice production and reading from sight. The 2 hours will highlight Handel's *Zadok the Priest* (music written for the Coronation of King George II in 1727) but will contain lots of fun vocal experiments and be a light-hearted and happy experience but at the same time be of serious benefit to your vocal cords, your whole body and spirit.

### Don't miss out!

The morning will be directed by *Stephen Armstrong*, organist at the church, and who was a Cambridge University Organ Scholar and Director of Music and is now Artistic Director of the aLUMNI Chamber Choir of Cambridge.

There will be a charge of £5 on the day.

Sign up to secure your place:

[www.denhamparish.church/come-and-sing](http://www.denhamparish.church/come-and-sing)

**email: [office@denhamparish.church](mailto:office@denhamparish.church)**

**phone: 01895 832771**

## DIARY

**SUN 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**9am**

**Holy Communion**

**10.30am**

**Family Service with  
baptism**

**NO CAFE CHURCH**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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*

**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, Stella Sherer, Ronald Arbon and Darryl Reeves.

### ONLINE DONATIONS



If you wish to make a donation to Denham Parish Church, please scan this code with the camera or QR app on your smartphone and follow instructions.



### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 28 April 2024

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday, 28 April as part of our church service at 10.30am. The best way to experience it is in person at St Mary's. We do however recognise that this is not possible for everyone. The online component will therefore be in two parts: The beginning of the service will be on our Youtube channel as every Sunday. The 'business part' will then be on Zoom conference app (allowing you to vote and us to record your attendance). This way we are hoping that most church members can take part; if you are able, please attend St Mary's onsite on the day.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- There will be NO 9 am service on the day so we can all be together.
- The Zoom details will be emailed to everyone on the electoral roll. If you would like to take part as a non-voting guest, please contact our church office for the details.
- If you cannot attend, please send your apologies to our church office in advance. They will be noted in the minutes.



#### **DONATIONS NEEDED:**

**Cakes  
Bottles  
Quality gifts for Tombola  
Soft toys for teddy  
tombola.**

#### **HELPERS NEEDED:**

Set up and clear up  
Sandwich makers  
Grand raffle stall  
Bottle tombola stall,  
Children's activities  
Vestry teas  
Car Park

**Please sign up at the back of church.**

**OR** call or email the church office

on 01895 832771 or

[office@denhamparish.church](mailto:office@denhamparish.church)





Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were on their way to the tomb. (...) As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (*From the Gospel of Mark, chapter 16*)