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Cover: Edda and Tony at the Denham Village Fayre, 2025

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Summer edition of Denham Parish News.

If you picked this copy up at Denham Village Fayre, we hope you had a great day out – do write in and tell us what aspect of the Fayre you enjoyed the most magazine@denhamparish.church. We are very grateful for the many hundreds of people who come to the Fayre each year, making it such a fantastic community event and helping to raise funds both for church building maintenance and improvements, as well as supporting local charities and groups (p.6).

It's always fun to hear other people's stories – turn to p.22 to find out a few of our favourite places in Denham and p.10 to read about Ivan Lobb, a real local Denham man, his wife Janet, and their family.

If they could speak, I'm sure that many of the ancient trees in our churchyard could tell us a few stories (p.8), as could the stones in St Mary's church which have been newly exposed following recent renovation work (p.12). The plans for St Mark's Hall are steadily moving forward, with a planning application submitted to the Buckinghamshire planning department in March (p.19). We hope that improvements to that site will enable many new stories in local lives to be heard and shared.

If life is a bit crazy for you at the moment, why not try making a 'Settling Jar' (p. 24), sitting quietly as you watch the sparkles catch the light as they gently drift down. Or maybe you could set some time aside to use the spiritual first aid kit (p.16) or pray the Lord's prayer (p.18), bringing your hopes and fears to our Heavenly Father, who loves each one of us.

We hope you enjoy the Summer! Children in Reception to Year 6 are invited to join our third year of running a Lighthouse Holiday Club (p.31). Please also 'save the date' 13 September, for a real musical treat, when top class pianist Seth Schultheis will be performing (p.32).



Blessings,

Cathy Macqueen

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTOPH LINDNER, RECTOR

Dear friends,

When Edda and I got married nearly 32 years ago we were going to move from the South of Germany to Hamburg. We were young without significant savings and were doing the move 'on the cheap', meaning that with the help of friends we did it ourselves. One of them said after lugging the last box of books up to our fourth-floor flat: I will never help a student move again! But it was all good fun and we are still friends. I was reminded of this more recently as we have been travelling to Germany quite frequently to look after ageing parents. Again, we've been able to call on the help of friends and family members – to pick us up from the airport, to offer us the loan of a car, or a bed to sleep in. Without them, this season would have been a lot more difficult. But the older we get the more reticent we are to ask others for help. Have you noticed something similar in yourself?

We are made for community. Offering and receiving help is a beautiful way to build and strengthen that community.

In our well-to-do middle-class world we suffer from the twin diseases of affluenza (a book title by Oliver Jones) and stuffocation (a term I picked up from Elizabeth Oldfield – check out her book *Fully Alive*) and that makes it hard for many to ask for help. Another variant of this is a generation who rebuilt their lives from scratch after the Second World War, who had to rely upon their own resourcefulness. As they get older, they find it difficult to call on other people's help. Until quite recently, many people have enjoyed steadily increasing living standards, but we're not happier. We think we are free because we don't need to rely on other people's support, but the truth is we'd be so much happier if we relied on one another. In the 1970s a Mexican visitor to West Germany reported that "most people act like destitute people with too much money. No one can help another. No one can take people in." (Oldfield, *Fully Alive*, page 78).

I don't want to be a destitute person with too much money! And in my more honest moments I know that I can't do it on my own, that I am limited and incomplete without the help of other people.

Ignacy Jan Paderewski (1860-1941) was a famous Polish pianist and composer. The story is told of a mother who wanted to inspire her young son and took him to one of his concerts. To her horror, the child clambered onto the stage and started to tinkle seemingly random notes on the beautiful concert grand. Many got annoyed about the disturbance until the maestro himself appeared. Sitting next to the child he wove a beautiful texture of harmonies and melodies around the child's plunking and the result enchanted the audience.

Our lives are a bit like that – our 'art' is limited, but with the help of others we can create a beautiful composition. One day Jesus was speaking to a large group of people, and when it got late he told his disciples to give them food. They were aghast: How can we feed so many? Jesus asked how much food they had. Well, they said, there is a boy with five loaves and two fish. So Jesus gave thanks for the food and asked them to distribute it. And miraculously, the food never ran out.

