

Lantern Light Party

31 October 2024, 5-7pm

A relaxed alternative party for families with children of any age to celebrate together.

- Bonfire, games and burgers
- Wear outdoor clothing (wellies suggested).
- At St Mark's Church Hall Denham Green OR The Rectory (Ashmead Lane), depending on numbers. Everyone who signs up will receive updates in good time.

Sign up essential by Sunday 27th October.

Use the QR code or go to

www.denhamparish.church/lightparty

Suggested donation: £5 per family to help cover the costs.

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GROWING IN HUMILITY: P.A.G.E.S.

Prayer
 Accountability
 Gratitude
 Empathy
 Service



Service Sheet

13th October 2024, 10.30am, St Mary's
 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
 Building Strong Relationships: Humility

Welcome to St Mary's Church! We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello (in the chat feature online, or to the service leader or a member of the welcome team in church). You can find out more about our church on our website (www.denhamparish.church) and catch up on previous services on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/denhamparish.church.

PLEASE NOTE: Our 10.30 service is streamed live on YouTube. If you or someone you have come with should not be visible on the stream, please sit towards the back or on the left side as you come in.

CHOIR INTROIT (*Christopher Tye*)

O come, ye servants of the Lord,
 and praise His holy name
 From early morn to setting sun,
 His might on earth proclaim.
 His laws are just, and glad the heart:
 He makes His mercies known.
 Ye princes come, ye people too,
 and bow before His throne.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAISE (From Psalm 1)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
**or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;**
 but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
**which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.**
In all that they do, they prosper.

HYMN

Living God, your word has called us,
 Summoned us to live by grace,
 Make us one in hope and vision,
 As we gather in this place.
 Take our searching, take our praising,
 Take the silence of our prayer,
 Offered up in joyful worship,
 Springing from the love we share.

Living God, your love has called us
 In the name of Christ your Son,
 Forming us to be his body,
 By your Spirit making one.
 Working, laughing, learning, growing,
 Old and young and black and white,
 Gifts and skills together sharing,
 In your service all unite.

Living God, your hope has called us
 To the world that you have made,
 Teaching us to live for others,
 Humble, joyful, unafraid.
 Give us eyes to see your presence,
 Joy in laughter, hope in pain.
 In our loving, in our living,
 Give us strength that Christ may reign.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE COLLECT

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG

Faith as small as a mustard seed
Will move mountains move mountains
Faith as small as a mustard seed
Will move mountains by the power of God

Believe what Jesus said was true
Believe He meant it just for you
Wait and see what God will do
As you pray as you pray

Doo da doo da doo da doo doo da
Doo da doo da mountains
Doo da doo da doo da doo doo da
Doo da doo da mustard

(Children leave for Sunday Club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: James 2. 14-26

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you

get on your pleasures. ⁴Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, "God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Luke 22.24-27

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



Join us for a day to invest in your relationship!

When: Saturday November 9th 2024 – 9:30am to 4:45pm

Where: The St James Centre, Gerrards Cross SL9 7DJ

Cost: £35 per couple

Refreshments: A buffet lunch and refreshments are served throughout the day and are included in the price

Additional Info: There is no childcare but nursing mothers are welcome

Booking info: Visit here to buy your ticket – saintjames.org.uk/adaytogether

CREATE FROM THE HEART

DENHAM MANOR CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Design your own Christmas card for Denham Manor to use as their official 2024 Christmas card. The winner will have their card printed for Denham Manor to send to their loved ones.

All entries should be A4 or A5 and "flat" - no uneven surfaces, no cotton wool etc. Bright, vibrant colours reproduce well. Please include your name, (child's age and School if relevant), your community name and contact details with the entry.

Take a photo of the design and email it to activities.denham@ariacare.co.uk

DIARY

MONDAY 14th October, 7.30pm

The Well Prayer Gathering,
St Mark's Church Hall

PLEASE NOTICE THE NEW EARLIER START!

THURSDAY 17th September, 6.30pm

Baptism Preparation

St Mary's Vestry

INTERESTED? Please email our church office!

SATURDAY 19 October, 10-11am

St Mary's Church

Training on our new AV system. This time we will be focusing on the video system.

INTERESTED? Please check details on the right.

SUNDAY 20th October

9am Holy Communion

10.30 Sunday Service.

WEDNESDAY, 30 October

4pm The Haven, St Mary's Vestry

THURSDAY, 31 October

2pm Service of Thanksgiving for Len

Dane, St Mary's

5pm Light Party for Families

(see back)

HARVEST GIFTS

Thank you for your gifts at the harvest services last Sunday. Some of the fresh produce will be distributed by our Give & Share ministry. More than £400 have been given in supermarket vouchers.

Thank you for your generosity!

email: office@denhamparish.church phone: 01895 832771



**Could you be our next
Parish Administrator?
Do you know someone
who might be interested
in applying?**

You will have excellent administration and people skills and work closely with our Rector and the leadership of our church.

This role is for 16–20 hours per week over four or five days, with flexibility to work some of the time from home.

**We have extended the closing date to:
6pm Sunday 3 November.**

Request a detailed job description and application form from
rector@denhamparish.church

or find the job description at
www.denhamparish.church/about/vacancies/

NEW AV SYSTEM AT ST MARY'S:

GET TRAINED!

Our new AV System has now been in place for a few weeks and we are learning how to use it most effectively.

We'd like to expand our team of operators and this is a great time to join us. You will be fully trained on the new system. The next training session will be on **SATURDAY, 19 October, 10am at St Mary's.**

Sign up here:

www.denhamparish.church/avtraining

THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand
of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for
the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus
Christ. Amen**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
til death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty; for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your
own do we give you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him
you have created all things from the
beginning, and formed us in your own
image.

Through him you have freed us from the
slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a
woman and to die upon the cross; you
raised him from the dead and exalted him to
your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own
possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and
with all the company of heaven, we
proclaim your great and glorious name, for
ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

We take communion in both bread and wine. Please feel under no compulsion to receive the wine though. If you require a gluten free wafer, please make this known to the minister distributing communion. If you'd like to receive a blessing please keep your hands at your side as you come forward. If you'd like to receive Holy Communion seated in the pew please let a member of our sidesteam know.

DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

SONG

From heav'n you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled; not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear; his heart with sorrow was torn, 'yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come see his hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice, hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone him; each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

HYMN

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life that I would be set free

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (x3)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

THE BLESSING

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR ISRAEL & GAZA

Our Maker and Sustainer, we pray for the people of Israel, Gaza and Palestine amid the continued violence. We mourn the lives of those who have died in the attacks. We pray for those who are wounded. May they find healing and comfort. We pray for those who are grieving. May they know your ever-present help. We pray for those who have been taken hostage. As they walk through this dark valley, may they have your protection and fear no evil. And we pray for those who have the power to make peace. May they yield to reasonable considerations and reach a peaceful resolution. Amen

Let's pray together

- For those who have lost loved ones, especially the families of Hamish Ritchie, Len Dane, Bryan Gould and Andrew Jenkins.
- For those who are unwell, especially Beverly Gray, Margaret Sargent, Ann Collins, Craig Alexander.
- For the Maduka family as they settle in to their new parish.
- For those suffering the consequences of war, natural disasters and oppression.