

# WELCOME! 24th August 2025, 10.30am, St Mary's The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

### **COLLECT**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FIRST READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.")<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering. <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

<sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."

<sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6.7-10 Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Vour kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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

#### STANDING UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE: CONFIRMATION

When you are confirmed you confirm for yourself the promises which parents and godparents have made at your baptism, or you make them yourself as you are baptised and confirmed at the same time. It means you are taking responsibility for your faith in Jesus and declare publicly that you want to belong to the Church. The bishop will pray that you will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a special way.

<u>Interested?</u> Please contact our church office and we will let you know when the next preparation course starts.

#### PLEASE PRAY...

- For Jenny Tebboth as she prepares for her new role as associate minister.
- For those who are unwell, including Patrcia Terry.
- For people on holiday, for refreshing times
- For those who have lost loved ones, especially the families of Shirley Gould, Sarah Ann Parker, Eileen Gray and Thomas Ryan
- For warn-torn regions of our world

## DIARY SUNDAY 31st AUGUST

9am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday Service

## SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

9am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday Service 3.30pm CAFE CHURCH at St Mark's Hall

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER St Mary's Festival. Details below

MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 7.30pm Licensing of Jenny Tebboth

## ST MARY'S FESTIVAL, SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Many hands were and are needed this year for the May Fayre, Holiday Club and the Licensing of Jenny Tebboth. We are therefore scaling the Festival down so we can all enjoy and celebrate community without having to work hard!

No 9am service, so we can all worship and celebrate together 10.30am: Celebration service for all ages, followed by a BRING AND SHARE lunch. Please bring a savoury or sweet dish, ideally finger food that doesn't require cutlery. Children's games in and/or around church

CALLING ALL BAKERS: Traybakes and cookies for Jenny Tebboth's licensing If you can help, please contact Cathy (cathy@denhamparish.church)



GIVE & SHARE is a ministry of Denham Parish Church, responding to the needs of families in our parish and region. We are launching this year's Christmas Appeal.

Please pick up a leaflet with all the details.

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