



Service Sheet

18 August 2024 10.30am St Mary's Twelfth 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 PSALM (30.4-5)

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; **praise his holy name.**

For his anger lasts only a moment, **but his favour lasts a lifetime.**

weeping may stay for the night, **but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

HYMN

Praise my soul the King of heaven
To His feet your tribute bring
Ransomed healed restored forgiven
evermore His praises sing
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress
Praise Him still the same forever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise Him Praise Him
Glorious in His faithfulness

Father-like He tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame He knows
In His hands He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Praise Him Praise Him
Widely as His mercy flows

Angels in the height adore Him!
You behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant bow before Him!
Gathered in from every race:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Praise Him Praise Him
Praise the everlasting King

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 the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

COLLECT

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through 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

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3.3-14

³Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today." ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an

understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.

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

SECOND READING: John 6:51-58

⁵¹I 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." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.

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

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN

Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art;
thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom,
be thou my true word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord
thou my great Father,
and I Thy true heir,
thou in me dwelling,
and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour,
and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not,
nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance,
through all my days
thou and thou only
the first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,
when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me
O bright heaven's sun
Christ of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HYMN

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace.
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

THE BLESSING

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DIARY

WEDNESDAY 21st AUGUST

7pm **Lighthouse Training**
St. Mark's Hall

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST

9am **Holy Communion**
10.30 **Sunday Service with Sunday Club**
12.30 **Baptism Service**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 - 30th August: **Lighthouse**

SUN 8 September: **St Mary's Festival**

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/)



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

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".

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