That's how I want to live: Share the little I have, ask God to bless it and trust he will multiply my gifts and efforts.



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As a local church community we do this together – each of us offering our time, our gifts and our financial resources as we can. If you come to the May Fayre you will see how a community from church and village can create a beautiful experience for many. Thank you for everyone's help! And I trust that those who help and accept help will be the happier for it.



Christoph

Charity Donations from Denham Village Fayre, 2025

Each year funds raised by Denham Village Fayre are used for the upkeep of our beautiful historic church and churchyard, and to benefit local groups and charities.

In 2025, £500 was given to each of the following:

Give & Share, part of Denham Parish Church

Responding to the needs of local families and individuals who are struggling and need help and support for everyday essentials. The money donated went towards their Christmas appeal for hampers/gifts.



Pumpkins Wildlife Hospital, Rickmansworth

Volunteer led with up to 100 volunteers from Vets/Nurses/ Foster Carers/Administrators and people who love animals, all working to look after Britain's sick and injured wildlife. This charity was chosen by our sponsors, Carter Duthie



Denham Youth FC, Knighton Way Lane

Donation helped them attend more away games and enter different competitions as they work their way up the league.

This charity was chosen by our sponsors, Lightning Recycling.



Denham Memory Clinic

St Mark's Hall, Denham Green Lane

A lifeline for members and carers with activities, sing-a-longs, chats and a spot of lunch. Meets first Friday of the month.

This charity was chosen by our sponsors, Poppy Cottage Care.



Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Charity

This small charity is totally run by volunteers, supporting children and families who have been affected by cancer.

This charity was chosen by our buggy sponsors, Smith's Garden Centre who have also made it their charity for 2026.



Denham Cricket Club

Nestled away in the heart of our village since 1892. Donations were put towards updating the clubhouse and replacing the practice nets.

A big shout out to Club members who also helped us man the Fayre Car Parks!

Higher Denham Lunch Club

Run for the last 32 years by Mary Rints on the last Friday of the month. Just £4 for a home cooked meal, raffle and more importantly the camaraderie of friends. Our donation meant a free Christmas lunch to all with a little gift, and some money kept aside for 2026.

Denham Village School

Monies were put towards new library chairs for the children so they can continue to enjoy their reading journey.

Denham Green EACT School

Monies were used to update their SEN reading room to ensure it is a safe, quiet space where children can continue to grow in their reading confidence.

RSPCA Hillingdon

Working tirelessly to raise the 1 million pounds a year required to support the animal shelter which is autonomous from RSPCA charity.

St Mary's Church

The remaining £15,000 raised has been used for the maintenance and upkeep of St Mary's church and churchyard. Projects supported in 2025 included repairing a historic stained-glass window, replacing a 15th Century Masonry cross, and urgent tree care including the Bowyer House lime tree (see p.8).



CHURCHYARD TREE MAINTENANCE

THE BOWYER HOUSE LIME TREE



In autumn 2025 St Mary's was made aware of an issue by our neighbours at Bowyer House. They had noticed some tree growth coming under their fence. This seemingly innocuous report led to our investigation leading to the felling of a tree and the entire rebuilding of a section of listed (in both senses of the word!) wall.

The tree was a lime and had developed a huge amount of epicormic and basal growth. These are growths from the trunk base and root area respectively and are considered to be a stress

response according to our tree specialist. The cause in this case is unclear, but the growth caused fracturing and movement of the adjacent boundary brick wall which was at risk of collapse.

Access to rebuild the damaged section of wall was impossible without removing so much of the epicormic and basal growth that it would kill the tree. Reluctantly our arborist recommended that complete felling and grinding out of the stump was the only option. Planning permission was given by Bucks Council and then the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC - a church body fulfilling functions similar to English Heritage) agreed, thus allowing these works to be completed over 4 days in January.

The wall will be rebuilt once the DAC have given approval for our re-construction specification for the damaged section. A contractor has been appointed and we hope the work will be finally completed by the summer.



