

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday

21st August 2022 10th Sunday after Trinity *Proper 16*



Dear Friends, If like me, you have been dragging yourself around in the heat, putting off tasks in favour of a sit down and a cool drink, then you are probably also relieved to now have the respite of cooler temperatures. As I am writing, it is raining! I know this as my newly repaired roof is leaking, slowly drip, drip, dripping into the bucket below, but the roof is a story for another day, over an after-church coffee perhaps!

The searing temperatures at the weekend ensured the success of the Evington village fete! We should be so grateful as a church to all those who gave of their time in so many ways to support the occasion. I watched as heavily cloaked and face painted Morris dancers leapt about in the arena on the village green, performing their dances whilst we sat in the shade of a tree watching from a cooler distance. Nearly 100 people attended our Evensong service at St Denys, grateful for the coolness and calm of the church providing shelter from the hot weather and, the superb music!

However, when watching the news that evening, I was horrified to see pictures of the destruction being caused by uncontrolled fires, fields of crops partially ruined by lack of rain and children living in parched lands in misery, subject to famine, and lack of water being brought into ill equipped hospitals with only a few being saved from death. It reminded me of how disproportionately those in poorer countries suffer from climate change.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he said “to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love your neighbour as you love yourself.” This is possible only if we also care about what is going on in His creation. The climate crisis is having a very serious, negative impact and yet it feels like we all stand by as spectators unsure of what we can do to make a change. In some respects, climate change remains a controversial issue, with various reports and statistics pointing to different realities and different degrees of how serious the environmental crisis is.

The Bible points us to the importance of taking care of the environment as God has given us dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26-28). Since we have this great responsibility and privilege, we do need to care about the way we treat the wonderful world he created. Practical activities such as recycling, cutting down on our dependence on fossil fuels and simply buying energy-saving light bulbs are small ways to help take care of the environment. But we also we need to pray earnestly that those in positions of leadership, find ways to help the rest of us to come much closer to looking after God’s creation. With every blessing, **Kay Smith**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 21st 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, led by the Revd John Taylor (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

Sunday 21st 3pm Café Church in parish centre

Tuesday 23rd 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in the parish centre

Wednesday 24th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in parish centre

Saturday 27th 10am Faith and Friendship Group meet in the parish centre.

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday at 9am, Thursday 10am in church

Open Church every Thursday: 10am Morning Prayer, the use of free wifi, and refreshments! All welcome.

Readings for today: Hebrews 12 vs 18-end; Luke 13 vs 10-17

Café Church 3.00pm St. Denys Parish Centre Sunday 21st August

Join us at 3.00pm on Sunday for informal café style church. Coffee, tea, juice, biscuits, cake, fellowship, Faith, worship songs, praise, and prayer. All welcome. Ask Mark (our curate) if you want more details.

The Revd Anthony will be on annual leave for this coming week until Saturday 27th August.

Morning Prayer will not take place on Wednesday of this week. On Thursday, it will be at 10am in church instead of Holy Communion.

Homegroups A couple of weeks ago when I asked about it in church, two people very kindly offered their homes for small groups to meet in, after the summer. It would be lovely to know how much interest there is in being part of regular small groups meeting for fellowship, prayer and to read the Bible together. If you are interested, please let Qyan know. **Anthony**

2022 Ride and Stride Saturday 10th September. Get your muscles prepared! Have fun by joining one of two walks - the first being 7 miles long in the beautiful Leicestershire countryside led by Bill King, and the other visiting several Leicester city churches. Raise money for St. Denys and the Leicestershire Historic Preservation Trust at the same time by being sponsored so to do. Please see the article attached to the covering e-mail with this bulletin.



St Denys Church

2022 Music Festival



Saturday 3rd September 3pm	Student Recital: Erica Lees-Smith and Charlotte Bradley Two talented young musicians perform a range of music on recorder, saxophone, piano and voice. Tea and cake will be served.
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.

Faith and Friendship The group that worked on the Faith and Friendship Tent continue to meet occasionally for art and craft projects and to build friendships across our different faiths and cultures. The next meeting is on Saturday 27th August 10-4pm in the parish centre when there will be a chance to be shown how to make a bag and join in a bring and share lunch. If you'd like to come along or want to know more, speak to Revd Anthony or Jacqui. The beautiful bag pictured on the right, was made by Revd Anthony's daughter, Hilary, at the most recent meeting!



A Big Thank You to everyone who, in any way, helped out at the Evington Village Fete last Saturday, and in preparation for it in the days before, either in and for the church or in the wider village. It is very much appreciated....and how blessed we were to have such glorious weather. Praise be to God!

Thanks to Kay for writing this week's front page. If you have a thought to share and would like to write for us, contact Qyan.

Collect for 10th Sunday after Trinity Lord of Heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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