

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON

WEEKLY BULLETIN



18th October - Trinity 19

Sunday Bible readings: Psalm 147.1-7 and Luke 10.1-9

Dear Friends,

I'm not a great one for buying new clothes, but I have just ordered a new wool jumper now winter is drawing in. The last one I ordered was massively oversized, and I was discouraged from wearing it outside the confines of the house. This week though, I came up with a plan to make it fit, which was to slightly shrink it in the washing machine, with the help of an accomplice who has the skills to operate this kind of machine. The plan worked all too well, and on bringing it out, it had the consistency of carpet, and would only just fit my four-year-old grandson.

I know for many of us at this time, in the wake of further lockdown rules, that we are feeling like my jumper, being constricted, with limited movements, and a restrictive ability to reach out. I know there is no easy answer at the moment, and no quick fixes, but I know that we have a God who cares, and a saviour who loved us enough to lay down his own life for us.

I am reminded of the pastoral words of the Apostle Peter in his first letter, to 'Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you'. I believe as we do this that while we remain outwardly restricted, God can bring a sense of peace within, which enables us to carry on. It has been good to come together as a family recently as the church has opened for Sunday evening services, meeting in the presence of the God who loves us. And while as it feels for some of us our worlds are shrinking as with my jumper, we live with the hope that this will pass, and a better freedom is on its way. Just as I too wait patiently for a new unrestricted jumper, which will protect me from the harshness of winter.

Nigel

DIAL-ST-DENYS

Call **0116 4647540** to hear parts of last Sunday's 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 18th October Service at 10.00am Meeting ID: 820-0369-6332

Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 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**.

Rethinking Aloud: Race, Theology and the Church

on Mondays 7.30pm on 5th, 12th and 26th October.

Meeting ID: 860 2390 1900. ALL WELCOME.



Don't forget you can also 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 join in.



Sunday 18th October at 6pm COMMUNION in church (Booking needed)

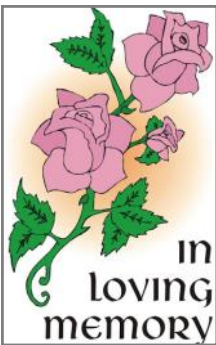
Thursday 29th October 9.30am Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom Meeting ID: 826 4278 4143

Please let **Elizabeth** know if you would like to come in person for the services in church as places need to be booked.

Face coverings need to be worn at all times.

Sunday 1st November 2-6pm – Day of Remembering

In place of our usual All Souls service, the church will be open for private prayer. A display of paper leaves will include all those whose funerals have taken place in the last 18 months. If you would like to add a name, leaves are available to collect from the church when attending services and can be added on the day or returned to Elizabeth or Anthony to be added for you.



We need extra stewards for the afternoon in addition to the people who have already volunteered to help at the regular services.

If you could offer to be in church for an hour on that afternoon we would be very grateful. Please let Ann Bennett know if you can do this and which hour you would like to cover. At least two people will be needed each hour. Please phone her 2766740 or email

ann.jim23@btinternet.com

Doorstep prayers are available at any time for anyone who cannot come to church but would like someone to visit and say a prayer with you on the doorstep especially to remember a loved one at this time of year. Contact Anthony to make arrangements.



Churchyard Trail

Look out for the new trail in the churchyard to mark Harvest time with places to pause, reflect and pray for all ages. Enjoy exploring and let us know what you think. There is still time to make a harvest donation, please consider giving to **One Roof Leicester**. For details, go to www.oneroof.org.uk.

Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit, including Mike Blount, Dick Sharpe, Ken Banyard, Suzanne Watson, George Dixon, David Pearson, Brenda Johnson, Hazel, Vicky Hammond and John Fox. Also pray for those who mourn, including the families and friends of Sally Wright, Helen Boynton, Jacques Dormard, Ann Toon, Julie Gisborn and Clive Ellis and those who have died as a result of Covid-19. Also pray for Isla Rose Fawcett who was baptised in church last Sunday.



Saturday 24th October 7pm – Beer and Hymns on Zoom (Very informal. Choose your favourite hymns on the night and sing along in the comfort of your home with your favourite drink in hand!) Meeting ID: 891 5559 4077. As always, you can join over the phone. If you're not sure how, contact Sian.

Annual Church Meeting

Thursday 29th October 7pm

This will be both live in church and online via Zoom (ID: 864 7123 5508) Please book with Elizabeth if you would like to attend in person. No need to book if you are attending on Zoom.

2019 reports and accounts are now out. Hard copies are available in church on Sunday evenings. If you haven't received them and cannot collect them, please contact Elizabeth.

We have spaces on PCC and Deanery Synod. Do consider standing if you are on the electoral roll. Speak to the Wardens or Anthony for more information.

Collect for Trinity 19

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you need to talk, please get in touch:

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