

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 28th August 2022 11th Sunday after Trinity *Proper 17*



Dear Friends, this summer I've had the joy of spending time with lots of different friends. Friends that I've known for longer, friends whom I see regularly, and making new friends, near and far, and in lots of different ways. Friends are so important. There are times though, when we might feel that we are "taking" more from a friendship than we should. It's quite common to wish we could do more, give more, care more - be it time, help, or ourselves. This summer God has started to show me, both through friends who have helped me, and through friends that I have tried to support through hard times, how valuable even the "small" acts of kindness and love are, and the importance of friendship.

Now, I have been supposed to do regular physio since I was at university, but, if I'm honest, I'm not very consistent (and that's probably an overstatement!) The thing that most helps me is accountability, which has been harder to find since living on my own, and so many of my friends are physios, doctors, or OTs, that I've been reluctant to ask them to do "more work" to keep me accountable. If these friends are A&E doctors, husband, and wife - I'll call them Sam and Rachel - Sam suggested that we turn it around; that I message someone when I've done my physio, and then they only must message me if I haven't messaged them for a while. Suddenly, that seemed manageable, and Rachel volunteered. I know that she sees this as a small, almost insignificant thing, and that she isn't "doing" very much, especially as her shifts have meant we haven't seen much of each other. Yet since then, I have done all the physio I am supposed to, and I am so thankful for her faithfulness and encouragement.

A second example is from the same group of friends. We decided to play crazy golf, and I was determined to join in for the full 18 holes. So, I took 2 sticks and a collapsible stool. My friends helped get me, the walking sticks, the stool, and the putter round quite a hilly course with lots of steps safely (I won't mention the golf ball!) It was just something they naturally did, because they wanted me to be able to join in, and to them it would be very insignificant but to me it was huge, and meant I knew I was loved and welcomed in that group of friends and can be completely myself with them. They showed me God's love in action.

How can you show God's love in action this week? It might be praying regularly for a friend who is finding life hard, it might be dropping a little care package round for them (even a chocolate bar is good!), it might be enabling a friend to join in with something you're organising even though it might be a bit of a faff to include them. You could start by asking God who you can encourage today, and how. Love and prayers, **Sian**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 28th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

Sunday 28th 3pm Café Church in parish centre

Tuesday 30th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in the parish centre

Wednesday 31st 10am Evington Family History Group meet in parish centre

Friday 2nd September 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 2nd 7pm Youth Club, meet in the parish centre

Saturday 3rd 3pm Concert in church given by Erica and Charlotte

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.

Café Church 3.00pm St. Denys Parish Centre Sunday 28th 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.

Homegroups About three 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, interesting Leicester city churches led by Elizabeth Rudge. Raise money for St. Denys and the Leicestershire Historic Churches 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.

The Silver Swans performance of dancing will take place on Saturday 27th August, on Evington Village Green at 11am. This is in place of the cancelled performance at the fete due to the excessive heat. Everyone is very welcome. Please bring a seat to sit on.

St Denys Church

2022 Music Festival



<p>Saturday 3rd September 3pm</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Saturday 10th September 7pm</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Saturday 24th September 6.30pm Village Hall</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sunday 2nd October 3pm</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Saturday 8th October 7.30pm</p>	<p>Violin Concert: Amalia Young Outstanding violinist and former Evington resident performs Georg Philipp Telemann's 12 Fantasias for solo violin. Refreshments included. Tickets £8.</p>
<p>Sunday 9th October 3pm</p>	<p>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.</p>

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.

Readings for Sunday 28th: Hebrews 13 vs 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14 vs 1, 7-14

Hymns and Pimms Sunday 2nd October 2022, 3pm (see Music Festival poster). Record your choice of hymn/s on the sheet at the back of the church, along with your full name and, if you want to, a brief reason as to why you have chosen that hymn. Please put your donation in the marked box provided, or use the card machine, reference 'Hymns and Pimms.'

Pub Night Sunday 28th August, 7.30pm All welcome to join Revd Anthony and others for a social drink and chat at The Cow and Plough.

Stoneygate Baptist Church, 315 London Road invite you to a special cream tea, with tea and coffee on Sunday 11th September, 2—4pm. Cheese scones and chutney also available! All in aid of One Roof Leicester. Suggested donation £5. All welcome.

Music Festival Don't forget Erica's and Charlotte's concert on 3rd Sept 3pm

Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 all those who have died due to Covid –19.

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