



# Service Sheet

15 September 2024, 10.30am, St Mary's  
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

**Building Strong Relationships: Trials and Trust**

**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 PRAYER (From Psalm 19)

May the words of our mouths  
and the meditations of our hearts  
be pleasing in your sight,  
Lord, our Rock and Redeemer

### HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell,  
are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand,  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet.

### CONFESSION

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### 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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and  
within us: open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence and  
know your peace at our lives' end, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SONG

*Be strong and courageous,  
Do not be afraid.  
Don't be discouraged,  
For the Lord your God will be with you (x2)  
Wherever you go, wherever you go.*

When troubles come,  
The Lord your God is with you.  
He will always be there by your side.  
He is strong,  
When you feel small and frightened.  
You will never, ever be alone.

*(Children leave for Sunday Club)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING: Mark 14.32-38

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." <sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?" <sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHOIR

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness. Make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

### SECOND READING: James 1.2-4

<sup>2</sup> My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; <sup>4</sup> and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

#### OFFERTORY SONG

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love,  
my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine  
I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won  
and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released  
I can sing I am free  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete  
still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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#### 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 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

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit!  
O what needless pain we bear!  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,  
thou wilt find a solace there.

#### THE BLESSING

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**Could you be our next  
Parish Administrator?  
Do you know someone  
who might be interested  
in applying?**

You will have excellent administration and people skills and work closely with our Rector and the leadership of our church. This role is for 16-20 hours per week over four or five days.

**Closing date: 6pm Monday 30 September**

Request a detailed job description and application form from  
[rector@denhamparish.church](mailto:rector@denhamparish.church)

#### CHANGED OFFICE HOURS

Please note the new office hours:  
Monday 09:30am – 11:30 am  
Tuesday 09.30am – 11:30 am  
Wednesday Office Closed  
Thursday 9:30 am – 11:30 am  
Friday: Office closed

JOINING  
-THE-  
*family*

From the end of September we will be running the "Joining the Family" course in a range of small groups. It will equip us to 'be family' for followers of Jesus for believers of Muslim background. We are inviting all church members to join one of our small groups for this six week course. Our groups meet on different days of the weeks, both online and 'in the room'. Find out more and express your interest here:

[www.denhamparish.church/joiningthefamily](http://www.denhamparish.church/joiningthefamily)

## DIARY

**16-20 September**

**Installation of AV System, *St Mary's***

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.30 Holy Communion with Sunday Club**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Thanksgiving**

Harvest Gifts: Supermarket vouchers are a great alternative to food gifts and can bless people in need! We will deliver them to people in our parish and to foodbanks in our area.

## Let's pray together

- For those who have lost loved ones, especially the families of Hamish Ritchie and Len Dane.
- For those who are unwell, especially Beverly Gray, Margaret Sargent, Ann Collins, Craig Alexander.
- For the Maduka family as they settle in to their new parish.
- For those suffering the consequences of war, natural disasters and oppression.
- For children and families as the new school year begins.

### BRF BIBLE READING NOTES...

... for the autumn term can be picked up at the back of church by subscribers.

### PATHWAY MAGAZINE

The latest issue of the Oxford Diocese magazine can be picked up at the back of church.

### HELP WITH BURIALS OF ASHES

Do you know anyone who could occasionally help as 'grave digger' for burials of ashes? An appropriate fee will be paid. Please contact our church office.

### NEW AV SYSTEM AT ST MARY'S

An upgraded AV system will be installed this week. It will give us more flexibility and reliability and introduce a projection screen that can be retracted when not in use. It will probably take a few weeks to fine-tune the new system and train up the operators. At 10.30 we will reduce the amount of paper given to the congregation and show words and images on screen. There will be no change for 9am.

### GET TRAINED!

We'd like to expand our team of operators. You will be fully trained on the new system. Interested? Get in touch with Christoph.



**Parenting Course: Handling Anger in the Family  
Starts 25 September at St Mark's**

Find out more and sign up:

[www.denhamparish.church/handling-anger](http://www.denhamparish.church/handling-anger)

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