



Service Sheet

5th May 2024 10.30am St Mary's
The Sixth 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

SONG

La la la...

Clap your hands, shout for joy, God is here!
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Now is the time
to sing with all your heart.
Now is the time to celebrate our God.

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

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, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing:
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes
in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
til we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.

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, Care for the Family, 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

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-end

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles,⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said,⁴⁷ Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Psalm 34:1

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Mathew 7:7-8

Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 6:34

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

John 14:13

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

REFLECTION & INTERVIEWS

HYMN

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love,
what depths of peace
When fears are stilled
when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones
He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day

Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BAPTISMS

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 them and uphold them in their 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: 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 "Khosh Amadeed".**

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. 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.

CHOIR: I'll not turn back

If crosses come,
if it should cost me dearly
To be the servant of my Servant Lord,
If darkness falls around the path of duty,
And men despise the Saviour I've adored:

*I'll not turn back, whatever it may cost;
I'm called to live to love and save the lost.
(x2)*

If doors should close,
then other doors will open;
The Word of God can never be contained.
His love cannot be finally frustrated,
By narrow minds or prison bars restrained.

If tears should fall, if am called to suffer,
If all love men should deface, defame,
I'll not deny the One that I have followed,
Nor be ashamed to bear my Master's name

HYMN

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to him in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

BLESSING

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DIARY

WEDNESDAY 8th MAY

Little Lions toddler group. *St Mark's.* Contact:
kathypaine16@gmail.com

THURSDAY 9th MAY: ASCENSION DAY

10am Holy Communion, St Mary's

SATURDAY 11th MAY

**2pm Wedding of Michael Easter &
Elizabeth Purcell**

SUNDAY 12th May

9am Holy Communion

10.30 Sunday Service with Sunday Club

Let's pray together....

- For those who have been baptised today.
- 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 Cynthia Williams and Christina D'Sa (Sheila Hutchison's mother)
- For all preparations for Christoph and Edda's sabbatical, starting May 15th.

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**



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. Stephen was a Cambridge University Organ Scholar and Director of Music and is now Artistic Director of the aLUMNI Chamber Choir of Cambridge.

There is a charge of £5 on the day to cover our costs. Limited space! Sign up to secure your place: www.denhamparish.church/come-and-sing

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