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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers!

Whether this is your first read of Denham Parish News or if you have been receiving it for years, welcome! During these longer winter nights, we hope this Issue brings you some cheer and joy.

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What is your favourite Christmas carol? I wonder if you'll be able to spot it in the tree on page 11. Come, bring family and friends, and join us in singing some of these wonderful songs and hear again the true story of Christmas (see back cover for more details). If you are out walking this Christmas season, why not wander through the churchyard and become part of the living nativity (p.23). Or maybe you are feeling creative (p.12) and would like to make some Nativity stone art for others to find.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas story as drawn by Lilla (front cover) and Dexter (p.7). Maybe, like Jenny, you also have special decorations that you bring out each year that remind you of times, places and people, creating your own uniquely decorated Christmas tree (p.8).

The centre pages are a special pull-out feature for you and outline all the services and activities that happen as part of St Mary's all year round. Do contact us or join in when you can.

None of us knows what 2026 will hold, but as Christians, our faith is in Jesus, not just a baby born at Christmas, but the Son of God who we can trust in whatever life throws at us. If you'd like to explore what the Christian faith is all about, why not try Alpha (p.31) where the big questions can be explored and hope may be found.



Blessings,

Cathy Macqueen

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A PERSONAL LETTER

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTOPH LINDNER, RECTOR

Dear friends,

When did you last receive a personal, hand-written letter or postcard? Usually I work my way through a stack of adverts and bills and my heart revs up when I spot a buff envelope from the DVLA. A couple of weeks ago I was very relieved when it only contained a reminder to tax my car. But hand-written letters are a treat!

A couple of weeks ago we were invited to a wedding. We have known the groom all his life and it was a joyful occasion. When we arrived at the reception venue, we were given an envelope with someone's name on it. We were asked to find that person and deliver the envelope. When someone else gave me my envelope I was amazed to find that it contained a hand-written card from the couple, thanking me for being at their wedding and telling me how they appreciated me. That blew me away. I don't know how bride and groom found the time to write more than 100 of those cards, and it made an impact on everyone. I certainly was moved.

At this time many of us are writing Christmas cards and it is a great way to stay connected with friends and family and to bring Christmas joy to their letterbox. This year we have run



a competition for the children in our church to design a Christmas card and the two winning entries are available to buy at St Mary's. Read more on page 7 and about the history of Christmas cards on page 6.

There is no better time to write to the people we love than Christmas, because at the heart of our celebrations is of course the birth of Jesus, who is God's personal letter to us. Not mail-merge, not mass-produced or sent by email, but flesh and blood - God making himself small and taking

The angel said to the shepherds, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great



that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2.10-11

on human form out of love for us! This is a message that never gets old and never loses its power. John describes the awe and wonder of it in the first chapter of his gospel:

The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood. We saw his glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

(John 1:14 The Message translation)

Like the shepherds who heard this message from the angels out in the fields near Bethlehem, we are invited to come and draw near.

Five years ago we were still in the thick of Covid and coming together to celebrate Christmas was restricted. This year, let's throw the doors of our churches and homes wide open so we can come together and celebrate 'Emmanuel, God with us'.

Please find all the Christmas events in Denham on the back cover of our magazine or at www.denhamparish.church/christmas. The centre pull-out of this magazine doubles up as an invitation and welcome to all who come to St Mary's. Do give extra copies of this magazine away and invite family, friends and neighbours to come to church together.

Edda and I are wishing you Christmas joy this year!



Christoph

THE BIRTH OF THE MODERN CHRISTMAS CARD



Sir Henry Cole

In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, a busy Victorian civil servant and art patron, found himself overwhelmed by holiday correspondence. To save time, he commissioned artist John Calcott Horsley to design a festive card featuring a family celebrating, together with scenes of charitable giving. Cole printed 1,000 copies and sold the extras for one shilling each. Though not an immediate commercial success, it planted the seed for a new tradition.

The Postal Revolution

Cole's idea coincided with the rise of the Penny Post, a new postal system that made sending mail affordable and efficient. As a result, Christmas cards became more and more popular. By the 1860s, Christmas cards were widely embraced, with designs ranging from

depictions of the Christmas story, to carol choirs in a wintery landscape. They became a staple of holiday décor, proudly displayed on mantle pieces and around the house.

