

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON

WEEKLY BULLETIN



6th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Bible readings: Colossians 1.15-20 and Matthew 18.15-20

Dear Friends

Sadly, the maze at Blenheim Palace was closed when we visited last week. I enjoy wandering round mazes with that feeling of expectation going round every corner. Will I see just another big hedge or will I finally see a glimpse of daylight and what lies beyond?

As September begins, it feels to me like we are turning a corner. It is the beginning of term for all ten schools in our parish and we are praying daily for all the staff and children as they finally return albeit with many differences. Last week we held our first communion service in church with a congregation. It was deeply moving in spite of all the necessary restrictions and we now look forward to more services that you will be able to attend. This week also marks the beginning of the month-long Season of Creation, a period observed by Christians worldwide, in which we give thanks and pray for creation. This weekend there is the Christian Climate Conference and our Climate Sunday service as well as the beginning of Footpaths, a multifaith carbon reduction course. There is wide recognition that what was “normal” before lockdown was not necessarily “good” for many people or for the planet. If we are to “build back better” we need to put people and planet before profit.

Turning a corner does not mean forgetting where we have come from but it does mean we can glimpse a new and different horizon. As we do, we walk in the company of Jesus Christ, the one in whom “all things in heaven and on earth were created” and in whom “all things hold together” (Colossians 1.15-20). We bring our hopes and fears to him in prayer. At the start of each month we are now committing 24 hours to prayer and I encourage you to sign up for an hour if you can, but in any event do give time to praying for our church and our world as we turn this corner.

Every blessing

Anthony

DIAL-ST-DENYS

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

Call **0116 4647740** to hear a recent Walk with Wonder.

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 6th September Service
at 10.00am for Climate Sunday**



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 and Thursday 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.





Church will NOT be open this Sunday afternoon as we prepare for regular services to begin again ...

From Sunday 13th September there will be a said holy communion service weekly in church on Sundays at 6pm as well as the 10am Zoom service. The next monthly Thursday communion will be at 9.30am on 24th September.

Communion places are limited so if you would like to attend, please book with Anthony. We will keep this arrangement under review through the autumn. A cleaning party is also needed to prepare the church. If you can help in any way, please let Anthony know.

One of our church members, aged 89, wanted everyone to know what a difference online church has made to her life. After watching the communion service on Thursday, she said:

- *'It made my day'*
- *'These online services are the best thing that's happened in the church for a long, long time'*
- *'It made you feel God was there'*
- *'It has given me a new lease of life in God'*
- *'God is leading you and us as a church'*



Do you have feedback to share or a story of how something in lockdown has helped your faith? Send in your thoughts to Elizabeth.

WORLDWIDE SEASON OF CREATION

1st September to 4th October has become the Season of Creation, a time dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. We will be marking this at St Denys in lots of ways...



Saturday 5th September 11am-4pm: Christian Climate Conference hosted by young people from churches in Leicestershire including Erica from our own congregation. With a keynote speaker and a number of great workshops to choose from, this will be a virtual conference and tickets can be booked (FREE) here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christian-climate-conference-tickets-117252536493> (Contact Anthony for details if you want to join over the phone.)

Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit, including Neil McBride, 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 those who have died as a result of Covid-19.



Monday 7th September 7.30pm:

RETHINKING ALOUD Creation and Spirituality

Meeting ID: 860 2390 1900

Our regular time together to reflect on the diocesan podcasts focussed on environmental issues and faith.



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



Slots can be booked online at <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/83bb54>. If you don't have internet, you can still join in. Just contact Anthony to book a slot for you, as Sian will be on holiday **29th August – 5th September**. As before, we will 'pass the baton' by phone so that everyone can be involved.

The form will ask for a phone number 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'. If you would like the Thy Kingdom Come prayer resources, please contact Sian before she goes away, and she can get a copy to you.

Collect for Trinity 13

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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