Fun facts about trees found in St Mary's Churchyard

Yew

The yew, particularly **Taxus baccata**, is the longest-living tree in northern Europe. More than 500 churchyards in England contain yews that are older than the churches themselves.

Yew foliage contains toxic taxane alkaloids which have been developed into effective anti-cancer drugs.



Horse Chestnut

The **Aesculus hippocastanum** grows to around 40m in height and can live for up to 300 years. Conkers have been used in horse medicine, as ingredients in shampoos, and as a starch substitute. Extracted chemicals can help treat strains and bruises. However, if eaten in large quantities, Conkers are mildly poisonous.



Cherry

The **Prunus avium** is one of the UK's most common native trees. Its name **avium** refers to birds, which play an important role in spreading its seeds. The sticky resin was believed to improve complexion, aid eyesight, and help treat coughs. This **Prunus sargentii** was planted in 2022 forming part of Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy.



Limes

Lime trees, especially **Tilia cordata** and **Tilia platyphyllos**, have been part of the UK landscape since ancient times, once forming vast "limewoods" after the last Ice Age. They were valued for their soft timber, used in carving and instruments, and for their inner bark (bast), which made ropes and mats.



Use a free plant ID Apps (others are available!) to help you identify other trees and plants **PlantNet** - **iNaturalist**

IVAN AND JANET LOBB

BY BRIAN O'REGAN

There was a time in Ivan's life, soon after meeting Janet, when he was planning to be a "£10 Pom" and emigrate to Australia with his friend Gerald Moore. To be fair to Janet, he told her of his plans. Gerald did go, and is still there now, but Ivan stayed - was it Janet that kept him in Denham? Maybe she knew that he was "the one", but it took eight years and a little nudge from Ivan's mum!

Ivan was born in Nine Stiles Close, New Denham in October 1944, and lived there with father Harold, mother Doris (nee Fenn) and siblings Brian and Valerie. He attended New Denham Primary School in Knighton-Way Lane followed by one year at what is now Denham Village School. Ivan joined Alderbourne County Secondary School when it opened in October 1956 and finished his schooling there at 15.

Janet Carley was born in December 1948 and spent her early years in Norfolk before moving with her parents to Denham in 1962, where her father John was appointed head gardener at Denham Place, the residence of Lord and Lady Vansittart. They lived in the gardener's cottage and mother Mary was a cleaner at the house.



Ivan and Janet with grandchildren

Incidentally, Lady Vansittart was from a wealthy family and her brother, the Reverend Herbert Ward, bought the village green in 1952 and put it in trust for the village, with Lady Vansittart a trustee.



Ivan Lobb's 21st Birthday.

Ivan started his apprenticeship as joiner/improver at Pelhams on a wage of £3 per week, of which he gave his mum £1 and put 10 shillings into a life assurance plan. When Pelhams went bankrupt a year later – no fault of Ivan's – he completed his apprenticeship at Charringtons in Tatling End. He celebrated becoming a journeyman and his 21st birthday with

a party at Denham Royal British Legion in Ashmead Lane. After four years working for a firm in Chalfont St Peter, he setup a small joinery business with a friend and rented a workshop in Penn. Eight years later the enterprising and hard-working Ivan saw an opportunity in office partitioning in London, and another business was born.

Ivan was making his way in life, working and playing hard. His dad played seven musical instruments and Ivan learnt guitar, ukulele and mandolin, playing in local rock bands such as *En Route*. His last band was *The Stiles* who often played at The Falcon Inn. Ivan and Janet met through Janet's brother Gerry, who persuaded Ivan to make up a four at a dance at the Martin Baker Social Club. They started dating and enjoying life together and thought they may get married – one day! Not soon enough for Mrs Doris Lobb, so here comes the nudge! She made an appointment for Ivan and Janet to see the new vicar of St Mary's, Reverend Dr Peter Crick, in 1975. The respectful couple kept the appointment and they married at St Mary's on 14th June 1975.

