



Service Sheet

25th August 2024, 10.30am, St Mary's Thirteenth 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 (From Psalm 84)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts.

My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD

**My heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

O Lord of hosts,
Happy are those who trust in you.

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!
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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

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG

Who is this man who was born as a child though he was God? (**JESUS**)
Who is this man who loved the small, the sick, the poor? (**JESUS**)
Who said that God wants us all to be like little children? (**JESUS**)
Who gave his life so that I could be a child of God?

*Jesus, Son of God and Saviour
He is Jesus, Son of God and Lord!
Jesus, Son of God and Saviour
He is Jesus, Son of God and Lord!*

Who can I turn to when I need a friend and helper? (**JESUS**)
Who can I talk to when I feel so weak and small? (**JESUS**)
Who is this man who will keep all the good things he has promised? (**JESUS**)
Who's got the power to make me a child of the greatest King?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 8. 22-30, 41-43

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.²³ He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as

you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.²⁵ Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me."²⁶ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. ²⁷ 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built!²⁸ Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today;²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive."

⁴¹ "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

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

GOSPEL READING: John 6. 56-69

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This 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 for ever. ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' ⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

*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 Pontius 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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer.
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
In that holy place.

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our
joy, at all times and in all places to give
you thanks and praise, holy Father,
heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word; through him
you have created all things from the
beginning, and formed us in your own
image.

Through him you have freed us from the
slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a
woman and to die upon the cross; you
raised him from the dead and exalted
him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your
holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a
people for your own possession.
Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven, we
proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ, and as we follow his example and
obey his command, grant that by the
power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of
bread and wine may be to us his body
and his blood,

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed, took bread and gave you
thanks. he broke it and gave it to his
disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my
body which is given for you; do this in
remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the
cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to
them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is
my blood of the new covenant, which is
shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as
you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we
remember his offering of himself made
once for all upon the cross; we proclaim
his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension; we look for the coming of
your kingdom, and with this bread and
this cup we make the memorial of Christ
your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died. Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high
priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and
praise, and as we eat and drink these
holy gifts in the presence of your divine
majesty,

renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with
your love and unite us in the body of your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him,
and with him, and in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before
you in earth and heaven, we worship you,
Father almighty, in songs of everlasting
praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the
body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, you feed your children
with the true manna, the living bread
from heaven: let this holy food sustain
us through our earthly pilgrimage until
we come to that place where hunger
and thirst are no more; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for
feeding us with the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we**

**offer you our souls and bodies to be a
living sacrifice. Send us out in the
power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

HYMN

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne;
thou within the veil has entered
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

THE GRACE

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen**

THE BLESSING

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, especially the family of Hamish Ritchie.
- For those who are unwell, especially Beverly Gray, Margaret Sargent, Ann Collins, Frankie Elliot, Craig Alexander.
- For "Lighthouse Denham", our holiday club this week (Wed 28 - Fri 30 August).
- For the Maduka family as they move house and get ready for a new season in life and ministry.
- For those who are on holiday and those returning to day-to-day life.
- 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/
- For those suffering the consequences of war, natural disasters and oppression. We pray especially for the conflict in Israel and Gaza, and in Ukraine.

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Creativity, not monotony

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DIARY

28 - 30th August: Lighthouse Holiday Club, *St Mark's Hall*

SUNDAY 1st September

9am Holy Communion

10.30 Sunday Service. We will say thank you and farewell to Nnamdi and his family (see below). **Please note: There will be NO Café Church** to allow as many of us as possible to come to 10.30am and the lunch.

SAT 7th September

1 pm Wedding of Courtney Richmond and Jack Baker, *St Mary's*

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

9am NO 9am Service today!

10.30 Celebration Service.

Please refer to the back page for the full programme and take extra flyers and posters to advertise it.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR

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

Farewell to Nnamdi Maduka and his Family

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.

After the 10.30am service you are invited to a Bring-and-Share Lunch.

Please sign up on the list at the back of church to help us plan. Do come along even if you cannot bring anything!



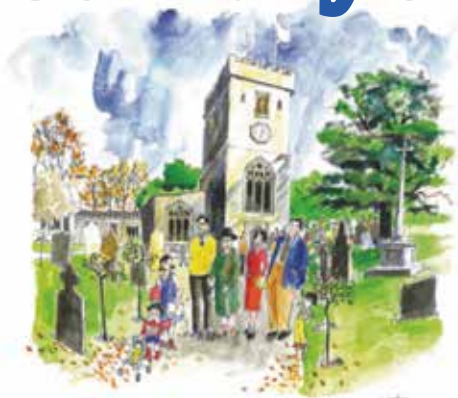
Tickets £10 on the door or at:

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Family Ticket: £30 (two adults and children 10 years or older.
Please note the concert is not geared towards children under 10).

St Mary's Festival



Join us for our annual community celebration of St Mary's Church Denham. All welcome!

Please check our website for all details.

Sunday 8 September 2024



10.30am

Celebration Service
for all ages



12 - 2pm

Barbecue
St Mary's



12.30 - 4pm

Children's Activities
Around St Mary's



1.30pm

Chime St Mary's Bells
St Mary's Bell Tower



2 - 4.15pm

Vestry Teas
St Mary's Vestry



4.30pm

Concert with aLUMNI
Wind Quintet - St Mary's

All proceeds will help us maintain St Mary's Church Building and Churchyard.

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