

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON

## WEEKLY BULLETIN



### 4th October - Harvest Festival

*Sunday Bible readings:* 2 Corinthians 9.6-15 and Luke 12.22-34

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday marked exactly 8 years since I was licensed here as your Vicar. It has been an eventful 8 years! I could never have imagined then what we are now going through and having to administer communion with sugar tongs while wearing a face mask...but even that is progress from 6 months ago when it wasn't possible at all. We give thanks for small mercies.

There is much we might want to grumble about at the moment but Harvest is about giving thanks for God's mercies, however small. Not only is this Sunday our Harvest Festival but it is also the Feast of St Francis and marks the end of the global Season of Creation. There is so much in our wonderful world to give thanks for—*all creatures great and small*—but as we do, we are also called to be mindful of the damage we have done to creation and how we spoil it with our greed and self-interest. With the help of God, we can and must do better.

This Harvest let us commit ourselves to being radiators rather than drains (to use a metaphor I have often used before!), let's try to be a generous people who share warmth, love, hope and the light of Christ with those around us rather than draining energy and life by our words and actions. Whatever the rest of this year holds, our world will sorely need its radiators. In the words of St Francis:

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love.*

*Where there is injury, pardon.*

*Where there is doubt, faith.*

*Where there is despair, hope.*

Every blessing

Anthony



## 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

Sunday at 10.00am St Peter's and St Philip's will be leading the worship on Leicester Community Radio (107.5fm)



### THIS WEEK'S ZOOM TIMETABLE

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

### Sunday 4th October Service at 10.00am—HARVEST

Meeting ID: 820-0369-6332

If you would like to make a harvest donation, please consider

giving to **One Roof**. You can give online [https://](https://www.oneroof.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate)

[www.oneroof.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate](https://www.oneroof.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate) or make a payment direct to their bank account (Sort Code 08-92-99, Account number 6580 7662). They are

currently in need of sugar, oil, biscuits, pasta sauces and long-life milk which can be delivered to One Roof at St Martin's House or we have a couple of volunteers who are happy to collect from your home and deliver them for you.



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

**Morning Prayer Saturday**, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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 4th October at 6pm HARVEST COMMUNION in church**

Many thanks to those who have arranged flowers for church. Please let **Anthony** know if you would like to come as places are limited. These evening services will not be available to watch online for now. Remember face coverings must be worn unless exempt. The next monthly Thursday communion will be at 9.30am on 29th October. Please let **Elizabeth** know if you would like to come in person as places need to be booked.

**Electoral Roll** - The Roll is being revised before the APCM on 29th October at 7pm. If you wish to be added you must apply before 8th October. Please request a form from Elizabeth ([admin@stdenys.org.uk](mailto:admin@stdenys.org.uk)) and send it to Gail Russell 7 Fairford Avenue.

### **Shoebboxes**

In the past (pre Covid) we in St Denys have made up many shoe boxes for disadvantaged children all over the world. Now Samaritans Purse are asking for each of us to sponsor a shoe box which will be made up and delivered on our behalf. Although it is not as personal as our own efforts in the past, given how hard everything is for the poor in Africa and elsewhere it is important for the parishioners of St Denys to continue supporting such initiatives as they always have in the past. Therefore, click on to the web site : [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk) and find out how to organize a shoebox on line. Don't forget to include St. Denys in your group name. Thanks and God bless, Carole Cox.

### **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.



Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit, including Mike Blount, Dick Sharpe, Ken Banyard, Suzanne Watson, George Dixon, David Pearson, Brenda Johnson, Vicky Hammond and John Fox. Also pray for those who mourn, including the families and friends of Sheila Webster, Carole Goodess, Sally Wright, Helen Boynton and those who have died as a result of Covid-19.



### Monthly 24hour Prayers

Here is the link <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/764bde/> Important info: **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9am** (starting with MP) to **Sunday 10am** (start of our harvest service on Zoom). The booking page may look slightly

different, but it still works the same. You can create an account, or you can sign up as a guest. It will ask for your name, an email, and a contact phone number (which we will use as the link between each hour). If you are unsure or unable to book online, ask a friend to help, or, contact Sian. It gives you the option to be anonymous online, but you will still need to give your details, which **only Sian will be able to see**. Sian will **only** give your contact number onto the person who needs to call you to 'pass the baton' on to you.

### Ride and Stride Update

Many thanks to all who have sponsored me for Ride and Stride. Total now stands at £230 for which many thanks. Still not too late to add to this total. My postbox at 125 Spencefield Lane is always happy to receive more!!!  
Chris Hossack.



### Collect for Harvest

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use  
them to your glory,  
for the relief of those  
in need and for our  
own well being;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

#### If you need to talk, please get in touch:

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