They started their married life living with Ivan's aunt in nearby Willowbank. A year later, Harold Lobb advised his son that his next-door neighbour was selling his house for £14,000 and needed a quick sale as his was the

last link in the chain. Ivan had saved £2,000 and arranged a mortgage for £11,000. There was nothing more he and Janet could do to fund the gap, but fortunately, the vendor took £1,000 off the price and the house was theirs. Never shy of hard work, Ivan was often working seven days a week to pay the mortgage. Footnote for today's aspiring young homeowners: mortgage rates in the mid seventies were over 12%.

Karen was born to the couple in 1980 and Joanne in 1986. Karen lives in Denham Green and has two children, Caris (19) and Mason (15). Jo is in Loudwater and has Ella (8) and Louis (2). The delightful Ella has sung in our Kids Choir and is waiting for an invitation to return. No need to wait Ella, just turn up - and bring your grandparents with you! And as your grandad is teaching you the ukulele, bring that too!

In their younger days, Ivan and Janet enjoyed caravanning in Europe with friends. They didn't move about in their home life so much. Unusually, they are still in the house in Nine Stiles Close they purchased soon after they got married; yes, right next door to where Ivan came into this world and this story started.

"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands ..."

1 Thessalonians 4:11

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S?

BY CHRISTOPH LINDNER



If you've recently stepped into St Mary's Church you will have noticed that big areas of plaster have been removed to reveal the stone, brick and flint walls behind.

We have also put the pews from the north aisle into storage to allow us to do that. It's quite fascinating as it

reveals how these walls were built in the past (sometimes rubble was 'recycled' as the walls were going to be plastered anyway) and how the building has changed. When you look at the north wall you can see a bricked-up area, possibly an old recess (like the piscina in the south aisle) or maybe even an old doorway.

So why are we doing this and why haven't we replastered the walls?

For many years we have now seen significant issues with damp in our church walls, especially on the north side and the tower. After expert inspection and advice, we now know that in the past a renovation was done with cementitious mortar, which does not allow the walls to breathe and therefore locks in moisture.

We are trying to reverse this. It is not a quick process, that's why the exposed walls will remain like this for anything between 18 months and three years until they are (hopefully) dried out. Then we can decide how to proceed.



The kneelers form an artwork of sorts in the sanctuary!]

New life in the old walls

In the meantime we are finding the open space in the north aisle quite useful – for coffee after church, for exhibitions at the May Fayre, to offer people in wheelchairs a much better view (at the front of the north aisle rather than at the back of church).

Once the renovation and expansion of St Mark's Hall starts we may even use the church to relocate some of the St Mark's groups temporarily (for example our toddler group).

Churches have always been living buildings, which were adapted when the needs of the community changed.

In the Middle Ages, St Mary's wouldn't have had pews at all, as it was used as a flexible community space and a refuge for people and animals in times

of danger. We are doing our bit in this generation so that there will be new life in the old walls – we don't want St Mary's Church to just become a museum.

Going deep

A significant repair is also an opportunity to fix other issues. That's why our churchwarden Jane clambered through a narrow shaft and explored a tunnel under the church – good thing she is not as tall as her husband Dexter, who chairs our fabric team and is doing an excellent job in leading this project!



Thank you for your support!

Maintaining and improving a more than 900-year-old, Grade-I listed building is complex and expensive. We couldn't do it without generous donations. A large proportion of the money raised by the May Fayre will be replenishing our fabric fund – thank you! If you'd like to help by making a specific donation towards this fund, please contact our PCC treasurer Mike Stewart. He'd be delighted to hear from you.

PCC Treasurer Mike Stewart:
treasurer@denhamparish.church

FAMILY REGISTER OF DENHAM PARISH CHURCH

BAPTISMS

15.02.26 Freddie Atkinson

01.03.26 Elsie Baker



Elsie Baker

FUNERALS

17.03.26 David Booker (92)

01.04.26 Beverley Gray (68)



David Booker



Beverley Gray

IN MEMORANDUM

26.01.26 Charles Herbert Allen 16.12.1930

05.06.22 Sheila Maud Allen (nee Ongley) 16.05.1929

Charles and Sheila were married in Denham Parish Church 16.08.1952 and lived in New Denham all their married life.

