

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 13th November 2022, 2nd Sunday before Advent, Remembrance Day



*Readings for Sunday 13th: 2 Thess 3 vs 6 -13-end; Luke 21 vs 5-19*

Dear Friends,

The nights are drawing in, the weather is getting colder (well, slightly!), winter is on its way. I wonder how you feel about this time of year. Do you look forward to it with anticipation and excitement, the idea of curling up in front of the TV or with a book, the excitement of celebrating Christmas with family and friends? Or do you dread the longer nights, the dimmer days, and the cold, with Christmas difficult and painful for you, following bereavement, or the less than positive memories it evokes, or any other reason? I wonder too, whether your feelings this year, are different to previous years, with the rising cost of living, fear of not being able to keep warm, or a recent bereavement? When circumstances change, whether 'small' or 'big', the disruption that change brings is unsettling and difficult to process.

I've had a difficult few months, and I don't yet know how long the changes will last. Some of the changes have been good, or perhaps will be good in the long term, others I can't wait to be rid of, and back to normal.

The past few years have seen many changes, challenges, and uncertainty for all of us. For me in this season, I have to keep consciously turning my eyes to Christ, who is the same "yesterday, today and forever". That's not an easy thing to do. Friends have been very important in this time, not only for practical support, but prayer and for reminding me of God's faithfulness.

If, this year, the coming season seems full of challenges and uncertainty, I encourage you to surround yourself with friends who can do the same for you.

Love and prayers, **Sian**



## COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

**Thursday 10th 8pm First Christmas Choir practice** in church

**Friday 11th and 18th 10am Musical Toddlers Group** in parish centre

**Friday 11th 10.45am Act of Remembrance** at War Memorial

**Friday 11th 7pm Youth Club** meet in the parish centre

**Saturday 12th 3pm Faith and Friendship Group** meet in the parish centre

**Sunday 13th 10.45 Remembrance Day Service with Parade-service** in church & on Zoom (password available from Qyan)

**Sunday 13th 3pm Café Church with Communion** in parish centre

**Tuesday 15th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** meet in the parish centre

**Tuesday 15th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** meet in the parish centre

**Wednesday 16th 10am Evington Family History Group** meet in parish centre

**Thursday 17th 7pm (tbc) Choir Practice for Christmas** in church

**Sunday 20th 10am Matins with hymns** in church

**Sunday 20th 3pm Café Church with Holy Communion** in parish centre

**Morning Prayer: Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday 9am** in church

**Open Church every Thursday:** 10am Holy Communion (BCP said), the use of free wifi, and refreshments! All welcome.

## Interfaith Week 13-20 November

A fantastic opportunity to strengthen relationships with our neighbours of all faiths and none, and to increase awareness and understanding. Pray for Sarah and Mark who will be working with City of Leicester College during the week. Have a cuppa with a neighbour and ask them about their faith. Join the interfaith craft group on Saturday afternoon.

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## **Remembrance Day Parade and Service Sunday 13th**

**November** beginning at **10.45am** in church or at the **memorial**. Join us and our local uniformed organisations as we pay our respects to those who fought and died for our freedom, in both world wars and more recent conflicts.

There will also be a short act of remembrance at the war memorial at 10.45am on Friday 11th involving students from local schools. All welcome.

**Café Church with Communion Sunday 13th November 3pm** Join together to worship God in a relaxed, informal environment with coffee and other refreshments. All welcome.





**What is your favourite recipe?** To raise funds for St Denys and with the help of our friends in the Cruse Bereavement group, we are producing a book of people's favourite recipes. We plan to have this ready, for sale, at the Stoughton Park Christmas Fayre on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. What a great Christmas present for family and friends!

So come on, let's share our favourite recipes and hopefully find some new ones! Just let Michael or Gerry have a copy either in church or by e-mailing: [treasurer@stdenys.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stdenys.org.uk). Thank you very much in anticipation. **Michael**

**ST. DENYS CHRISTMAS STALL AT THE COW AND PLOUGH, SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2022, 4pm – 8pm** With Christmas approaching, Anthony has been asked by the Cow and Plough if we would like to do a Christmas Stall to raise much needed funds for our church. We need Christmas items to sell, especially handmade e.g., Christmas Decorations, Advent Calendars, Christmas patchwork, and gifts items. The Faith and Friendship Group have been making things for the stall too. We are also selling **preserves, but no cakes are required. There is a list at the back of church for offers of donations.**



There will be a raffle and we are asking for donations to make up a hamper of Christmas food and wine, **a separate list will be at the back of church on Sunday to enable you to donate items for this.**

On the day, we will need helpers please! There will be a list to register for this, at the back of Church from the 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please sign up for an hour to support us. Jacqui and I are looking forward to hearing from you, please contact Janette on 2414051 for more details. **Janette and Jacqui.**



**Important Action by YOU Required! We want to stay in contact with you!** For the church to comply with the law in relation to GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations), it is very important that the details we hold for you are kept up to date and stored safely, and that you consent to the church continuing to hold such information about you. On behalf of the PCC who is legally accountable, we have begun the necessary process of reviewing, from scratch, all details we hold about you! A new form has been devised which we would be grateful if you would complete and return by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, but sooner if possible! I have attached a copy to the bulletin e-mail this week. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy separately, please let us know. Please note: We will have to interpret anyone not returning their form by the deadline, as consent being withdrawn or not given, and your details will therefore be deleted from our records. This will mean you will no longer receive the weekly bulletin either. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Qyan or Kimberley.** With many thanks.



**Help the Homeless Collection** Our friends down at St Peter's Church in Highfields are helping to meet the needs of people who are sleeping rough or sofa surfing, predominantly men. If you can provide any of the following items, please put them in the box at the back of church and they will be collected at the end of the month. The items currently needed are:

Crisps  
Chocolate Bars  
Cereal Bars  
Sugar  
Coffee  
Hot Chocolate  
Hot Water Snacks (Pot Noodle)  
Biscuits  
Men's Boxer Shorts (new)  
Men's Socks (new)  
Deodorant (spray)



Many thanks. **Anthony**

**Collect for 2nd Sunday before Advent** God our refuge, and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Mark Bulbeck, Mick Clay, Ann Harcourt, Marion Heygate.

**Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Baz Porter (member of the God's Squad) and those who have died from Covid-19.



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St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and Youth Work:

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