

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 4th September 2022 12th Sunday after Trinity *Proper 18*



Dear Friends On 26th August, Kay and I went to see the brilliant show 'Half a Sixpence' at Kilworth House Theatre. Based on a novel published in 1904 by Herbert George Wells, it tells the rags to riches - and back again - story of a quite ordinary young man called Arthur "Artie" Kipps, who is a poor, illegitimate orphan. Artie finds love with Ann who gives him half a sixpence as a token of their love. He also falls in love with Helen, a rich and attractive woman who attempts to give him a 'makeover' in all aspects, to improve his social standing, claiming that his life will be more fulfilling as a result. The way he feels about both women causes much anxiety and uncertainty for him but eventually, he settles for Ann, after losing the inheritance that made him rich and feeling 'free' of the burden of expectation in the wealthy society he had begun to live in, up to that point.

When we think about it, human life is made up of thousands of often complex decisions, all of which have consequences both negative and positive, for ourselves and others, whether it is what we say or our actions. Very little is straightforward. In our increasingly secular world, the pursuit of material goods, wealth and temptations of all kinds become almost completely dominating. Not enough attention is paid to how one might *feel*, both within oneself and others, commonly referred to today as "wellbeing." Artie realised, through listening to Ann, that his new life was not what he desired – he wasn't satisfied, happy or enjoying his recently acquired wealth and was extremely uncomfortable at being 'schooled' to fit in to high society. It simply wasn't his way.

As people who claim to be Christians, and claim to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and might, are we being true to ourselves? Is our professed commitment to Christ, manifested in practical ways throughout our daily lives? Or do we tend to selfishly, pay lip service to it, preferring the easier, more attractive pathway without thought for our wellbeing or that of others? Do we seek still, the more worldly approach to life in the vain hope of full contentment?

God has promised never to leave us or forsake us in our journey with him. May we always make the right choice for our lives, as Christians, by never leaving his side either and remaining faithful to him, and run the race set before us with genuine conviction and compassion, however hard that may be at times. As the hymn writer George Matheson puts it: "O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul on thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be." May God bless you all, in your life fully and completely with him. **Qyan**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Fridays 2nd and 9th Musical Toddlers 10am, Youth Group 7pm parish centre

Sat 3rd 3pm Concert with refreshments by Erica & Charlotte church/centre

Sunday 4th 10am Matins with hymns in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

Sunday 4th 3pm Café Church with Holy Communion in parish centre

Monday 5th 2pm Monday Meet, meet in the parish centre

Thursday 8th 7pm Evington History and Heritage Group in parish centre

Saturday 10th *all day* Ride and Stride church open

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

Prayer Request At the start of this new school term, I ask that you keep our local schools, teachers and young people in your prayers. That all will settle in quickly and enjoy reconnecting with friends that they may have not seen over the summer holidays. I also ask that you pray for our groups that will resume, including Musical Toddlers and Youth Club, and our new Youth Music Nights. Please pray for all the families and young people that attend and the opportunities that these groups create to connect with those in our community. **Sarah**

Music Festival Don't forget Erica and Charlotte's concert on 3rd Sept 3pm. This will also be shown via the usual Sunday Zoom link for those who can't attend in person.

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

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.

Thank You!

I would like to say thank you for all the support I had through my Church Family especially from Anthony, Nigel, Ann Bennett and Margaret Tait who have travelled with David through the last three years of his life.

A big thank you for attending David's funeral, it would have meant so much to him although I am sure he would have wanted to hear the Hoover going in the background!

At the moment I will be in church when I feel I can make it. I have my good and bad days, so I am taking each day as it comes, and my duties in church will start back when I am ready to cope with them.

Once again, thank you. God Bless you All. **Janette Pearson**

Collect for 12th Sunday after Trinity God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for those getting married Jenny & Paul on the 7th **Pray for those being baptised** Grace Player on 11th at the 10am service **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 Betty Rice and all those who have died due to Covid -19.

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