

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 11th September 2022 13th Sunday after Trinity *Proper 19*



Reading for today: Luke 15 vs 1-10

Dear Friends

I like a good routine, especially before going to bed. It helps to re-assure me that perhaps I'm in control and that all is well in the world. But while a milky drink and a set bedtime can go a long way to steadying our nerves, especially after we've braved a viewing of the ten o'clock news, there is always something that can come our way to remind us that any semblance of our control is just an illusion.

The other night had a small reminder of this when I was awoken by the deep rumbling and spectacular light show of a passing thunderstorm. I was able to marvel at the pent-up energy that we find in our atmosphere after just a few days of warm weather. I marvelled at the immensity of God's creation, that it contains such raw and untameable energy. Then I became quite irritated that it had woken me up and that my careful preparation for bed had all been in vain!

Sometimes unwelcome interruptions happen in life too. Often things that seem just as random, just as beyond our control, and just as powerful, can take our ordered lives and shake them, sometimes profoundly. Yet a thunderstorm is just a thunderstorm and will soon be over, and an interruption, even a calamitous one, will also pass in one way or another. While it is natural to feel shaken, irritated, or even angry, it is important that we remember that interruptions are what life is made of. Without them life would be bland and controllable, not really life at all in fact. Let us remember we may live in a world that is far from perfect, but we have a God who wants us to live our lives to the full, loves us completely and who listens to us when we pray.

Also, while being woken up was an interruption that none of us would want, I was nonetheless delighted to see that, following the rain that accompanied the storm, the grass already appeared, just a little bit, greener. It seemed an apt reminder. With Every Blessing, **Mark**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Fridays 9th and 16th 10am Musical Toddlers Group parish centre

Friday 9th 7pm Youth Music Evening in church

Saturday 10th *all day* Ride and Stride church open 10am—4pm

Saturday 10th 7pm Organ Recital by Simon Headley church & parish centre

Sunday 11th 10am Holy Communion and Baptism in church and on Zoom

(ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

Sunday 11th 3pm Café ‘Messy’ Church in parish centre

Tuesday 13th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group in church and parish centre

Wednesday 14th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in parish centre

Saturday 17th 11am Faith and Friendship Group meet in the parish centre

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am in church

Open Church every Thursday: 10am Holy Communion (said), the use of free wifi, and refreshments! All welcome.

2022 Ride and Stride Saturday 10th September for the short walk visiting city centre churches, led by **Elizabeth Rudge**, please meet by the bus stop in Evington village at 9.30am. The first church will be St. Margaret’s, arriving hopefully between 10 and 10.15am. We hope to finish at Bishop Street Methodist Chapel for something to eat.

Homegroups We have three starting soon. Meeting most weeks for a time of fellowship, mutual support, prayer and reading the Bible together. The plan is to begin with some of the psalms using the Lifebuilders resources, but no knowledge or previous experience is needed! Everyone is welcome to join. Sign up in church or by contacting Qyan no later than 18th September. Thanks to all those who responded to the call for hosts. The groups will be as follows:

Tuesdays 7.30pm at Mandy Smith’s home in Evington Village

Wednesdays 7.30pm at Vivien Robertson’s home on Highway Road

Thursdays 2.30pm at Gail Russell’s home on Fairford Avenue

Urgent! The Musical Toddler Group needs your help this Friday with wearing glove puppets during some singing, and help on 16th September and 14th October at 10am, to help more generally, during the sessions. It requires just one hour of your time approximately and would be greatly appreciated. Please let Sarah know or contact me. Many thanks. **Qyan**

Journey in Faith Courses Do you feel called to some form of Ministry, Lay or Ordained within God's church and want to explore more the faith, in possible preparation for taking up such a vocation? The Journey in Faith Courses are beginning again with a taster session at St. Martin's House on Saturday 24th September. The course itself will begin in October, running on various days of the week in South Wigston, Leicester, Coalville and Hinckley. Please see the attached flyer for more details or alternatively, contact me. **Qyan**

Faith and Friendship Group meets next on 17th September 11am—1pm in the parish centre. They will be continuing to build friendships across difference whilst sharing skills and making art. The next session will hopefully include marbling and quilling techniques. Everybody welcome.



Saturday 10th September 7pm	Organ Recital: Simon Headley ARCO Former cathedral organist performs music for the Platinum Jubilee incl. Handel, Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Walton . Refreshments will be served.
Saturday 24th September 6.30pm Village Hall	Classical Sitar Recital: Ustaad Dharambir Singh MBE Performing a varied programme of Indian music curated by one of the country's top sitarists from Leicester. Samosas and drinks will be served.
Sunday 2nd October 3pm	Harvest Hymns and Pimms Send in your favourite hymns with a donation to church funds and join in this special Songs of Praise. Pimms and other refreshments will be served.
Saturday 8th October 7.30pm	Violin Concert: Amalia Young Outstanding violinist and former Evington resident performs Georg Philipp Telemann's 12 Fantasias for solo violin. Refreshments included. Tickets £8.
Sunday 9th October 3pm	St Denys Day Concert: Penny Campling and friends A relaxed afternoon of music for piano and voice following the Parish Lunch to mark St Denys Day.

Entry to all concerts is FREE except for the 8th October where tickets are available at the door priced £8. Donations for the work of St. Denys very welcome. The opportunity to buy raffle tickets will be available across all concerts. The draw will be made at the end of the final concert on Sunday 9th October.
For more information contact office@stdenys.org.uk or 07803 828454.



Welcoming and Introducing Jacob (Jake) Godsell Jake will be joining us at St. Denys, this coming Sunday 11th September, on placement for 6 weeks on Sundays and Mondays in particular. Jake is a ministry trainee at St Marys Church, Lutterworth and is involved in a wide

range of ministries. Jake's ministry includes children and youth work, leading services, preaching and evangelism in the local community. Jake is also currently taking part in the Midlands Ministry Training Course and is exploring his call to Ordained Ministry in the CofE. During Jake's time at St Deny's, he hopes to explore a different tradition from his own church, get to personally know the congregation, experience a different kind of ministry and to grow more into the likeness of Christ: "Knowing Jesus changes your life and hearing the gospel changed mine. I was once an atheist in a secular job and now I'm a Christian pursuing ministry. I want to tell as many people the good news of God's love, grace and peace he brings to your life."

My only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. (Acts 20-24). I look forward to meeting you. Blessings, **Jake**

Collect for 13th Sunday after Trinity Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,

Pray for those being baptised Grace Player on 11th at the 10am service **Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit**, including: Mark Bulbeck, Mick Clay **Pray for those who mourn** including the family and friends of David Boynton, Beryl Parker, Betty Rice and all those who have died due to Covid.

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