



# Service Sheet

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 10.30am, St Mary's  
The Third Sunday of Easter

**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

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell,  
are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand,  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet.

### SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

## 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 our Lord. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COLLECT

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## HYMN

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing ev'ry blessing  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heav'nly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

## RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

### HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and ever more,  
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

*(Children leave for Sunday Club)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & BANNS

### FIRST READING: Acts 3. 12-19

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

<sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING: Luke 24. 36b-48

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

<sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

### THE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection  
of the dead, and the life  
of the world to come. Amen.**

### PRAYERS

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

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Alleluia alleluia  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness  
Sing to God a hymn of praise  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled  
Jesus Christ the King of Glory  
Now is risen from the dead

Christ is risen Christ the first fruits  
Of the holy harvest field  
Which will all its full abundance  
At His second coming yield  
Then the golden ears of harvest  
Will their heads before Him wave  
Ripened by His glorious sunshine  
From the furrows of the grave

Christ is risen we are risen  
Shed upon us heavenly grace  
Rain and dew and gleams of glory  
From the brightness of Thy face  
That we with our hearts in heaven  
Here on earth may fruitful be  
And by angel hands be gathered  
And be ever Lord with Thee

Alleluia alleluia  
Glory be to God on high  
Alleluia to the Saviour  
Who has gained the victory  
Alleluia to the Spirit  
Fount of love and sanctity  
Alleluia alleluia  
To the Triune Majesty

### 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.**

### 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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

**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.**

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. **If you require a gluten-free 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.*

**DURING HOLY COMMUNION:**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with my Lord I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my Go  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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.**

**HYMN**

We have a gospel to proclaim  
good news for all throughout the earth  
the gospel of a Saviour's name  
we sing his glory, tell his worth

Tell of his death at Calvary  
hated by those he came to save  
in lonely suff'ring on the cross  
for all he loved, his life he gave

Tell of that glorious Easter morn  
empty the tomb, for he was free  
he broke the pow'r of death and hell  
that we might share his victory

Now we rejoice to name him King  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth  
The gospel-message we proclaim  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

**BLESSING**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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# DIARY

**WEDS 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
Little Lions toddler group. *St Mark's*.  
Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

11.30am Funeral of the late Ronald Arbon. *St Mary's*

**SUN 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL**  
9am Holy Communion  
10.15am Destiny, *St Mark's*

10.30am Family Service

## 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*



## 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.



## THE HAVEN A Bereavement Drop-In

*A Place of Safety, Welcome*

*And Hope Renewed*

- For all who are living through pain of bereavement and loss
- Facilitated by Sandy Wickenden & Rev Azita Jabbari
- Relaxed and welcoming atmosphere over a cuppa and light refreshments

**St Mark's House, 80 Green Tiles Lane**

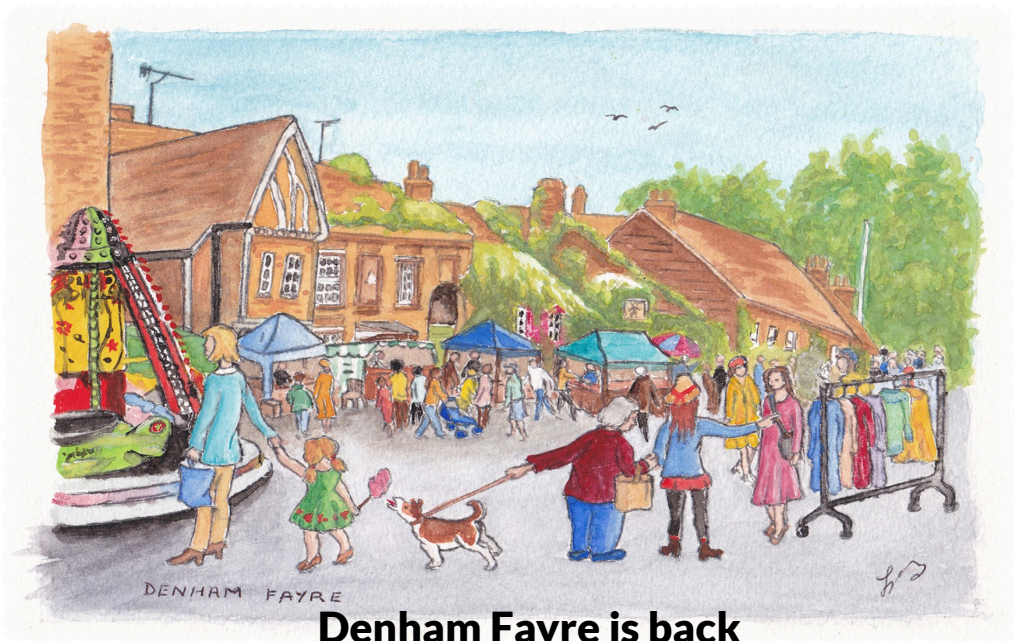
**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm**

Would you like to find out more? Contact the Church office  
office@denhamparish.church or via our church office 01895 832771

### 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 Ronald Arbon, Darryl Reeves and Christina D'Sa (Sheila Hutchison's mother)





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

**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  
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