

**Tombola – Denham Fayre.** Collection for the Tombola at the Denham Fayre has begun. Please place any unwanted gifts which are in good condition in the Tombola Box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

**Denham Fayre – we need YOU!**

Please take a look at the display board to find out how you could help with our Fayre this year.

**DID YOU KNOW...? Resources on our website**

Did you know that many of the sermons preached on Sundays are later available to listen to on our website? Go to [www.denhamparish.church](http://www.denhamparish.church) and click on "Resources". That's also where you can find the Parousia newsheet if you couldn't come to church, as well as the monthly calendar. You can even download the complete Annual Report for 2017 there. Take a look!

**"What helps me to become more like Jesus?"**

Here are some of the answers from our church family:

"Constant discipling - teaching; prayer; exercising my spiritual gifts."

"Looking on God's beauty and seeing it reflected in others."

How would you answer? Christoph would love to hear from you!

**Final AGM for St Mark's Hall** - Sunday 13 May at 3.30 pm

The Management of St Mark's Hall is now a sub-committee of the PCC, so we do not need to hold separate AGMs. This will be our final meeting, reviewing the past and looking forward as an integral part of the Parish Church. [The meeting will be followed by a celebration of Holy Communion and we will finish by 5pm.](#) All church members are welcome to attend.

**Francis Moloney, our Parish Assistant,** is conducting a piece of research on our Parish Vision statement. If you would like to participate please go to the following web address:

<https://goo.gl/forms/gDe1Fgig823CkyvA2>

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**10.00am** Lifegroup for Women.

*The Rectory*

**7.30pm** Evening Prayer

*The Rectory*

**8.00pm** 'Moving On'. Session 2

*The Rectory*

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.00am** Little Lions Toddler Group

*St Mark's*

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.00am** Holy Communion. BCP.

*St Mary's Vestry*

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.00am-12noon** Meeting of 10.30

service volunteers

*St Mary's*

**The Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5.22-23**

"Heavenly Father, I pray that this day I may live in your presence and please you more and more. Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you. Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

*(John Stott)*

**Spring Harvest 2019 – Find out more!**

Are you interested in coming to Spring Harvest next year with a group from our church?

Spring Harvest is a Christian holiday / festival / conference that was started in 1979 and takes place during the Easter holidays. On Sunday, 6 May, straight after the morning service (at around 12noon) you will have an opportunity to find out more, meet some of us who went this year and ask your questions.



# PAROUSIA

Weekly News Sheet

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to church! If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the service leader or a member of the welcome team so we can welcome you personally. During the 10.30 service there is Sunday club for children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.

*Christoph Lindner, Rector*

## Building strong relationships with our mission partners

*"We will develop relationships with selected mission partners, working both in the UK and abroad."*  
(Our mission action plan for 2018-2019)

It is vital for a local church to have vibrant relationships with other mission organisations. It keeps us connected with what God is doing further afield and is part of our mission to reach out with the good news of Jesus. This relationship will be expressed through regular prayer, financial support, practical help, exposure visits, guest speakers from those charities.

At our APCM last week we reflected on the strength of 'selecting a few' to do that well. Our PCC has chosen a list of five mission partners, which operate locally, nationally and internationally. That doesn't mean we won't support others at certain times of the year. Of course we also welcome that individual church members will support charities of their choice. We will review the list at regular intervals. We seek to appoint link persons for each of the five - if you have a strong affinity with one of them, do talk to me.

**TRINITY (with SHOC)** - This is a local homeless charity and has an immediate impact on the local area.

**CHURCH ARMY** - "Our vision is for everyone everywhere to encounter God's love, and be empowered to transform their communities through faith shared in words and action". Denham Parish has a long-standing connection with them. We aim to reconnect with the Marylebone Project, which works with homeless and vulnerable women.

**BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP** - "offer creative programmes and resources for individuals, churches and schools." Denham Parish has been connected with BRF for 60 years. We have been blessed by their daily bible reading notes. They have a focus on schools work and new ministries for families and children, and are the publishers of Messy Church resources.

**WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS** - "To see God's Word made accessible to all people in the language of their hearts." Wycliffe reach out to communities that do not have the bible in their own language or people that are illiterate. Our Parish has a connection with Samuel Kpagheri (originally set up by the St Mark's service and committee).

**TEARFUND** - "changes the lives of people who have suffered due to conflict and poverty, working through local churches". We have supported Tearfund's work through our Christmas appeals in recent years.

*Christoph Lindner*

## Worship today



### 22<sup>nd</sup> April 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Philip Thompson

**Reader:** Roger Gage

**Readings:** 1 Peter 2.11-17  
John 16.16-22

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer  
*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Sung Communion

*St Mary's* with Sunday club for children

**Nine-a-Day: Joy**

**Preacher:** Francis Moloney

**Sidesmen:** Rosemary & Robin Doran

**Readings and readers:**

Habakkuk 3:17-19 Sandy Wickenden

Luke 15. 3-7 Stuart Montgomery

**Prayers:** Carlene Litchmore

**Servers:** Carlene Litchmore & Michael Carmody

**Sunday Club Leader:** Sonja Clements

4.00pm Messy Church for families:

Jesus, the Risen Lord *St Mark's*

#### Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

## Habakkuk 3:17-19

<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. <sup>19</sup> God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God**

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## Luke 15. 3-7

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

<sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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#### Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Christ was raised

Even death could not contain him  
We are saved Satan's power  
he overcame

No more shame no more guilt and  
condemnation

In his name, in his name

Christ is raised,

he is seated with the Father

And the Spirit that raised him  
gives us life

So we'll live to the glory of our Saviour  
Hallelujah, he's alive

Christ was raised, the restorer  
of creation

By his grace making earth and heaven  
new

We are changed agents of his  
re-creation

In all we do, all we do

Christ is raised, so our struggles

have a purpose

He's alive so our work is not in vain

And we'll serve for the glory of  
our Saviour

Hallelujah, Jesus reigns

Christ was raised bringing all  
the world together

Making peace breaking down  
our walls of hate

And one day every knee will bow  
before him

For his praise, for his praise

Christ is raised with a new and  
glorious body

Scars of love in his hands and  
in his side

So we'll sing to the glory of  
our Saviour

Hallelujah, King of life

## Worship next week



### 29<sup>th</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

**Sidesman:** Carlene Litchmore

**Reader:** Alison Barret

**Readings:** S. James 1. 22-27  
John 16.23b-33

9.55-10.00 Pre-service Prayer  
*St Mary's, front of church*

10.30am Morning Worship

*St Mary's* with Sunday club for children

**Nine-a-Day: Peace**

**Sidesmen:** Maurice Litchmore &  
Victoria Lucas

**Readings and readers:**

Psalm 85 Tony Drane

Ephes. 2. 11-18 Jenny Browne

**Prayers:** Derek Sharp

**Sunday Club Leader:** Missy Sharp

In your prayers this week, please remember **Ethel White, Thelma Mann, Peggy Wasley and Christine Willson.**

Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time especially the family of **Jean Standing, Lois Spencer, Teresa Sacco and Austin 'Ron' Edwards.**

