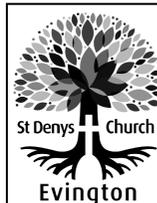


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The Newsletter

November 2017



The Curate writes:

Endings and beginnings

The last couple of months have been a bit of a strange time for me. Particularly as for the last two months, I have been doing half my new job at Leicester Grammar School. The ending and the beginning has been rather drawn out and I think a little bit frustrating for everyone. Sometimes I wish I could have had a cleaner end at St Denys and a cleaner start at St Peter's and at the school.

However I think that God has been in this messy ending and beginning. As I am going to be doing 'two jobs in one' it has probably been best for me to have a staggered start. I have had a couple of months to get to know the people and the routine at school. While still being loved and cared for amongst my St Denys family. Before taking on the responsibility for my own church and all the challenges that come with it!

Jesus says in Revelation; 'I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end,' (22:13) and I am very glad that God is in the beginning and end of everything. That he will be in the grief of leaving St Denys and the joy of starting at St Peter's. Please especially pray for me (and Spider my cat) as I move house to Oadby, which I am really not looking forward to.

As I say goodbye, I want to say thank you to everyone at St Denys, for the compassion, love, support, fun and friendship shared during my curacy. You have collectively taught me so much, and without you I would not be the priest I am today. I want to say thanks especially to Anthony, who has been the best training incumbent I will ever have! I am going to miss Evington and St Denys loads and I will keep you all in my prayers.

A collect for ending:

Living God, ever behind us and ever before us, in creation you give us a life that is always changing. In our beginning and ending, strengthen our confidence in you, that in all the changes and chances of this world, we may rest on your eternal changelessness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Rev. Liz Wilson

Please ensure items for December's Newsletter are with **Siân** by **Wednesday 15th November**. You can give them to me in church, send them to 5 Ogwen Close, Leicester, LE5 2EY, or to my email address, arch_golf@yahoo.com

HOLY HABITS FOR A MISSIONAL CHURCH

Learn Holy Habits that will, if practised faithfully, make a significant difference to your congregation – both in its missional culture and in the ability to innovate and do new things. All six corporate spiritual practices have form and function, but more importantly they are each about learning a posture or attitude towards God, one another and the world.

Here is a summary of the six practices;

Dwelling in the Word We want the Word, the living text of the Bible, to shape our imaginations, intentions and actions. Doing new things by joining in God's transforming mission is a spiritual journey and so is shaped first by God's Word among us. So we dwell in the Word in pairs and in groups whenever we meet in order to be shaped by God's Word as heard through one another.

Dwelling in the World The Father sent the Son into the world, the Father and the Son send the Spirit, and they together send the Church. We want to be alert and observant of the people of peace in the world where God has sent us. So we interact in our wider communities, looking for the people of peace God sends to us each week, in order to join in community where God is already at work.

Announcing the Kingdom of God When Jesus tells the disciples, 'You will be my witnesses, when the Holy Spirit comes on you,' he is promising that they will see Jesus at work and that they are to bear witness to his presence and work in the world. So we practise noticing Jesus at work in the world and tell stories about it so that when we see the Kingdom of God near us we can have the confidence to point it out to others.

Hospitality We want to create safe space for forming Christian community. So we practice receiving the gracious welcome of people of peace, and we practice giving a gracious welcome to people of peace in order to build bridges within God's mission in and for the world.

Spiritual Discernment Here we will learn a process that will help us make spiritual decisions together, rather than just taking the 'path of least resistance' or a purely pragmatic approach. Recognizing where we are and how the Holy Spirit is in us in the formation of Christian community within God's mission. So we dwell in the Word and listen to one another and the Spirit to discover how we are moving towards God's preferred and promised future for us.

Focus for Missional Action In a world full of possibilities it is easy to dissipate our energy by pursuing too many good things. Focusing our energy and attention on actions that move us further into God's mission in the world is central to fulfilling a missional life. So we commit to memory our specific missional vocation and use it as a standard in our congregational life together, moving us further into God's mission in the world.

November Fayre

Saturday 25th November

11am until 2pm

* Homemade Cakes & preserves

* Handicrafts

* Christmas goods

* Tombola

* Books

* Raffle

* Toys and Jigsaws

* Good as new

* Light Lunches



Entry £1 - children free

including FREE raffle ticket

Christmas Choir

Rehearsals begin on Friday 27th October
(juniors at 6.30pm, adults at 7.30pm).

Contact Wendy if you'd like to join (wsls99@yahoo.co.uk).

