

Service Sheet 1st September 2024, 10.30am, St Mary's Fourteenth 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

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 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 oh You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse Shining in the darkness I will follow You 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

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 oh You are the peace in my troubled sea

OPENING PRAISE (From Psalm 98)

Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvellous things.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy!

HYMN

Sing to God new songs of worship, all his deeds are marvellous; he has brought salvation to us with his hand and holy arm: he has shown to all the nations righteousness and saving pow'r; he recalled his truth and mercy to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship, earth has seen his victory; let the lands of earth be joyful praising him with thankfulness: sound upon the harp his praises, play to him with melody; let the trumpets sound his triumph, show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship, let the sea now make a noise; all on earth and in the waters sound your praises to the Lord: let the hills be joyful together, let the rivers clap their hands, for with righteousness and justice he will come to judge the earth.

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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 us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTHOUSE HOLIDAY CLUB

SONG

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be the name of the Lord most high (x2)

The name of the Lord is a strong tower The righteous run into it And they are saved (x2)

READING: James 1.17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves* in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

SERMON

SONG (Led by the Maduka family)

You unravel me with a melody You surround me with a song Of deliverance from my enemies Till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb You have chosen me Love has called my name I've been born again into Your family Your blood flows through my veins

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I'm no longer...

You split the sea so I could walk right through it My fears were drowned in perfect love You rescued me so I could stand and sing I am a child of God

THANK YOU Nnamdi, Chinwendu, Kelechi, Amarachi, Ebubechi, Udochukwu!

SONG

Faithful One, so unchanging Ageless One, You're my rock of peace Lord of all, I depend on You I call out to You, again and again I call out to You, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble You lift me up when I fall down All through the storm Your love is the anchor My hope is in You alone

(Repeat Song)

PRAYERS

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

THE BLESSING

Please join us for lunch after this service!

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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 the Maduka family as they 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.

DIARY

SAT 7th September 1 pm

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

(Courtney and Jack are inviting all members of St Mary's to attend the service!)

SUN 8th September:

St Mary's Festival

9am NO 9am Service today!

10.30 Celebration Service4:30 pm aLUMNI WindQuintet of Cambridge inConcert.

St Mary's Festival



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

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Sunday 8 September 2024



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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).

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