Changing Times, Changing Designs

Over time, cards became more varied: some featured Father Christmas or Santa Claus, snowmen, or humorous illustrations; others leaned into Christian symbolism like the Nativity or the Star of Bethlehem. From a clever time-saving invention to a global industry, the Christmas card reflects both the changing culture around us and the evolution of different visual styles. Who will you send Christmas cards to this year? Why not make a point of choosing one that celebrates 'the reason for the season', Jesus Christ born in a manger?

Successful

Design a Christmas Card Art Competition

Children were invited to enter our very first Christmas card competition this year.

Congratulations to Lilla, aged 8 who has won 1st place with her Nativity scene that made the front cover, followed by Dexter aged 8, in 2nd place, shown here.

The judges, Roz Reed and Sarah Bennett write:

"The 1st place picture was very charming; the nativity scene had so much detail and depicted the birth of Jesus in such a joyful manner.

The second place was very well executed.

The colours were very lovely and the perspective was excellent."

Thank you to all children who participated and a heartfelt thank you to our two judges.



The 2025 winning Christmas card designs are on sale in church after the Sunday services or midweek during church office opening hours. £1.50 each or 5 cards for £5.

JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

JENNY TEBBOTH - ASSOCIATE MINISTER



Here are four decorations that will be on our tree this year as they always are. Familiar friends bringing back memories of the joys of Christmas past. I'll start with the cat. I obtained this chunky bauble in Houston, Texas at a Christmas bauble swap event. I had to play my swap card cleverly and was delighted to come home with the cat against stiff competition. In fact, Christmas in Houston came to its climax on Christmas Eve. We baffled Brits searched in vain for a service on Christmas morning and the season felt strangely incomplete. We normally reserve presents 'till after the morning service and settle down with coffee to enjoy them – preferably round the fire (but not in Houston!)



As foreigners, far from home, we also found ourselves isolated from the family gatherings all around us and I appreciated all the more, the custom of my

parents who made sure the family table was surrounded with whatever overseas students they could find in Leeds where my father ran a Master of Public Health course at the university. Those were colourful feasts with fantastic conversation with students from Bhutan, Pakistan, Ghana and Dubai cautiously sampling Christmas pudding and sharing with us what their families would be doing and what they would be eating on Christmas day. Only when everyone

had been ferried safely home could the presents be brought out – usually well into the evening when the rest of us despaired of ever getting to open them.

I think my parents had their priorities right and I love to have 'extras' round the table on Christmas Day – the more variety; the better! Maybe it was my experience of living in East Africa and visiting a tea plantation on a field trip from school that heightened my awareness of Fair-Trade issues; or maybe it was RE studies on the fierce words of Amos, Hosea,



Isaiah and Micah. In any case, I take particular joy in my host of fair-trade jute angels which throng our tree and in the Capiz shell hearts from the

Philippines. I pray for makers and growers everywhere. Peace on earth and goodwill to all people.

Now to the clothes peg reindeer.

Made by my

son Michael in 1993. I say 'made' by him. He remembers it being placed into his hands to go home with him. Craft is not his thing, even now. The red nose is long since lost but the googly eyes remain as wild as ever. He must have been pre-school at that stage. The reindeer has been with us a long time and we have quite a collection of battered stars and Christmas tree shaped decorations. My sons are surprised that I keep them but they are some of my favourites. You may be beginning to realise that our



tree is not an artistic masterpiece but it is a great place to play hunt for the cat and the reindeer without a red nose.

Time moves on and we have had some surprise baubles presented to us by my creative daughter-in-law. It doesn't take long for the baby that made the tiny hand-print to grow into a six-year-old with attitude but the memory is banked and the bauble would be sadly missed if it was not on the tree. We now share our children with the in-laws so Christmas fluctuates from riotous to rather quiet. The big Christmas-card writing event is not what it used to be and those brilliant evenings with a complete family, a board game and the Christmas chocolates are less frequent these days.

The constants are: Christmas cards for our sponsored children which must be sent in October (!) the Christmas wreath - preferably made in company (let me know) to be hung on the door on advent Sunday closely followed by a modest display of lights which are so cheering on the dark nights. We have refrained from going the way of Houston where the most extraordinary displays of lights were commonplace. There must be 'phone calls to Australia carefully timed and of course, church on Christmas morning followed by coffee and time round the tree with the presents!