Wendy Lees—Smith

Ride and Stride 2017

This took place on Saturday 9th of September and the total raised to date is now £336 plus gift aid which is an excellent result. Thankyou so much to all who sponsored our gallant walkers.

November Fayre

Saturday November 25th 11am - 2 pm.

I do hope you will spread the word about this event and bring as many of your friends and neighbours as you can as we have a great range of materials ready to sell. Also lunches in the Parish Centre are always very popular.

We still need more cakes and preserves, please see Mavis Cooper or Marjorie Coleman, also more bottles and other items for the tombola, all contributions to Bill King please.

We look forward to seeing you there and if you would like to help on any of the stalls please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Chris Hossack

Over the next 12 months, we will be exploring these Holy Habits at St Denys. We will be led by a group who will work with the diocesan Mission and Ministry department. If you would like to be part of the Holy Habits steering group, please speak to Anthony soon. All you need is a commitment to 12 evenings during the year, an openness to try something new and a desire to see our church transformed for the sake of God's kingdom.

Anthony

One Roof Starter Pack

Items required for another One Roof House



Bedding

Single Duvet x 1
Single Duvet Cover x 2
Single fitted sheet x 2
Pillow x 1
Pillow case x 2
Mattress protector x 1
Pillow protector x 1

Toiletries

Toothbrush
Tooth Paste
Shampoo
Shower Gel
Soap
Toilet roll

Towels

Bath Towel x 1
Hand Towel x 1
Flannels x 1
Tea Towels x 2

Essential food items

Tea Bags
Coffee
Sugar
Cooking Oil
Pasta
Pasta sauce
Rice
Cereal

Please contact **Julie Paton** 07943185626 if you can help. We would like to provide new or nearly new items.

ARBOR HOUSE SERVICE DATES

Thursday 2.30pm:

16th November—Holy Communion

Ann Bennett

November Diary

Daily Prayer in church 8.30 am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Bellringing Practice is held every Wednesday at 7.30 pm.

Thursday 2 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 3 rd	6.30-8.00pm 7.30-8.45pm	Junior Singers Practice St Denys Singers Practice
Saturday 4 th	8.00am	Prayer breakfast at St Denys
Sunday 5th All Saints	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Worship for All and Baptism Evensong
Monday 6 th	9.30am 2.00pm	Fundraising meeting Monday Meet
Tuesday 7 th	7.15pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 10 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Youth Bowling trip 8ctave Concert
Saturday 11 th	10.50am	Short Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
Sunday 12th Remembrance	10.50am 6.00pm	Remembrance Service (starting at the War Memorial for those who are able) Communion with healing ministry
Tuesday 14 th	7.30pm	Ladies Group
Thursday 16 th	9.30am 2.30pm	Holy Communion Arbor House Communion
Friday 17 th	6.30-8.00pm 7.30-8.45pm	Junior Singers Practice St Denys Singers Practice
Sunday 19th 2nd before Advent	10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Communion and Eco Club Open Meeting to plan 800th anniversary Evensong
Monday 20 th	2.00pm	Monday Meet
Tuesday 21 st	10.30am 2.30pm	Men's Forum Coffee Fellowship at 27 Erringtons Close Mothers' Union in the Parish Centre
Thursday 23 rd	9.30am 7.30pm	Healing Communion Deanery Synod at St Denys
Friday 24 th	6.30-8.00pm 7.30-8.45pm	Junior Singers Practice St Denys Singers Practice
Saturday 25 th	11am – 2.00pm	November Fayre

PCC News

The PCC met on 5th September. They discussed progress with the works recommended by the Quinquennial Report, including an initial disability audit carried out by PCC members. Simple changes were agreed to make our church and services more accessible and welcoming. The finance committee reported on interim arrangements to see us through to the end of the year in the absence of a Treasurer. If you have time, computer skills and a willingness to help in this area, please do speak to the churchwardens.

Other reports and updates were received and updated safeguarding policies were approved. Elizabeth Rudge was appointed as PCC secretary with members agreeing to share the minute-taking in meetings. The PCC also took time out to pray and reflect on Bishop Martyn's three questions about church growth on 16th September. Please keep the PCC in your prayers and feel free to speak to members if you have questions or suggestions.



On Tuesday, November 21st, our speaker will be Revd. Steve Heygate who will be talking to us about the cities of Bruges and Ypres. Our meeting will be in the Church Parish Centre, and we will begin at 2.30pm. All are very welcome.

The next Diocesan Cathedral Fellowship will be on Thursday, November 2nd, at 11 am and will be led by Sparkenhoe West Deanery. Again, all are welcome.

