

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Sunday 14th August 2022 9th Sunday after Trinity *Proper 15*



*Readings for today: Hebrews 11 vs 29—12 v 2; Luke 12 vs 49-56*

Dear Friends

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them.' What a joy it has been to have so many small children in church over the past week or so with three baptisms and a wonderful teddy bears' picnic!

Jesus makes it clear that children are to be welcomed into his family. That is not to say that they matter more than any other age group to God but I know for me the atmosphere at both recent baptisms was transformed by having children among us and I really miss it when they aren't present in our worship.

What brought music to my ears too was to hear from one of the baptism families how so many of our older members spoke to the children and welcomed them as they arrived. Most of us know that to be church we need to be welcoming to all ages. Families tell me that they love it when the children are engaged and involved in the worship (like getting to sprinkle everyone with water!), they love it when the music includes songs they know or can pick up easily, they love it when people smile at them, and when there are biscuits!

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3.1) All of us need to be reminded that we are children of God, whatever our chronological age. Having children with us in our worship can be a beautiful reminder of what that means. The work that Sarah is doing with our toddler group and young people is having an impact but it needs us all to invest in it, to resource it financially, relationally, and above all with prayer. This is OUR responsibility as a church so that St Denys can become a place where we let the children come to Jesus just as he said.

Every blessing, **Anthony**



**COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday 14th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

**Sunday 14th 3pm Informal Worship** in church

**Monday 15th 2pm Monday Meet**, meet in the Parish Centre.

**Tuesday 16th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** in the Parish Centre

**Tuesday 16th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** meet in the parish centre

**Wednesday 17th 10am Evington Family History Group** meet in parish centre

**Morning Prayer Monday—Thursday 9am** in church

**Open Church every Thursday:** 9am Morning Prayer, 10am BCP (said) Holy Communion, free wifi and refreshments! All welcome.

**Choral Evensong sung by the Pheon Singers** (alumni of the Chapel Choir of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University—including our very own Anthony and Wendy) will be sung on Saturday 13th August at 3pm in St. Denys. Come and experience a rare opportunity to worship God with beautiful choral music, professionally sung and accompanied as such on the organ. All welcome.

**Evington Fete Saturday 13th August** Many thanks to everyone who has registered to help out. If you have baked any cakes or other food, please ensure that you bring with them, if you haven't already submitted, a full list of ingredients for each variety of food. This will then help the public, who may suffer allergies etc, to decide what and what not to consume.

**David Pearson** David's funeral service will take place in church on Monday 15th August at 11.30am. Please continue to pray for Janette and the whole family as well as others you know who are bereaved or ill at this time.

**Coffee, Cake and Fellowship Tuesday 16th August** 10am in the parish centre and every third Tuesday in the month! All welcome. £2.50 buys you as much cake as you want!

**Bring and Share Parish Lunch Sunday 9th October**, 12noon in the parish centre. More details to come! This will be followed by a relaxing concert of music for piano and voice, in church, given by Penny Campling, a neighbour of the church, as part of our Music Festival.

**Images of the Teddy Bears' Picnic** held last Friday in the gardens of the church and parish centre. Many thanks to Sarah for organising this super morning of fun and fellowship.



**Satellites Event** held at the East of England Showground on Wednesday 10th, with 3,500 young people worshipping God, attended by Anthony and Sarah. The caption on the screen reads 'Lost in Wonder at the God of Time and Space.'



Dear Lord, we thank you for the young people and families in our churches and wider community. Help us to engage with them fully, listen to them and include them in all our work and activities. We thank you for the valuable contribution that they have to make, and the discernment and counsel they bring. We thank you that they are our future. Help us never to forget that important fact. We pray for Sarah, our Youth Worker as she works with them. Amen.

*Praise be to God, who keeps his promises forever!*

**Summer and Autumn Music Festival** - this is shaping up nicely! All concerts take place in St. Denys and refreshments will be provided at each concert. Please record the following dates and times in your diary and spread the word:

Saturday 3rd September, 3pm, the talented Erica Lees-Smith and Charlotte Bradley perform singing, piano, saxophone and recorder or some combination of that thereof.

Saturday 10th September, 7pm, Organ Recital given by Simon Headley (former Leicester Cathedral organist), a programme of Royal music to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Saturday 8th October, 7.30pm, our very own professional violinist, Amalia Young performs the 12 Fantasias for solo violin by Georg Philipp Telemann.

Sunday 9th October, 3pm, Penny Campling and friend perform a varied programme of music on the piano with singing. Look out for further details.

If you are able to help out with administering refreshments on any of the above dates, please contact Qyan. Thank you.

**Collect for 9th Sunday after Trinity** Gracious Father, revive your church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pray for the sick**, in mind, body and spirit, including: Mark Bulbeck, Mick Clay, John Nightingale **Pray for those who** mourn, the family and friends of Andrea Jones, David Pearson and those who have died due to Covid -19.

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