

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON

WEEKLY BULLETIN



23rd August - 11th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Bible readings: Romans 12.1-8, and Matthew 16.13-20

Dear friends,

Today I bring greetings from the continent.

Most of you will know that I have been travelling over the last two weeks. This time, instead of the garden and garage, I have been further afield.

My journey began on the overnight ferry to Holland, where I was met by a Dutch God's Squad member, who I spent the day with and stayed with. The next day took me to Berlin, where I did some sightseeing. From there to Poland meeting with various Nationalities, including Germans, Swedes, and Swiss, enjoying fellowship, as well as renewing friendships.

After four days, I then headed to Prague, where I took in the scenery, ancient churches, and intricate bridges, while listening to classical music, which was fitting for such a magnificent city. Here, without the usual stag party tourists, and crowds of sightseers there was a real sense of God's presence. There was one piece of music which had particularly resonated with my soul as I walked the city, called Ave Verum Corpus, by Mozart. The beauty of the song and its ability to affect the soul, compelled me to look for the interpretation of the words. They came from an ancient Eucharistic chant which Mozart put to music, and roughly translated read: Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, and was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood.

Be for us a foretaste in death. It struck me that God speaks and inspires in the most unexpected ways, and for me in the four days spent in Prague, spent fairly consistently listening to classical music, this was certainly an unexpected way. I left Prague, and rode to Germany with a God's Squad Supporter, where we stayed with a German brother. From there I headed to Holland for a hotel and ferry, neither of which I reached.

Instead, due to the restrictions imposed with little warning, I endured a sixteen-hour ride without sleep, to catch a 1am ferry to Dover, which Alison had booked for me. However, during this long ride, those words and the music which was embedded in my heart went with me, along with a knowledge that God would get me home!

Many Blessings

Nigel

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Call **0116 4647540** to hear last Sunday's sermon and other parts of the service.

Other Worship on TV or Radio



For those who can't access online worship you may be interested that the following are broadcast on Sundays:

30 minute service 8.00am Radio Leicester . Songs of Praise
1.15pm BBC1
Sunday Worship 8.10am Radio 4 . Choral Evensong 3.00pm
Radio 3

THIS WEEK'S ZOOM TIMETABLE

To join us for any of the following, go to www.zoom.us/join, type in the Meeting ID, and the Password (which can be obtained from Elizabeth).

Sunday 23rd August Service at 10.00am

Meeting ID: 820-0369-6332

If you would like to be on a rota for reading at the Zoom Sunday Worship please let Elizabeth know (admin@stdenys.org.uk)

Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9.00am.

Meeting ID: 850-7098-3621

Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays at 11am. Meeting ID: 857-8486-4853

Contact Nigel to find out about the Wednesday evening **Housegroup**.

Throughout lockdown we have worked hard to make sure that everything we offer is accessible for those who do not have a computer. If you can't get access online, you can always join us on your landline.

Call 0131 4601196 just before the time of the meeting. You will then be asked to enter the Meeting ID followed by #. This is the 9 digit code specific to each meeting. You will then be asked for their Participant ID but just press # again. Finally you will be asked for the password. You should then be able to hear everything and join in.



Services in Church

On Thursday 27th August at 9.30am the said communion service will be both streamed online and live in church for the first time. However, places in church will be limited so do let Anthony know if you would like to attend in person. Service ID 824 4825 8155



Church Open for Private Prayer - Every Sunday 2-4pm

It is mandatory to wear a face covering inside the building unless you have a medical exemption. Please follow the stewards' directions on arrival.

Next RETHINKING ALOUD: Growing growing churches

Monday 24th August 7.30pm
Meeting ID: 860 2390 1900

September 24 hours of prayer - 10am 6th Sept - 10am 7th Sept

To start with, please only book one slot per person, like last time. We want to encourage as many people as are able to join in with these regular 24 hours of prayer. However, when the times are all filled in, most slots are open for multiple bookings, so if the time you want to pray in already has a name in, you can add your name to it as well – if 2 people sign up for each slot, we could have a 'double' prayer chain.

Slots can be booked online at <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/83bb54>

Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit, including Dick Sharpe, Ken Banyard, Carole Goodess, Ted Lee, Suzanne Watson, George Dixon, Sheila Webster, David Pearson. Brenda Johnson and Victoria Hammond, Also pray for those who mourn, including the families and friends of Dorothy Betts, and those who have died as a result of Covid-19.



If you don't have internet, ask someone with internet to help you.



Sian will be in Wales with **very limited** phone or internet signal from **29th August – 5th September**, so if you want Sian to help you, please call before 28th August, but others will be able to help you during this time.

If you know you are usually awake in the late night/early morning hours (UK time), please could you consider signing up for one of those slots. For those of us not usually awake at those hours, don't dismiss it completely! The Psalms often mention those hours as times to 'commune with God'.

As before, we will 'pass the baton' by phone so that everyone can be involved - this prayer chain does NOT require access to the internet. The form will ask for a phone number so Sian can easily pass on the right number for the person before to call you on to pray for you as you start your hour of prayer – so please use the phone number you want to be called on at that time of day. **Sian will contact people on the evening of 5th September to coordinate the 'passing the baton'.**

Many of the prayer resources sent out for Thy Kingdom Come will still be useful – if you didn't get them back in May, please contact Sian before she goes away, and she can get a copy to you.

Collect for Trinity 11

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

If you need to talk, please get in touch:

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