Mavis Cooper

Disability Audit of the Church

One of the recommendations from the recent Quinquennial inspection is that the PCC should conduct a Disability Audit of the church. This considers how we can improve access to the church building, and church services and events, for everyone.

A Disability Audit includes considerations about:

- ◆ the physical access to the church building and grounds for those with a variety of mobility difficulties, including different aspects of the church service
- ◆ Accessibility of both the building, services for those with visual impairments/are blind—lighting, availability of large print or alternative format resources
- ◆ Accessibility of church services and events for those with hearing impairments/ are deaf

As well as the above, we would also appreciate feedback on the following:

- ◆ The experience of people with Autism, Aspergers or other learning difficulty in our church, particularly services and events
- ◆ The experience of people with mental health conditions in our church, particularly services and events
- ◆ How we can improve the welcome we offer to all

If you have any feedback or comments you would like to contribute to this, please talk to **Ann Bennett or Sian Rigby**.

St Denys Digital Pilgrims

Do you want to be part of a discipleship group and learn more about your faith but can't commit to regular meetings?

Do you use social media regularly?

If you answered yes to these two questions, we would like to try setting up a WhatsApp group for people like you. Once a fortnight, Anthony will post a link to a short Youtube video, maybe with a couple of questions to think about or a Bible passage to read. Then over the next two weeks, you can message your thoughts and comments to the group for discussion. You might also send prayer requests this way to the others in your group.

If you would like to join, just send Anthony your mobile number (vicar@stdenys.org.uk).

Sunday 26th Christ the King	10.00am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Communion for All Ages Evensong Pub Night at the Cedars
Monday 27 th	7.30pm	Holy Habits
Tuesday 28 th	7.30pm	Liz Wilson's Licensing at St Peter's Oadby
Thursday 30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion

Sunday and Thursday Readings for November

Date	10.00 am	6.00 pm
Thursday 2nd November	Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Matthew 22.34-46	
Sunday 5th November (All Saints)	Worship for All	Isaiah 65.17-25; Hebrews 11.32 - 12.2
Thursday 9th November	Revelation 7.9-17; Matthew 5.1-12	
Sunday 12th November (Remembrance Sunday)	Starting 10:50am at War Memorial for those who are able	Healing Holy Communion 1 Thessalonians 4.13-28 Matthew 25.1-13
Thursday 16th November	Amos 5.18-24; Matthew 25.1-13	
Sunday 19th November (2nd before Advent)	1 Thess.5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30	1 Kings 1.15-40; Revelation 1.4-18
Thursday 23rd November	Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18; Matthew 25.14-30	
Sunday 26th November (Christ the King)	Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46	2 Samuel 23.1-7; Matthew 28.16-20
Thursday 30th November	Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25.31-46	

Ladies' Group

We meet this month on 14th November at Suzanne's home, 49 Spencefield Lane for Coffee and Chat. We shall also be finalising next year's programme, so please bring along any ideas you may have. Also, a reminder of the date of our Christmas lunch at the Dove, Friday, 8th December. If you would like to go but haven't got your name down yet, please speak to Elisabeth or Ann.

Ann Bennett



St Denys' Eco Club

Who is it for? Children aged 0 to 18 (preschoolers should bring an adult with them!)

When and where is it happening? Monthly at 10am in the Parish Centre.

SUNDAY ECO CLUB The next session is **Sunday 19th November**.

What's it about?

Active and outdoor learning

Bible stories

Creation and being creative

Discovery

Exploration

Faith and fun

The new format for our children's work will begin with a time together to hear a Bible story, pray and sing. Then there will be activities to choose from including Bible study, art and craft, outdoor fun and working on the Eco Club Garden (bring coats and wellies!). Everyone will come back together at the end for a sharing time before joining the whole church to sing together and go out with God's blessing.

We are beginning with one Sunday a month due to a shortage of adult leaders. If you can help in the future, please speak to Anthony.

On the other Sunday when there is a traditional communion service, children are very welcome to take part. They can also join in with the Singers or find activities and worksheets in the children's corner.

Anthony

Knitted Nativity

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It's that time of year again! You can host our woolly Mary and Joseph (and donkey of course!) in your house for a night. They will be leaving church on Advent Sunday 3rd December and returning at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Everyone, however old or young, is invited to take part and as we welcome Mary and Joseph into our homes, may we experience afresh the

joy of welcoming Jesus into our lives this Christmas.



Sign up at the back of church or speak to Anthony for more information.