



Service Sheet

28th July 2024 10.30am, St Mary's
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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 PRAISE (PSALM 105)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him; **tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

Seek the LORD and his strength; **seek his presence continually.**

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.

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

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 COLLECT

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in 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 whoa oh
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 whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

Shining in the darkness

I will follow You oh

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, 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 whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

(A quiet activity is available for children at the back of the church.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11 1-13

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.² It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful.³

David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.'⁴ So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house.⁵ The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'⁶ So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David.⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going.⁸ Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king.⁹ But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.¹⁰ When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?'¹¹ Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.'¹² Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day,¹³ David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: John 6.1 - 21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontus Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

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

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy;
there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all
creation; in your love you made us for
yourself.

When we turn away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might
live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the
cross and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper
with his friends he took bread, and gave
you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them,
saying; Take, eat, this is my body which is
given for you; do this in remembrance of
me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of
him; his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of
wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink
this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins; do this in
remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of
him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate
his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the
World we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song
of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this
cup, **We proclaim the Lord's death until
he comes.**

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels
us to come in. Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared; we were
not fit even to eat the crumbs from
under your table. But you, Lord, are the
God of our salvation, and share your
bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed
us with the precious body and blood of
your Son, that he may live in us and we in
him; and that we, with the whole
company of Christ, may sit and eat in
your kingdom. Amen.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

*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 side as you come
forwards.*

*If you'd like to receive Holy Communion
seated in the pew please let a member of
our side team know.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of all, we give you thanks and
praise, that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us
home. Dying and living, he declared your
love, gave us grace, and opened the gate
of glory. **May we who share Christ's
body live his risen life; we who drink his
cup bring life to others; we whom the**

Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so we and all your children
shall be free, and the whole earth live to
praise your name; through Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

Lord of the church we pray for our renewing
Christ over all our undivided aim
Fire of the Spirit burn for our enduing
Wind of the Spirit fan the living flame
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing
The will that lacks the courage to be free
The weary labours all but unavailing
To bring us nearer what a church should be

Lord of the church we seek a Father's blessing
A true repentance and a faith restored
A swift obedience and a new possessing
Filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving
Unnumbered voices with a single prayer-
The living water for our souls' reviving
In Christ to live and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church we long for our uniting
True to one calling by one vision stirred
One cross proclaiming and one creed reciting
One in the truth of Jesus and His word
So lead us on till toil and trouble ended
One church triumphant one new song shall sing
To praise His glory risen and ascended
Christ over all the everlasting King

THE BLESSING

The Lord God almighty is our Father;
He loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our saviour;
**He has redeemed us and will defend us to
the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us;
**He will lead us in God's holy way. To God
almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be
praise and glory today and for ever.
Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Let's pray together....

- For those who have lost loved ones including the family and friends of Ken Swinson.

For those who are unwell especially Ann Collins and Beverley Gray.

- For those who are persecuted for their Christian faith in North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan, India and many other countries around the world. Find out more here:

www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/

DIARY

THURSDAY 1st August

6 PM Lighthouse Safeguarding

training St. Mark's Hall

SUNDAY 4th August

9am Holy Communion

10.30 Sunday Service

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 - 30th August: Lighthouse

SUN 8 September: St Mary's Festival

Farewell to Nnamdi

After serving with us for 5.5 years, Nnamdi is leaving to take up the position of Vicar of Waltham St. Lawrence and Shottesbrooke. We will thank him and his family at our services on Sunday 1st September.

Would you like to contribute to a leaving gift?

Please make your gift by Sunday 18th August. Preferably, please make a bank transfer with reference "NNAMDI": Denham Parochial Church Council. Account No. 30305553. Sort code 208916. (Barclays Uxbridge)

Alternatively, please put a sealed envelope addressed to Mike Stewart with cash or a cheque through the office letterbox or in the Collection bag.

Please make cheques payable to Denham PCC and write "Nnamdi" on the back of the cheque. For cash please put a note in the letter saying "Gift for Nnamdi".

email: office@denhamparish.church

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COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

Holiday Club for ages 5 to 11
(Year 1 to 6)

St Mark's Church Hall, Denham Green
Wed 28th Aug - Fri 30th Aug, 2024
10.00 to 14.00

Find out more and sign up:
www.denhamparish.church/lighthouse

Please join us for St Mary's Festival

Sunday 8th September

There will be a celebration service at 10.30am, followed by a barbecue lunch, children's activities in the churchyard and vestry teas.

Ending at 4.30pm with a concert by the aLUMNI Wind Quintet of Cambridge, including Harmony Music No. 5 by Elgar, Gabriel's Oboe by Morricone, and The Swan from Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saëns. Tickets £10 on the door, please sign-up in advance.

www.denhamparish.church/alumni

10 good reasons to be in church



Together, not alone

A church community consists of very different people, from the youngest to the oldest. They are connected by their openness to the message of Jesus Christ. For different interests and needs there is a range of smaller groups and events.

For this world is not our permanent home;
we are looking forward to a home yet to come.

Therefore, let us offer through Jesus
a continual sacrifice of praise to God,
proclaiming our allegiance to his name.

And don't forget to do good
and to share with those in need.
These are the sacrifices that please God.

Hebrews 13:14-16