Thanks be to God, in this unstable world, there is still a stable place.



ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Attributed to James Allen Francis, ca.1925

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant.

He grew up in another village, where he worked in a
carpenter shop until he was 30.

Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office.

He never had a family or owned a home.

He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city.

He never travelled 200 miles from the place where he was born.

He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness.

He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion
turned against him.

His friends ran away.

One of them denied him.

He was turned over to his enemies and went through
the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

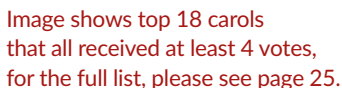
While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his
garments, the only property he had on earth.

When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave,
through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone,
and today he is the central figure of the human race.

I am well within the mark when I say that
all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed,
all the parliaments that ever sat,
all the kings that ever reigned – put together – have not affected
the life of man on this earth as much as that one, solitary life.

do come and join in!



Nativity Stone Art

By Kath Sole

You will need

- 6 Flattish smooth stones in a variety of sizes, larger stones will be easier to paint.
- Acrylic pens
- White or light coloured acrylic paint
- Carbon paper
- Where can you get materials e.g. The Works, Hobbycraft, Home Bargains, B&M. You can find stones on the beach or buy them from a craft shop or garden centre.



Step 1

Lay a sheet of carbon paper over the stone, then the image over the top of that. Use a sharp pencil or pen to go over the image and trace it onto the stone. Or you can draw them freehand if you prefer.



Step 2

Colour in using acrylic pens.



Display

The stones should be robust enough to display outside. You can bring them to St. Mary's Churchyard to hide for others to find. Whilst you are there you can get your photo taken in our brand-new nativity photo board (p.32).





You can use the images on this page to trace or inspire you.

Welcome to St Mary's!



Welcome to church! We are so glad you are with us today, whether you live in Denham or come from far, whether you have been a Christian for many years or are exploring what it is we believe, whether you are young or not so young anymore.

We hope this leaflet will help you get an idea of what to expect. Please get in touch with any questions or if we can support you in any way.

Find out more about St Mary's on the following pages.

We are ordinary people led by an extraordinary God, whose love inspires us to pray, welcome, share and dare like Jesus.

Our Church

St Mary's Church is part of the Church of England in the Diocese of Oxford. Together with Christians from many other churches and denominations we are part of the worldwide family of Jesus Christ that has a history of nearly 2000 years.

Our church building is over 900 years old and has been at the heart of the community in Denham throughout this time. People have prayed and sung here, celebrated baptisms and weddings, have mourned the death of friends and family members and have buried them in our beautiful churchyard.

Our church is full of stories and symbols. Find out more in the "Reflective Walk" leaflet in the information rack.

Watch five virtual tours of St Mary's here: www.denhamparish.church/virtualtours

Sundays at St Mary's

9am

A reflective, quiet service. Always with Holy Communion, where we share bread and wine to remember the death of Jesus. About 50 minutes long.

10.30am

A service for everyone – with prayers, hymns and songs, Bible readings and a talk. The service lasts about 70 minutes or a bit longer when it includes Holy Communion (second and fourth Sunday of the month). Sometimes we have a baptism in the service. Refreshments are served at the end and there are activities for children during the service ("Sunday Club"). This service is streamed live on YouTube.

Parking: We do not have our own car park, but you can usually find plenty of parking further along Village Road. People with limited mobility can be dropped off at the churchyard gate.

Accessibility: Our church has a hearing loop and an accessible toilet. We have a ramp for wheelchair users - please ask a welcomer to put it in place.

Sunday Club: Every Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month when we are all together at our "All-In" service. Stories, prayers, activities, songs for 4-11 year-old children. Younger children can take part together with an adult. We take the safety of your child very seriously. All leaders receive regular training and are DBS-checked.

What's Happening

AT DENHAM PARISH CHURCH?