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



ALL INcluded
ALL INvolved
ALL INspired
ALL IN the room

First Sunday of each month
10.30am at St Mary's

CAFÉ CHURCH

Time to chat | Food for thought
Coffee and cake
Favourite hymns and prayers
St Mark's Church Hall
7th June, 5th July, No café in August
Contact: Christoph Lindner
rector@denhamparish.church

Small Groups

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

Sunday Services

www.tinyurl.com/youtube-denham

At St Mary's:
9am and 10.30am



DESTINY



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

Do you like gardening?

Would you like to help keep the churchyard looking beautiful?

The churchyard is looked after by a group of volunteers who meet regularly throughout the year and welcome anyone who would like to join in.
Please bring your own gardening gloves and tools (attendance is at your own risk).
Tea and Coffee provided.

Contact Dexter at Dexterbrown125@gmail.com for more information.



Spiritual 'first aid kit'

by Jenny Tebboth

This spiritual 'first aid kit' is a bit like the box on the wall of St Mark's Hall kitchen. Think of it as a resource always within reach—ready for any spiritual emergency, whether it's overwhelming anxiety or a quiet moment of weakness. But, unlike the medical first aid kit which is (thankfully) rarely needed, the real power of a spiritual first aid kit comes from using it consistently.



The first thing to know is that God cares for each of us and, if we

allow him, can be

involved in every crisis,

sorrow or decision that comes our way.

Jesus' great friend Peter tells us to 'Cast

all your anxiety on him because he cares

for you' (1 Peter 5:7) Learning to trust

God as he deserves is a long process,

but when we look at the cross which

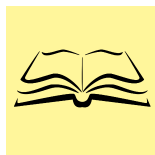
demonstrates the extraordinary extent

of God's love for us, we know that His

promises are backed up by action and

can be trusted.

Practice: Place a cross where you can see it every day as a reminder of how much God loves you.



Inside the first aid box of God's love, is the bible - an essential

tool in the kit, and the

main way we hear God

speaking to us. It is a rich, deep and

complex book but there are plenty of

daily guides to take you through it

by bit and you will find God speaks into your circumstances through the bible in amazing ways. My confirmation verse has encouraged me repeatedly; 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Corinthians 12:9) as has this verse which I learned as a child: '*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*' (Joshua 1:9) It is best to read the bible in community to get more out of it and have the chance to ask your questions.

Practice: Ask a church members to tell you which daily bible reading guides they find useful.



Prayer is like our oxygen.

It is the way we share life with God. No special words are needed – just speak as you would to a

friend. Paul instructs his readers: '*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests*

to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4:6-7) The book of Psalms is the prayer book of the bible and a great teacher on prayer.

Practice: Set aside 5 minutes each morning to pray and surrender your worries to God. Keep a journal of your prayers. Make it a habit to say the Lord's Prayer every day.



Paul writes, '**Bear with each other and forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.' Strained relationships (both with God and each other) need the antiseptic cream of regular confession, receiving the forgiveness of God and each other, and forgiving each other. Forgiveness is complex but the cross shows us how much God is willing to forgive us so that we can be in relationship with him.

Practice: Reflect on someone you need to forgive and pray for the strength to take that step. Ask God to set you free from unforgiveness and areas of persistent temptation.



'This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!' (Psalm 118:24) **Giving thanks to God each day**

and worshipping him is like a spiritual tonic in our first aid kit. Singing, praising, or meditating on God's greatness lifts your spirit. Worship reminds you who is truly in control.

Practice: Create a playlist of hymns and songs which encourage you.



Your fellow believers are your support team. The faith community are like

paramedics ready to come alongside with practical aid, encouragement and prayer. This can be in church on Sunday, with family or in a small group of trusted friends who pray and read the bible together. We are meant to be together with those that are different to us, older or younger than us, those that have different gifts to us – that is the strength of the church family and gives each of us the chance to serve others.

Practice: Join a small group or share a prayer request with a trusted Christian friend this week.

Jenny



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
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.

Pray using the version, you prefer.



