



# Service Sheet

**11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 10.30am, St Mary's  
Eleventh 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](http://www.denhamparish.church)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/denhamparish.church](https://facebook.com/denhamparish.church)).

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## **WELCOME**

### **Opening Praise (Psalm 22)**

All who seek the LORD will praise him.  
**Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.**

The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him. **All the families of the nations will bow down before him.**

Our children will also serve him. **Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.**

His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. **They will hear about everything he has done.**

## **HYMN**

All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, Hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light, and life attend him, >>>

Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.  
Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

## **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**

Lord God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## ABSOLUTION

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

## THE COLLECT

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## SONG

*Our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God  
and he holds us in his hands.  
(x2)*

He's higher than a skyscraper  
and He's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
and beyond my wildest dreams.  
And he's known me and he's loved me  
since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part  
of God's amazing plan.

*Our God is a great big God,  
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*Our God is a great big God,  
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and he holds us in his hands. (x3)  
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(Children can go to the back of the church  
for a quiet activity.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33

<sup>5</sup>The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. <sup>6</sup>So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup>The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. <sup>8</sup>The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. <sup>9</sup>Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. <sup>15</sup>And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. <sup>31</sup>Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." <sup>32</sup>The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." <sup>33</sup>The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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

## GOSPEL READING: John 6.35, 41-51

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**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

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

Be present Spirit of the Lord  
Let sounds of earth be dumb  
The Father's love be shed abroad  
The dew of blessing on us poured  
O Holy Spirit come  
O Holy Spirit come

In power unseen upon us rest  
Your gracious gifts impart  
A mind renewed a spirit blessed  
A life where Christ is manifest  
An understanding heart  
An understanding heart

Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil  
Our souls to Christ incline  
Intent to do the Father's will  
And stand by faith before Him still  
In righteousness divine  
In righteousness divine

O Spirit come and with us stay  
Make every heart Your home  
So work in us that we who pray  
May walk with Christ in wisdom's way  
O Holy Spirit come  
O Holy Spirit come

### 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

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

### THE BLESSING

### DISMISSAL

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

### Let's pray together....

- For those who have lost loved ones.
- For those who are unwell.
- 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/](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/)

### DIARY

**MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**8PM The Well**

St. Mark's Hall

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.30 Sunday Service**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**28 - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Would you like to contribute to a leaving gift?

Please make your gift by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@denhamparish.church)**

**phone: 01895 832771**



### 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](http://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](http://www.denhamparish.church/alumni)

### 10 good reasons to be in church



#### Forgiven, not repressed

Christians have conflicts, just as everyone else. Church reminds them that Jesus encourages us to own up to our mistakes and forgive one another, just as he forgives us. Confession and Holy Communion can lead you into freedom. You can start again and find ways to deal with conflicts.



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*

