

DIARY

TODAY

3.30 Café Church at St Mark's

WEDNESDAY, 9 October

6pm Licensing of Nnamdi Maduka as vicar of Waltham St Lawrence with Shottesbrooke. **NB: We will email the link for the livestream to everyone on our mailing list as soon as we receive it.**

SUNDAY, 13 October

9am Holy Communion, St Mary's
10.30 Holy Communion, St Mary's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEDNESDAY, 30 October

4pm The Haven, St Mary's Vestry

THURSDAY, 31 October

2pm Service of Thanksgiving for Len Dane, St Mary's
5pm Light Party for Families

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

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

GET TRAINED!

We'd like to expand our team of operators on the new AV system. You will be fully trained on the new system. We are especially looking for a team who show the slides on the screen in church. No technical skills needed, only a good attention span!

Interested? Get in touch with Christoph.



SERVICE SHEET

29th October 2024, 10.30am, St Mary's Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service

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) and catch up on previous services on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/denhamparish.church.

PLEASE NOTE: Our 10.30 service is streamed live on YouTube. If you or someone you have come with should not be visible on the stream, please sit towards the back or on the left side as you come in.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

You gave us the care of the earth.

Help us, Good Lord, to care for it.

You gave us food from the Harvest.

**Help us, Good Lord,
to be generous with all we have.**

You gave us each other.

**Help us to care for each other
through easy and hard times. Amen.**

HYMN

(During this hymn the harvest gifts are received)

We plough the fields and scatter

The good seed on the land

But it is fed and watered

By God's almighty hand

He sends the snow in winter

The warmth to swell the grain

The breezes and the sunshine

And soft refreshing rain

All good gifts around us

Are sent from heaven above

Then thank the Lord

O thank the Lord for all His love

**He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far
He paints the wayside flower
He lights the evening star
The winds and waves obey Him
By Him the birds are fed
Much more to us His children
He gives our daily bread**

**We thank Thee then O Father
For all things bright and good
The seed time and the harvest
Our life our health our food
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts
and, what thou most desirest
Our humble thankful hearts**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFTS

Thank you God for your goodness that blesses us and the earth.

You are generous.

Thank you God.

Thank you God for the people who grow and produce our food and those who will share in it. You are generous.

Thank you God. >>>

Lantern Light Party
31 October 2024, 5-7pm

A relaxed alternative party for families with children of any age to celebrate together.

- Bonfire, games and burgers
- Wear outdoor clothing (wellies suggested).
- At St Mark's Church Hall Denham Green OR The Rectory (Ashmead Lane), depending on numbers. Everyone who signs up will receive updates in good time.

Sign up essential by Sunday 27th October.
Use the QR code or go to
www.denhamparish.church/lightparty

Suggested donation: £5 per family to help cover the costs.

www.denhamparish.church/lightparty

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Thank you God for this place, this village, this church and your faithful love over many generations. You are generous.

Thank you God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Look at the world, everything all around us
Look at the world and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders
So many miracles along our way

*Praise to thee, o Lord, for all creation
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share and every blessing
All things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains
Valley and flowing river, field and plain

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold
Everything grows, everything has its season
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth and his the heaven above

CONFESSION

Lord God, sometimes we turn our eyes away
and forget that there are wrong things
happening in your world. Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Lord God, sometimes we are greedy and
buy more than we need, forgetting that
there are people who have very little.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Lord God, sometimes we are careless
and waste the resources in your world.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

HARVEST COLLECT

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE READING: Matthew 6.25-33

Jesus said, "I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TALK

OFFERTORY SONG

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.**

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.**

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**

**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

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE BLESSING