Little TODDLER GROUP

Wednesday mornings in term time
St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: Kathy Paine
kathypaine16@gmail.com

DESTINY



For young people
aged 10 and older
St Mark's Church Hall
Contact: Tim or Charlotte
destiny@denhamparish.church

CAFÉ CHURCH

Time to chat | Food for thought
Coffee and cake
Favourite hymns and prayers
St Mark's Church Hall
First Sunday of the month
Contact: Christoph Lindner
rector@denhamparish.church

Explore faith

www.denhamparish.church/alpha

Alpha

Small Groups

Grow in faith and friendship
www.denhamparish.church/lifegroups

Do you like gardening?

Would you like to help keep the churchyard looking beautiful?

Contact our church office
if you want to join the team.



Bellringing

Contact:
andrew@simpson.trumail.com

Baptisms, weddings and funerals

www.denhamparish.church/baptisms-marriages



Stay in touch!

If you 'd like to receive updates from us on email or would appreciate a visit from one of our church members, please fill in one of the contact cards in church or go to www.denhamparish.church/new. We'd love to hear from you.

The Team

Take a look at the big poster on the noticeboard as you come into St Mary's, or go to www.denhamparish.church/team

Our YouTube Channel

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Young men and women, old men and children,
let them all praise the name of the Lord!

Psalm 148:12-13

FAMILY REGISTER OF DENHAM PARISH CHURCH

BAPTISMS

03.08.25 Edith Ann Hagger
21.09.25 Wyatt Orlando Fipkin

FUNERALS

14.08.25 Shirley Gould (89)
19.08.25 Sarah Ann Parker (80)
11.09.25 Sylvia Braybrook (94)
16.09.25 Constance Kallmeier (90) - Memorial
25.09.25 Louisa Raybould (90)
07.10.25 Eileen Gray (89) - Memorial
22.10.25 Brenda Hawkins (83)
31.10.25 Edward White (94)



Eileen Gray

WEDDINGS

16.08.25 Billy Mackenzie & Tegan Mackenzie
20.09.25 Russell Heath & Charlotte MacBeth



Billy & Tegan

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BY BRIAN O'REGAN

A friendly guide to the mysterious world of church governance at St Mary's, Denham

If you've ever found yourself at coffee after the Sunday service wondering "Who actually decides what happens around here?", you're not alone. Perhaps you've even heard whispers about "the PCC" (usually in a tone suggesting either reverence or mild exasperation). But why use six characters when you can use 74!! So, the official name, as you will find on the Register of Charities, is *The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Denham*. Try fitting that account name on the cheque book!

The PCC, is one of those great Church of England inventions, part legal, part democracy and part theology. Let's lift the veil a little.

The Legal Bit

Parochial Church Councils were created in 1921 to manage the church business of a parish in the Church of England. The move followed the Local Government Act 1894, which had stripped the previous vestry committees of their secular duties, and the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919.

The modern-day PCC is grounded on the **Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, No. 3**, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, legislation that has the force of law in England only and came into effect on 2nd January 1957, when earlier legislation was repealed. In plain English: the PCC isn't just a local club with hymnbooks; it's a statutory body.

Legally, the PCC is a charity, and ours is registered with the Charity Commission.

10.—(1) This Measure may be cited as the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1956.
(2) This Measure shall come into operation on the second day of January, 1957.
(3) This Measure shall extend to the whole of the Provinces of Canterbury and York except the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man:
Provided that, if an Act of Tynwald so provides, this Measure shall extend to the Isle of Man subject to such modifications, if any, as may be specified in such Act of Tynwald.
(4) The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921, and the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) (Amendment) Measure, 1949, are hereby repealed.

Table of Enactments Referred to in this Measure

Short Title	Session and Chapter
Burial Act, 1855	18 & 19 Vict. c. 128.
Compulsory Church Rate Abolition Act, 1868	31 & 32 Vict. c. 109.
Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921	11 & 12 Geo. 5. No. 1.
Parochial Church Councils (Powers) (Amendment) Measure, 1949	12 & 13 Geo. 6. No. 2.
Diocesan Education Committees Measure, 1955	4 & 5 Eliz. 2. No. 1.
Representation of the Laity Measure, 1956	4 & 5 Eliz. 2. No. 2.

That means it has trustees, the members of the PCC, who have legal duties under the Charities Act 2011. So, when you serve on the PCC, you're not just offering to "help out a bit"; you're taking on the legal responsibilities of a trustee.