UPDATE ON ST MARK'S HALL EXTENSION

The proposal to extend the St Mark's Hall with the addition of a second hall and improvements to the existing hall was submitted to Buckinghamshire planning department on Thursday 19 March 2026 with a couple of presentations to local residents on Wednesday 15 April which were led by Tom Stroud a partner in the firm of Lewis Stroud who are the architects for this project.

The county responded to us by saying that the planning process was under great pressure and would therefore take an additional few weeks over and above their stated timeline objectives.

The Local Residents meetings were really successful and we were thrilled that everybody attending those meetings signed a Statement of Support, which was sent to the

Council and which, suitably redacted, has appeared on the Planning Portal related to our application. Thank you all very much for this wonderful support!

The images included in this update were those discussed at the presentations and highlighted the scope and shape of the building and a visual of how we expect the extended hall to look.

We remain confident that the proposal, which is so clearly beneficial to the entire parish and Denham Green in particular, will be approved with the minimum of delay and have therefore instructed the architects and the key specialist consultants to progress immediately with the Detailed Design stage of the project.

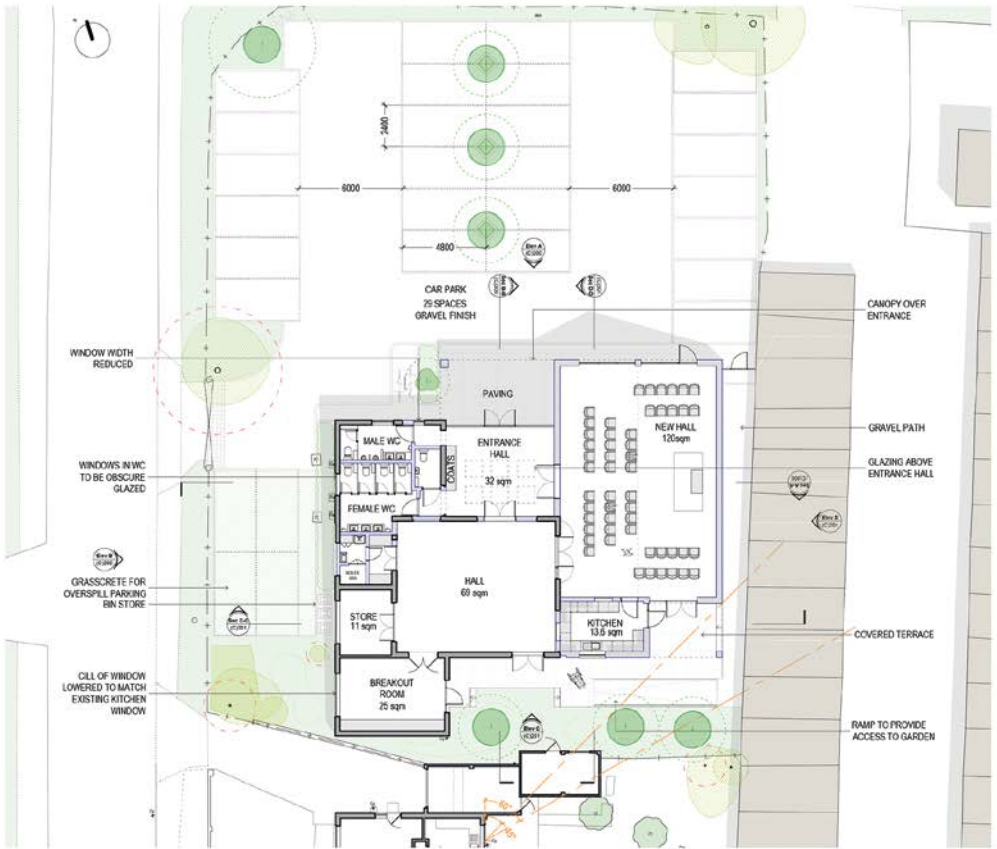
The design team are working closely with the potential building contractors to agree at an early stage the optimum



material and building strategies to pro-actively monitor and control costs and ensure that both the refurbished and the new halls achieve all the operational objectives we have specified and provide a really positive user experience.

