

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Sunday 7th August 2022 8th Sunday after Trinity

### *Proper 14*



*Readings for today: Hebrews 11 vs 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12 vs 32-40*

Dear Friends, I've been trying to work out, in the weeks since being ordained, what difference there is in wearing a clerical shirt and collar. I'm an occasional fan of Marvel and DC superhero films and perhaps a small part of me was hoping that 'Captain Dog Collar' would be my new persona, swooping in to save the day. In fact, if anything the reverse has been true, with my wearing of this small plastic insert around my neck merely serving to highlight my own inadequacies and short comings.

This sense of not being equal to the challenge was thrown into sharp relief the other day when I came across a road accident. Upon getting out my car to see what help I could offer, I realised that with no medical skills, there was little I could actually do. Instead of 'swooping to the rescue', I padded around the edges, while others carefully tended to the injured boy and expertly directed traffic until the ambulance and police arrived. I realised that the best thing for me to do was to get out of the way. There was one thing I could do however, and that was to quietly pray.

It's not very likely that many of us have what it takes to be a hero, still less a superhero. Perhaps that's why so many hero stories are works of fiction. By contrast all of us can pray. I was able to pray for the boy, for his parents, for those caring for him and for the skill of the medics that would soon be attending him. In praying we are appealing to the one who has created us all, knows us all and loves us all.

Not being equal to the challenge is the point, and perhaps we should all be grateful that we don't have the power to sort out everything. As Spiderman would say: "With great power comes great responsibility." We may often find ourselves in a position of vulnerability, only to find that God provides. We can pray in times of change, times of anxiety and times of crisis. In those circumstances, no matter how inadequate and unequal to a challenge we may feel, God can make superheroes of us all. With Every Blessing **Mark**

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

**Sunday 7th 10am Morning Prayer with hymns and baptisms** in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

**Sunday 7th 3pm Informal Holy Communion** in church

**Tuesday 9th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** meet in the parish centre

**Wednesday 10th 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.

**Your Church Needs You!** We have been asked by the Evington Village Fete Committee to provide afternoon teas in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 13th August**. Although we already have several volunteers to help with this, more volunteers are needed. The teas will be served from 12 noon until 4pm. If you think you could help with this, please sign the list that will be at the back of the church on Sunday or contact Gerry Goode. I am aware that some people have offered to help but were not there when the list was started.



Are you an aspiring Mary Berry? If so, we would be grateful if you would don a pinnie and bake some cakes, as several are needed! A list will be placed at the back of church over the next few Sundays for you to indicate your name and what cake you will be baking. Alternatively, please contact Gerry Goode.

**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.

**Baptisms** Please pray for all those preparing for baptism and their families. On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 10am** Dylan Kelly will be baptised in a service of morning prayer (Communion will take place in the afternoon at 3pm).

**Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** Tuesday 16th August and every third Tuesday in the month, in the parish centre, 10am—12noon. £2.50 buys you as much cake as you want! All welcome.

**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).

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, (time to be confirmed), Penny Campling and sister 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.

**Historic 1952 footage of St Denys Church** I was recently contacted by the son of Pat and John Collier married at St Denys in September 1952. We are looking forward to them visiting to celebrate their Platinum wedding anniversary soon! Their son has very kindly sent some amazing cinefilm footage from their wedding and said it can be shared with the congregation. I hope to show it over coffee after this Sunday's 10am service so do come and see it if you would be interested. **Anthony**

**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.



**Teddy Bears' Picnic** Friday 5th August, this coming Friday, 11am. Bring your own picnic and join us for a morning of teddy bear themed activities and stories. Don't forget to bring your teddy bear!" All families with young children welcome!

1. When God is our stronghold,  
we will not faint  
when He is our refuge  
we'll trust and wait.
2. When God is our rock,  
we will be strong  
when He is our fortress  
we'll sing a new song.
3. When God is our hedge,  
we will be protected  
when He is our salvation  
we'll never be rejected.
4. When God is our deliverer,  
we will never fall back  
when He is our shield  
we'll win Satan's attack.
5. When God is our strength,  
we will not be shaken  
When He is our shelter . . .  
we'll not be forsaken

*Deborah Ann Belka*

**Collect for 8th Sunday after Trinity** Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through 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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