What the PCC is for

The 1956 Measure gives the PCC two main purposes:

1. To consult with the incumbent (that's Rev. Christoph Lindner) on all matters of concern and importance in the parish;
2. To cooperate with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

That sounds grand, and it is. The PCC isn't just there to decide on the colour of the new carpet. It shares responsibility for the spiritual life, financial health, and practical running of St Mary's.

Its responsibilities include:

- managing parish finances and approving the budget (guided by our Treasurer Mike Stewart);
- maintaining the church buildings and contents (the Fabric Team led by Dexter Brown);

- deciding on matters of worship and mission (led by Christoph);
- overseeing safeguarding and compliance with data protection (Samantha Carter);
- supporting church staff and volunteers;
- liaising with the Diocese of Oxford, which looks after us from the next rung up the ecclesiastical ladder (Christoph with the churchwardens).

In other words, the PCC is the engine room of parish life, albeit one that runs on coffee, goodwill, and the occasional sigh.

Who's Who on the PCC

The PCC is a mixture of the clergy and laity, a kind of holy coalition government.

At St Mary's, Christoph is the chair, performing the essential task of keeping order and moving the agenda along in a timely fashion. Then come:

- the churchwardens (Jane Brown and Cathy Macqueen), who are the parish's ancient (though very young) and honourable officers, sometimes described as "the Bishop's eyes and ears" (and occasionally, his broom and screwdriver);
- the lay representatives elected by those on the church's Electoral Roll;
- our recently licensed associate minister, Jenny Tebboth.

We also have a PCC secretary, Julie Loughland, who despite describing herself as temporary, listens intently and diligently minutes matters of importance and decisions made.

Membership runs for three years, with elections at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

How the PCC Works

Frequency of meetings must be sufficient to run the business of the parish, and at

St Mary's, the meetings are monthly with a break in summer.

Meetings are a blend of prayer, discussion and practical decision-making. Each begins with prayer, a reminder that this is not just another committee but a body of the Church. We seek God's guidance before we seek a show of hands.

Subcommittees often take on specialist areas - finance, fabric, mission, safeguarding, St Mark's Hall - and report back. The vicar and churchwardens work closely together between meetings, joining with others in a "Cockpit Crew" to keep the plane flying.

The PCC approves the annual report and accounts, which must be displayed for public inspection: transparency being another legal and spiritual virtue.

The PCC and the Wider Church

We're part of the Diocese of Oxford, which offers guidance, training, and the occasional gentle nudge. Certain major decisions - such as altering the building - require diocesan consent through the 'faculty' system, governed by the **Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018**. Some not-so-major decisions must also go through this process! If you want to see a tall man weep, ask Dexter how much fun he has with faculties!

The incumbent and churchwardens also carry distinct legal responsibilities.

The vicar has spiritual charge of the parish; the PCC can advise but cannot overrule.

The churchwardens are accountable for the fabric, furnishings, and order of the church, serving as the bishop's officers. Together, the trio of vicar, wardens and PCC, form a balanced system of shared leadership; part theology, part teamwork, but always with the united objective of furthering God's Kingdom in Denham Parish.

Legal Duties and Good Governance

Under both church and civil law, PCC members must:

- act in good faith and only in the charity's best interests;
- use resources wisely, avoiding waste or private benefit;
- ensure compliance with safeguarding, data protection and employment law;
- maintain proper accounts and submit the annual report to the diocese;
- care for church property in accordance with ecclesiastical law.

Ignoring these duties can have serious consequences, though fortunately, God's grace, diligent members, and regular training usually keep us on the straight and narrow!

Why It Matters (and Why It's Worth It)

All joking aside, the PCC is one of the ways the Church of England expresses its peculiar genius for combining faith with participation. It ensures that decisions are not simply handed down from on high but are made by the local body of believers; the people who love and serve St Mary's week in, week out.

Serving on the PCC can test one's patience, but it's also an act of discipleship. It's about caring for the household of faith - our buildings, our finances, our mission - so that St Mary's can continue to shine as a place of prayer and welcome for generations to come.

So, the next time you hear that "*the PCC has decided...*," you can smile knowingly. Behind that decision lies a web of law, theology and earnest discussion, all rooted in a shared desire to serve God in this corner of Buckinghamshire.

