

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Sunday 16th October 2022, 18th Sunday after Trinity



*Readings for today: 2 Timothy 3 vs 14-ch 4 v 5; Luke 18 vs 1-8*

Dear Friends, Last weekend, our congregation gathered to celebrate our Patronal Festival, St Denys Day. The amount of food we had brought together for the Parish lunch was amazing. We never have a list for bring and share events but somehow, we always have fabulous food diversity. I also felt incredibly grateful for the way in which we were all sharing fellowship together and it made me reflect on Christian hospitality.

Practising Christian hospitality isn't about glamorous table settings or platters of perfect food; it is about practising servanthood, and loving others through Christ, making people feel special.

Christians recognise hospitality as a spiritual gift. The Bible tells us that every believer is given at least one spiritual gift for the purpose of building up God's church and serving the body of Christ. These spiritual gifts are given not for our own benefit, but for the enrichment of others. Romans 12 encourages us all to practise hospitality, whether it is our spiritual gift or not. "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality".

In 1 Peter 4:8-10 "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." So, when we love and serve others in the community through hospitality, we are also serving God. When we open our hearts as well as our homes, we are practising Christian hospitality.

Many in the UK and indeed in our own church community, are putting Christian hospitality into action through the Homes for Ukraine scheme and through House Groups. I also hear talk that as the cold winter bites, we hope to be able to use St Denys as a warm space. If so, we all need to think about how we offer Christian hospitality.

Hospitality may be easy for some, and more difficult for others. After all, it is not always easy to give of yourself, but if we can open our doors to the extent that strangers sense loving kindness and genuine concern, then that is the moment when that space, your home, becomes a sanctuary for those God sends your way. With prayer, planning and preparation, God can use people like you and me to touch lives in a personal way. **Kay Smith**

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

**Thursday 13th 7pm History and Heritage Group talk**, in parish centre

**Friday 14th 10am Musical Toddlers Group** in parish centre

**Friday 14th 7pm Youth Club** in the parish centre

**Saturday 15th 7pm Organ Recital by Simon Headley** church & parish centre

**Sunday 16th 10am Matins with hymns** in church & on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

**Sunday 16th 3pm Informal Holy Communion**

**Monday 17th 2pm Monday Meet**, meet in the parish centre

**Tuesday 18th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 18th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group**, church and parish centre

**Wednesday 19th 10am Evington Family History Group** meet in parish centre

**Saturday 22nd 11am Faith and Friendship** art and craft in parish centre

**Saturday 22nd 4.30pm Light Party** for families with children in parish centre

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

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

*Please note Anthony is covering at St Theodore's Rushey Mead this Sunday morning and is then on annual leave until Monday 24th October. We are grateful to Canon Philip Norwood and Reverend John Taylor for taking the communion services on Thursday 20th and Sunday 23rd.*

**Britain's Lost Villages** an interesting talk given by Peter Liddle, hosted by the Evington History and Heritage Group, 7pm, Thursday 13th October in the parish centre. All are welcome.

**The Final Concert in our first ever Music Festival; ORGAN RECITAL** this coming Saturday 15th, 7pm in church. Music suitable for Royalty, in honour of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Performed by former Leicester Cathedral organist Simon Headley ARCO (Associate of the Royal College of Organists), Free entry, donations encouraged, refreshments provided at the conclusion. All welcome.

**Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** Tuesday 18th October,

10am—12 noon meeting in the parish centre. There will also be Christmas cards and 2023 Diaries for sale! All are welcome.



**All Souls Service Sunday 6th November, 6pm** To remember those who have died. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one. If you would like the name of a loved one, who has passed, read out at this service, please PRINT their full name on the list at the back of the church from this Sunday, or alternatively contact Qyan. Thank you.

**Remembrance Day Parade and Service Sunday 13th November** beginning at 10.45am at the War Memorial (or in church). Join us as we pay our respects to those who fought and died for our freedom, in both world wars and more recent conflicts.

**Stoughton Grange Christmas Market Saturday 3rd December.** We will be singing carols and have a stall to sell goodies in aid of church funds. So, please get making, sewing and knitting!! Many thanks.

**It has been announced that the Dean of Leicester, The Very Revd Dr David Monteith** has been appointed by the late Her Majesty the Queen as the new Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. A Farewell Evensong service will be held for David at St. Mary de Castro church on Sunday 27th November at 7pm. He will lead his last Leicester Cathedral service in St. Martin's House at 10.30am the same day. He will be installed as Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, on Saturday 17th December at 3pm. We wish him all the best and thank him for his dedicated and spiritual ministry here in Leicester. Leicester Cathedral's Canon Missioner, The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, has been announced as Acting Dean of Leicester.



**Collect for the 18th Sunday after Trinity** God, our judge and Saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit,** including: Mark Bulbeck, Mick Clay  
**Pray for those who mourn** including the family and friends of David Boynton, Pauline Calow, Iain Davidson, Mildred H Kemp, Beryl Parker, and all those who have died due to Covid 19.



**St Denys  
Church**

**2022 Music  
Festival**



**Saturday  
15th October  
7pm**

**Organ Recital: Simon Headley ARCO**

Former cathedral organist performs music for Royal Occasions incl. Handel, Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Walton . Refreshments will be served.



**LIGHT PARTY Saturday 22nd October 4.30pm** : FREE fun activities, crafts and storytime for all families with young children (under 10). Please advertise this widely to friends and neighbours and pray for Sarah and her team of volunteers.

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