



Service Sheet

21st April 10.30am, St Mary's
The Fourth 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) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church).

Christoph Lindner, Rector

WELCOME

HYMN

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear:

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treas'ry filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! My shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with ev'ry fleeting breath'
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

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

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

SONG

With me, God is with me
Yes He's with me every step
With me, God is with me
Yes He's with me every step
And I know God is with me every step I go
Yes I know God is with me every step

With you, God is with you
Yes He's with you every step
With you, God is with you
Yes He's with you every step
And I know God is with you every step you go
Yes I know God is with you every step >>>>

*And oh the love of God
is with me every day, every step I take
He will lead me on into his perfect plan
Walking hand in hand*

With us, God is with us
Yes He's with us every step
With us, God is with us
Yes He's with us every step
And I know God is with us every step we go
Yes I know God is with us every step.

(The children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BANNS

FIRST READING: Acts 4. 5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

*This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING: John 10. 11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my

own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.*

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.

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

I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

BLESSING

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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 Monday 27th May 2024

Still needed for the Tombola's:
400 bottles (anything in a bottle)
Plenty of pre-loved cuddly toys
Unopened items for the general tombola
(sorry, no bric-a-brac)
Homemade cakes and scones

Helpers still needed:

This will be on a 2-hour rota system, so the more helpers we have, the fewer shifts you need to do!

X 2 on the children's activities

X 6 on refreshments

X 4 on bottle tombola

X 2 on Grand Raffle

**Please sign up at the back of church or
contact the Church Office**

DIARY

TUESDAY 23th APRIL

11.30am Funeral - Darryl Reeves. St Mary's

WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL

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

Contact: eddalindner18@gmail.com

4pm. The Haven Bereavement Group.

St Mark's House

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

9am NO SERVICE TODAY!

10.30 Sunday Service with APCM

VICTORIA LUCAS

After many years of fruitful ministry as our parish secretary, Victoria is moving on to a new job. We will thank her at our APCM next Sunday.

Would you like to contribute to a leaving gift?

Please make your gift by this Thursday 25th April.

Preferably, please make a bank transfer with reference "VICTORIA":

Denham Parochial Church Council

Account No. 30305553

Sort code 208916

(Barclays Uxbridge) >>>

email: office@denhamparish.church

phone: 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 are unwell, especially Ann Stewart (Mike Stewart's wife).
- For those who have lost loved ones especially the families and friends of Ronald Arbon, Darryl Reeves, Cynthia Williams and Christina D'Sa (Sheila Hutchison's mother)
- For our APCM next week and all preparations for Christoph and Edda's sabbatical, starting May 15th.

Alternatively, please put a sealed envelope addressed to **Samantha Carter** with cash or a cheque through the office letterbox. Please make cheques payable to Denham PCC and write "Victoria" on the back of the cheque. For cash please put a note in the letter saying "Gift for Victoria".

PATHWAYS MAGAZINE

The latest magazine from the Diocese of Oxford is available at the back of church. It contains an article by Nnamdi Maduka.

Please pick up a copy as you leave.