And if you ever feel the Spirit nudging you to join; bring your gifts, your prayers and perhaps a tin of treats. Democracy, after all, runs best on biscuits!

You can read the 1956 measure, by searching for Parochial Church Council at www.legislation.gov.uk.

Note: The National Assembly of the Church of England was the governing body until superseded by General Synod in 1970.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Colossians 3:23



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This headboard was created at Lighthouse 2025 and is on display outside St Mary's during the Christmas season. Why not go for a winter walk and put yourself and your family or friends into the Christmas story...

10AM - 2PM

SAVE THE DATE

HOLIDAY CLUB

For children in Denham aged 5-11
Stories, Games, Crafts

11-13 AUG
2026



Venue: E-Act Denham Green Academy
Nightingale Way, Denham Green UB9 5JL

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SAVE THE DATE! DENHAM VILLAGE FAYRE

**Bank Holiday Monday
25th May 2026**

As always, it takes many volunteers to run this amazing community event – it's never too early to say you'll be able to help, we'd love to hear from you! Key areas:

Set Up/Take Down Volunteers:

To assist the set up (placing of cones, signs and mark out car parking in field areas) for 2-3hrs the afternoon before Fayre day, and for 2-3hrs end of Fayre day. Also need volunteers to help erect and take down stalls provided - this is early morning same day as Fayre and end of day – early morning volunteers will bag a free tea/coffee and a bacon sarnie!



Marshall Volunteers:

To assist with car parking monies, directing arrivals into general car park and disabled parking. Driving buggies from parking to Fayre and back! Work as part of a team for 2-3hrs during Fayre day.

Baking homemade cakes

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Silent Night (22)

In the Bleak Midwinter (19)

O Holy Night (19)

Hark the Herald (17)

Joy to the World (16)

O Little Town of Bethlehem (15)

O Come All Ye Faithful (13)

Away in a Manager (8)

O come, O come Emmanuel (7)

Once in Royal David's City (7)

Carol of the Bells (6)

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen (4)

See Amid the Winters Snow (4)

Gabriel's Message (4)

Little Donkey (4)

Joy has Dawned Upon the World (4)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (4)

Come and Join the Celebration (4)

Angels From the Realm of Glory (3)

Coventry Carol (3)

Ding Dong Merrily on High (3)

In Dulci Jubilo (2)

Sussex Carol (2)

The Holly and the Ivy (2)

Come, Come, Come to the Manger (1)

The Huron Carol (1)

Good King Wenceslas (1)

The First Noel (1)



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ATHLETES VISIT DENHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL



By Mrs S. Sharma, Headteacher – Denham Village School

On Tuesday 14th October Denham Village School had two inspirational Team GB athletes visit the children, Victoria Ohuruogu and Nerys Pearce. They trained with the athletes and then had an opportunity to learn more about the inspirational journey that Victoria Ohuruogu has been on.

The athletes carried out sports activities with the children, which the children really threw themselves into; the cheering could be heard throughout the school. Victoria and Nerys then led an inspirational assembly describing their success and failures; encouraging the children to be resilient and not give up.

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Sun 7 th	3.30 pm	Carols at Café Church. <i>St Mark's</i>
Thur 11 th	7.30 pm	Christmas Concert. <i>Holy Name</i>
Sat 13 th	2.00 pm	Carols and Readings for Christmas. <i>Denham Garden Village</i>
Sun 21 st	9.30 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass. <i>Holy Name</i>
	4.00 pm	Carols for All Ages by Candlelight. <i>St Mary's</i> <i>YouTube</i>
	6.30 pm	Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight. <i>St Mary's</i> <i>YouTube</i>
Wed 24 th	4.00 pm	Christingle Service. <i>St Mary's</i> <i>YouTube</i>
	8.30 pm	Carols followed by Mass (9.00 pm). <i>Holy Name</i>
	11.00 pm	Midnight Holy Communion. <i>St Mary's</i> <i>YouTube</i>
Thur 25 th	9.00 am	Christmas Day Holy Communion. <i>St Mary's</i>
	9.30 am	Feast of the Nativity Mass. <i>Holy Name</i>
	10.30 am	Christmas Day Family Service. <i>St Mary's</i> <i>YouTube</i>

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