

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON

WEEKLY BULLETIN

18th April 2021, the Third Sunday of Easter



Sunday Bible readings: Acts 3 vs 12-19; Luke 24 vs 36b-48

Dear Friends, returning to my family at St Denys from my three months at St Peters feels like a transition into something familiar, while at the same time something new. I have enjoyed riding around the estate in Braunstone on my bike for the past month, delivering newsletters and having many new conversations on the doorsteps. It has been rewarding to have been able to lead a Lent course on Zoom; with the anticipation of Jesus' Palm Sunday triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by his crucifixion and finally his resurrection from the dead, which holds the promise of new life for us. It was also good to have celebrated this resurrection as a Church gathered together. As I departed, I perceived a real sense of hope and anticipation as the Church was finally open to meet together in person, an anticipation for something familiar, but also for something new. It is very much like the anticipation and hope that we celebrated last week, as Jesus was crucified and buried, but then broke through the constraints of death, to bring new life and new possibilities. On my last Sunday, I was given two Easter eggs after the service, by two ladies from the congregation. In some sense these Easter eggs held so much promise and their size suggested that they were filled with vast amounts of chocolate. If I had opened them for the first time, I might have been disappointed to see that they were hollow and empty. However, these empty eggs were important symbols. Just as we find the empty egg, so we can remember the empty tomb where Jesus once was laid to rest. We can remember the symbolism of new life that the egg reveals, and remember that Jesus brings new life through his resurrection. These eggs were not in reality empty, as they carried the love of the two ladies who gave them to me, and the reminder that Jesus was no longer in the tomb, but had risen, with all that Jesus' resurrection offers.

Many Blessings **Nigel**

DIAL-ST-DENYS: Call **0116 4647540** to hear parts of last Sunday's service. Call **0116 4647740** to hear commentary on the **Churchyard Trail**.



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

Sunday Worship, 18th April, 10.00am Meeting ID: 820 0369

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Commemorating HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Sunday 18th April, 3pm Meeting ID 827 0629 0390

Morning Prayer, Monday - Thursdays, 9am Meeting ID: 850 7098 3621

Coffee Morning, Tuesday 20th April, 11am Meeting ID: 857 8486 4853

Landline access - Call 0131 4601196 just before the time of the meeting.

When asked, 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. When asked, input the password.

Other Worship on TV or Radio Not online? Other worship 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.

A service to commemorate the late HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Sunday 18th April at 3pm



Following the sad passing of His Royal Highness, this will take the form of a traditional communion service with music. Limited places are available in church. Do book with Qyan. The service will also be available to watch on Zoom or listen to on the phone using the Meeting ID 827 0629 0390.

Prayer Request As a church we are praying about the long-term future of our youth work and for our desire to be a multigenerational church. As we prepare to send out letters to the community and beyond to ask for funding for this work, the small group undertaking this would really appreciate your prayers, this week and beyond, as they try to find the right

words, energy and time to put into letters and bids. Please pray particularly for Gerry and Michael as they write and send letters and of course for Sarah as she ministers to the needs of our youth in the church and community. **Mark**



Intercessors and Bible Readers We are looking for more people to join the rotas for Bible readings and saying prayers (reading the intercessions) during online services. You don't have to be an orator of the highest standard, you only have to be yourself! Why not see if one or both of these important aspects of our worship is for you? Please e-mail Qyan at office@stdenys.co.uk or telephone 07803 828454. Many thanks.



ST DENYS ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY 20TH APRIL AT 7PM

Everyone should have received a copy of the 2020 annual report and accounts. If you haven't please contact Elizabeth Rudge, PCC Secretary on 2415605.

At this meeting we will elect churchwardens and new PCC members as well as saying some thankyou's. As well as celebrating all that was good in 2020, it will be a chance to hear some of the survey feedback and hear what the 'roadmap' out of lockdown might look like for St Denys.

CHURCHWARDEN AND PCC MEMBERS STILL NEEDED

At the moment, Gerry Goode is our only candidate for churchwarden. If you would like to support her and learn on the job, then please get in touch with Anthony or Gerry as soon as possible. We'd love to hear from you! And please note you can just try it for a year to begin with or start later in the year if now feels too soon but please talk to us about it.

If Gerry is to "fly solo", it is vital she has a good team around her. Being on the PCC is a great way to be more actively involved in the church's decision-making and contribute to our discernment of the future God has prepared for us. If you are on the electoral roll, please prayerfully consider joining the PCC and contact Elizabeth Rudge for the necessary forms and to find out more.

Everyone is welcome to attend Tuesday's meeting in person by booking a place via Qyan or join on Zoom using the Meeting ID 886 9692 7815. Part of the meeting is only for those on the electoral roll but others are welcome as observers.





CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

Sunday 25th April, Holy Communion, 3pm Please remember to book with Qyan if you wish to attend this service in person. Congregational places are limited to 30.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit, including: Ginette Bartlett, Mike Blount, David Boynton, baby Henry Brett, Roz Little-Jones, David Pearson, June White. **Also pray for those who mourn**, including the families and friends of Steve Hill, Jonah Ward, Stuart Wright and all those who have died as a result of Covid-19.



If you need to talk, please get in touch:

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