



# Welcome!

## 26th July 2026

### The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

#### COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### FIRST READING: Romans 8.26-39

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>31</sup> Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." <sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### HYMN

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;  
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.



## DENHAM FAYRE: THANK YOU!

The Village Fayre raised almost £19,000 which despite the record heat and slightly reduced attendance was only slightly less than last year. Once again £5,000 will be given to local good causes, including £500 to support Lighthouse. The remaining monies are given to our St Mary's Fabric Fund. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a successful event

## JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays, 6.00-6.30pm on Zoom.  
[www.denhamparish.church/wednesdayprayer](http://www.denhamparish.church/wednesdayprayer)

## PLEASE PRAY...

- For wars and conflicts around the world.
- For the appointment of a new Parish Administrator.
- For our application to renovate and extend St Mark's Hall.
- For our Lighthouse Holiday Club in August.
- For families during the summer holidays - good rest, protection, quality time together.
- For those who are unwell including Andrew Simpson.
- For those who have lost loved ones, especially the families of Ken Matthews, Iris Harvey and Jean Tapping (Caroline Goodwin's mother)

## PSALMS FOR LIFE

In our services in August, each member of our preaching team will pick a favourite Psalm and reflect on it with us.  
*Starting next Sunday, 2 August.*

### TODAY, 26<sup>th</sup> JULY

9am Holy Communion, St Mary's  
 10.30am Sunday Service with Holy Communion, St Mary's

### MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JULY

11am Funeral Iris Harvey, St Mary's

### SATURDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST

2pm Wedding of Andrew Harris and Heather Swift, St Mary's

### SUNDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST

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

Friday 7 August, 12.00-4.00pm  
 Denham Manor Summer BBQ -  
*see poster on blue notice board*

### TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

2.30pm Service of Thanksgiving for Ken Matthews, St Mary's

### SUNDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

3.30pm Café Church, Denham Garden Village (Village Hall). NB: From August, Café Church will always be on the **LAST Sunday of the month** at Denham Garden Village.



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