

RETHINK

Only a few days to go – let's make the most of it!

Don't forget to invite people to our special Rethink service next Sunday on the theme "Can I trust the Bible"!

"I READ THE BIBLE BECAUSE..."

How would you finish this sentence? Please give or email your answer to Christoph by Wednesday.

Concert with Jonathan Veira:

Find a short video to give you a taster at www.denhamparish.church/concert

Opportunities to pray for Rethink:

- **Join us for a short Rethink Prayer after today's 10.30 service.** Get a tea or coffee – we will meet in the children's corner for no longer than 10 minutes.
- **Morning Prayer during Rethink Week** at St Joseph's Church (Bull Lane, SL9 8RY): Daily from Wed 21 to Sat 24 Nov, 8.15am (changed time!!) followed by a light breakfast from 9am. All welcome.

Make sure you buy tickets today after the service. Could you give a ticket as a gift?

(Tickets also available during the week in our church office or online at www.denhamparish.church/rethink)

RETHINK PRAYER: "God our Redeemer, in Jesus Christ you brought good news for everyone. We pray for RETHINK - for your blessing and guidance in all our preparations, for boldness to invite others, and for rich fruit as many begin a new journey of faith or deepen their faith in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 12th November

10.00am Lifegroup for Women.
8.00pm NO LIFEGROUP. *The Rectory*

Wednesday 14th November

10.00am Little Lions Toddler Group
RETHINK SPECIAL! *St Mark's*

Thursday 15th November

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP.
St Mary's Vestry
7.30pm NO LIFEGROUP
26 Lindsey Road, Denham

Bookstall: Real Advent calendars, Christmas cards and Year Calendars now available at the back of church.

Christingle Tubes are now available, please pick on up from the back of church. Our Christingles service will be on Sunday 9 December 4pm

Craft Stall with home made, beautiful gifts in aid of the church fabric funds available on Sunday 2 December after 10.30am service and Cafe church!

Join us for **Advent wreath making** on Saturday 1 December 10-12noon at St Mark's Church Hall. Registration essential - speak to Edda or contact the church office.

St James, GX are looking for someone to fill the position of church administrator. This could be on a full time role or part time on a job share basis. If you are interested, please contact nici.johnson@stjames.org.uk



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Weekly News Sheet

18th November 2018

2nd Sunday before Advent

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

Castles, Ruins and Bridges

"If you go for a holiday in Wales or Scotland, you cannot help being struck by the large number of castles, many of them now in ruins. In medieval days, the castle was a place of control over the surrounding countryside and of refuge when there was an enemy attack. It seems to me that the Christian church in the West is in danger of going back to the castle culture. It used to control public life but that control has long gone. However, we are in the habit of retiring into the castle of the church ... the gap between Christians and others is growing all the time, so it's only natural to seek the shelter of churchy people and pursuits: that is where we feel safe. If we opt for a castle culture we can be sure of this: it will become a ruin. A Christianity which does not give itself away to others will die.

But what a difference when the castle community opens itself up to the people out there! When the traffic flows both ways, and the castle, bright with flags and bunting, invites the locals to a feast in the great hall. That is what we need to work for if we are to introduce people to the Lord of the castle and encourage them to join in his retinue. *We have got to build bridges!*"
Michael Green

Rethink Week is a fantastic opportunity to build bridges and introduce family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to the Lord of the castle. Let's all make the most of it!



Worship today



18th November
2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: Rom. 13.1-7
Matt. 8. 23-end

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

10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary's followed by Holy Communion

With Sunday Club for Children and
Destiny for Older Children

Sidesteam:

Cathy MacQueen & Sharon Williams

Reader and readings:

Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

Carole Wadlow

Mark 13.1-11 Caroline Ashcroft

Prayers: Carlene Litchmore

Servers: David & Judith Babb

Sunday Club Leader: Jane Brown

2.30pm Remembering Loved Ones
Bereavement service. *St Mary's*

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long: through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Baptism of Bailey John Harvey

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome Bailey and uphold him in his new life?
With the help of God we will.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Baptism

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ, against sin, the world, and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Bailey, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Mark 13.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. ⁹As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. ¹⁰And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Some of us are big and tall, some of us are very small
Some of us like pink and some like blue
Some of us like reading books,
some of us like feeding ducks
That's because we're different, me and you.

**But God loves everyone he's made.
God loves each of us, in a special way
That's you and you and you and you
and you and you and you and you
God loves you! God loves you!
That's you and you and you and you
and you and you and you and you
We're part of the big family of God!**

Some of us have curly hair,
some of us have specs to wear
All of us have different families
Some of us are very loud,
some of us don't make a sound
That's because we're different, you and me.

Worship next week



25th November
Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion *St Mary's*

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Alison Barrett

Readings: Jer. 23. 5-8
John 6 .5-14

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

**10.30am RETHINK Service,
St Mary's: 'Can I trust the Bible?'**

With Sunday Club for Children
Speaker: Dr Max Baker-Hytch,
University of Oxford

Sidesteam:

John Breese & Anne Thomas

Readers: Anne Thomas &
Pam Montgomery

Prayers: Michael Carmody

Sunday Club Leader: Sonja Clements

4.00pm Messy Church for Families
St Mark's

In your prayers this week, please remember **Vi Slade and Christine Willson**. Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time especially the families of **Robert Weeks**.