Of course, we remain concerned about the final costs but we have a realistic and clear budget and remain determined to deliver this project as quickly as possible.

If you would like to find out more, including ways to financially support this project, please contact PCC Treasurer Mike Stewart: treasurer@denhamparish.church



PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN
1:100



PROPOSED WEST ELEVATION (GREEN TILES LANE)
1:50

My favourite place in Denham

Do you have a favourite place in Denham?

Here's a few community response highlights!



Grand Union Canal. For many years I have cycled from Denham into Uxbridge and back to work. I love to cycle through Denham Country Park then join the canal at Denham Lock. Over the years I have been lucky to see a great deal of nature from owls, deer, a kingfisher, swans, ducks and even a swimming grass snake. In 2024 it was a sunny summer day and I decided to paddleboard back from work in Uxbridge along the grand union canal. I was paddling near Willowbank and to my surprise I saw a snake swimming in the water which was a first for me. I managed to get my phone out and take a photo without falling in. I love to paddle on the canal as it is very peaceful gliding on the water with fish and green reeds moving with the flow of the water. I also love the colourful dragonflies.

Tim S.

St Mary's Church helping to look after the beautiful building and churchyard. A place where literally thousands have worshipped, visited and indeed been buried over the last millennium ...and then on to a place where the hanging sign over the entrance may be an oak or indeed a native bird and where there is good food, good beer and conviviality!

Dexter B.



The nature reserve in New Denham (at the end of New Town road). This is special because something beautiful has been created as a consequence of gravel extraction.

Gillian V.



Our favourite place in Denham has to be St Mary's Church, as it holds so many special memories for our family. We've celebrated many happy moments there and, in its surroundings, and it's always been a place where we've found serenity and joy. It's not just the building itself, but also the people connected to it that make it so close to our hearts. Our second favourite place would be **Buckinghamshire golf course and Denham Country Park**. For us, it feels like an extension of St Mary's. We held our wedding reception there and have enjoyed many walks through it in every season.

Robert M.



My back garden in Denham Green.

When the roses flower in June, it is my slice of paradise. It is designed on the Persian style paradise garden principle which has its ideas taken from the garden of Eden. I feel closer to God's influence in nature when I am out there. The garden is a labour of love for me and gives me time to reflect on life when I stop to look at it when I take a break from working in it.

Robert B.



This is a difficult one! I love Denham Country Park where I can appreciate God's beautiful creation, and also enjoy walking our dogs. But I also love the varied events at **St Mark's Hall** with a variety of outreach opportunities offering fun, fellowship and friendships - England football games, packing for Give and Share Christmas boxes, Light Parties, Lighthouse, The Well, Destiny, Cafe Church, and birthday parties.

Jane B.



We walk past this **chalk stream** every Sunday on the way to church. It reminds us of the line in the hymn "Time like an ever-rolling stream"

Brenda & Paul D.

We love **Da Remo** with its delicious food, linen tablecloths and napkins.

Stephanie & John

Editor: Denham Village has a rich history with plenty to see and places to eat - do come and explore!

Craft Corner

SETTLING JAR

by Edda



At each 'All In' service we have a time to respond to the talk. One option includes a craft activity for all ages. In March we created a "settling jar". Shake the jar and look at it - it can help calm down the many thoughts and emotions that keep your brain busy before you settle into a piece of work that you might be finding hard to start. **Try it - it works!**

STEP 1

Gather your resources: a clean jam jar with a lid that is 100% tight, water, clear craft glue OR 1-2 tsp dissolved wallpaper paste, glitter.



Step 2

Create "Thick Water": fill the jar with 2/3 of water and add 1 tsp of the clear craft glue or wall paper paste and stir until well mixed.





Step 3

Make it sparkle: add 1-2 tsp of glitter and sparkly hearts or stars and if you like, you can add a couple of drops of food colouring. Screw lid firmly onto jar and shake!

Step 4

Take a close look: Is the water thick enough for the glitter to move slowly to the bottom of the jar? Is there a good balance of sparkle in the jar? Adjust accordingly by adding a little bit more glue/paste or glitter.

