Welcome!

22nd November 2026

The Sunday Next Before Advent (Christ the King)

Moses: Leaving a Legacy

COLLECT
God our Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 34.1-12
1 Then Moses went up from the plains of
Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah,
which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD
showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as
Dan, 2 all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and
Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the
Western Sea, 3 the Negeb, and the Plain—
that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm
trees—as far as Zoar. 4 The LORD said to him,
"This is the land of which I swore to
Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I
will give it to your descendants'; I have let
you see it with your eyes, but you shall not
cross over there." 5 Then Moses, the servant
of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab,
at the LORD'S command. 6 He was buried in
a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-
peor, but no one knows his burial place to
this day. 7 Moses was one hundred twenty
years old when he died; his sight was
unimpaired and his vigour had not abated.
8 The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains
of Moab thirty days; then the period of
mourning for Moses was ended. 9 Joshua son
of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom,
because Moses had laid his hands on him;
and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the
LORD had commanded Moses. 10 Never
since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like
Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.
11 He was unequalled for all the signs and
wonders that the LORD sent him to perform
in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all
his servants and his entire land, 12 and for all
the mighty deeds and all the terrifying
displays of power that Moses performed in
the sight of all Israel.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17.1-8
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter
and James and his brother John and led
them up a high mountain, by themselves.
2 And he was transfigured before them,
and his face shone like the sun, and his
clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly
there appeared to them Moses and Elijah,
talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to
Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if
you wish, I will make three dwellings here,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for
Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking,
suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed
them, and from the cloud a voice said,
"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I
am well pleased; listen to him!" 6 When the
disciples heard this, they fell to the ground
and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus
came and touched them, saying, "Get up
and do not be afraid." 8 And when they
looked up, they saw no one except Jesus
himself alone.

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

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

He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

PLEASE PRAY...

- For the work on St Mark's Hall and the community presentations this week.
- For our mission partners: BRF ministries, Tearfund, Wycliffe Bible Translators, SHOC/Trinity and Care for the Family.
- For those who are unwell including Bob Cranmer-Brown and Andrew Simpson, our belltower captain.
- For those who have lost loved ones, especially the families and friends of Jill Glanfield and Barbara Hazel.

PREPARING FOR ADULT BAPTISM

Are you interested in being baptised? We are planning a meeting with adults who would like to explore baptism. Please speak to Jenny Tebboth.

JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays, 6-6.30pm, Zoom.
www.denhamparish.church/wednesdayprayer

NEW OFFICE HOURS

We are delighted to welcome **Jo Saripanidis** as our new Parish Administrator!
Jo's regular office hours are:
Monday: 10am–2pm
Tuesday: 10am–2pm
Thursday: 1pm–3pm

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR BUILDING PROJECTS THIS WEEK!

See diary top right!

COMING UP:

TODAY
2.30pm "Remembering Loved Ones" Bereavement Service

THURSDAY 26 NOV, 12 noon & FRIDAY 27 NOV, 7pm, both St Mary's:
Come and hear about our St Mary's and St Mark's building projects. With refreshments and Q&A

ADVENT SUNDAY 29 NOV
9am Holy Communion
10.30 Sunday Service with Sunday Club

CHRISTMAS FLYERS

Please pick up as many as you like to invite others.

GIVE & SHARE...

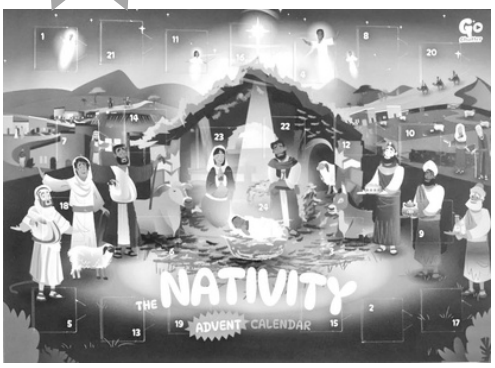
... are inviting us to make donations for this year's Christmas Appeal. Please pick up a flyer at the back for more details.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, including some for Tearfund and Leprosy Mission are now available at the back of church along with some gift-boxed mugs. Please pay at the contactless pay station or by cash in the box provided.

"IN PRISON ... AND YOU VISITED ME."

Our former Associate Minister Rev Ian Jennings has written a new book called 'IN PRISON… and you visited me.' Ian has dedicated his book to 'the men I know personally who once served time, but who now serve God. Available on Amazon



A SPECIAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Open a door each day to reveal a picture, read the story in the booklet, build the Nativity poster sticker by sticker, and scan the QR code to watch the story come to life in the animation. This is a great way for famlies to experience Advent together. £8 while stocks last.

ADVENT: "TREASURES IN STRAW"

Advent is a time for reflection and preparation. We are inviting you to read this year's BRF Advent Book "Treasures in Straw" by Tanya Marlow together. All of life is in the first Christmas - disgrace and honour, uncertainty and hope, temptation and tyranny, sorrow and celebration. Our sermons on Advent Sundays will also tie in with the themes of the book. Buy the book from your favourite bookshop or get one of the remaining copies at St Mary's for £8.