Step 5

Sit back and enjoy this sensory mini firework and help you settle into your next activity.



Finish the Jar with an All In logo and write a bible verse on the jar lid.



(tsp=teaspoon)

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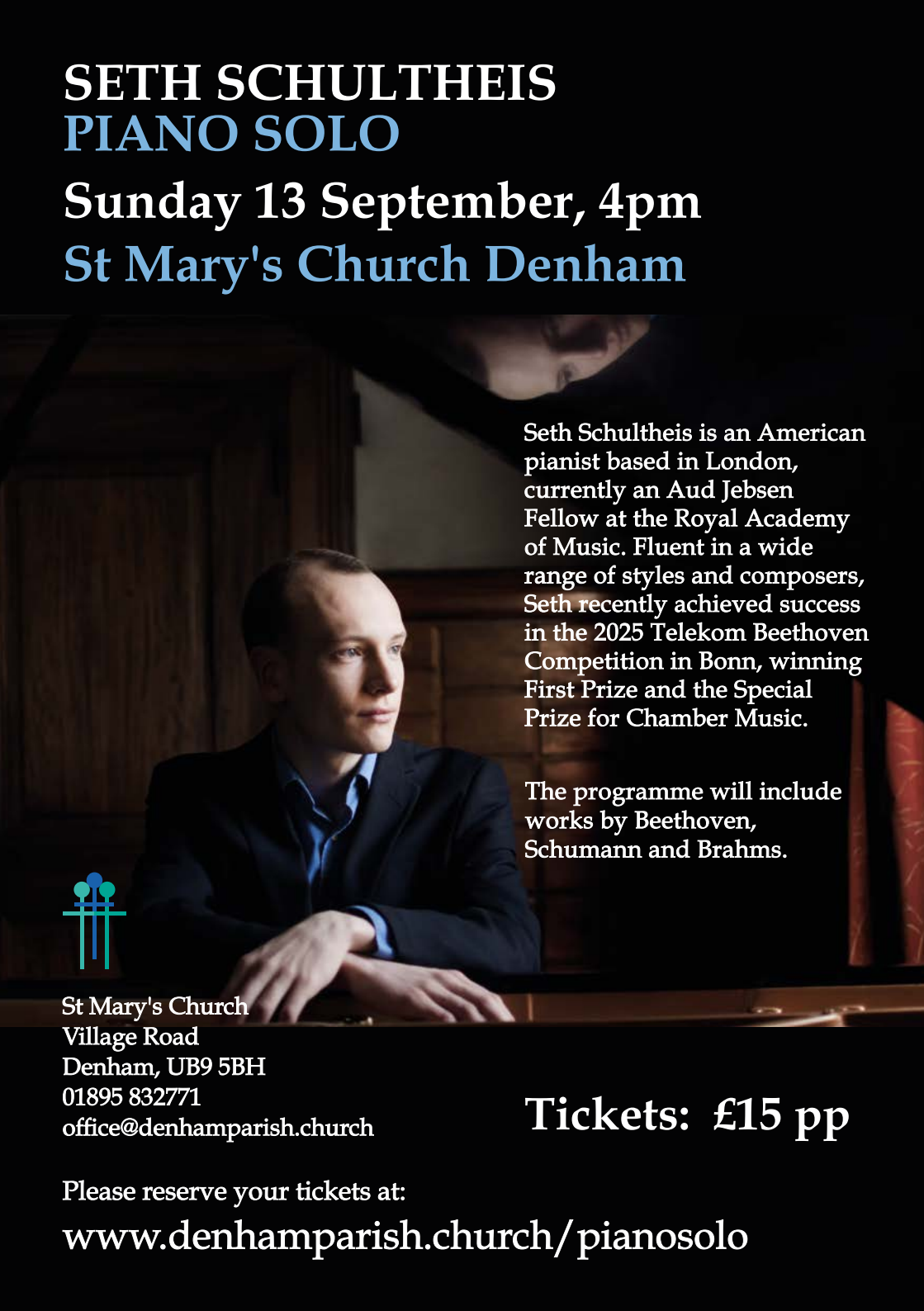
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