

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 6th November 2022, 3rd Sunday before Advent, All Souls



Readings for Sunday 6th: 2 Thess 2 vs 1-5, 13-end; Luke 20 vs 27—38

Dear Friends, Nature has, once again, been putting on her spectacular Autumn display. All around us, we see all the beautiful colours, the yellows and reds, combining to make this such an amazing season. In all the heat and dryness of our long, hot summer this year, I had wondered if the leaves would fall off the trees early, without giving us our usual display - but no, we have not been disappointed; Autumn has come in all its beauty. The changing seasons - the circle of life - even as the leaves fall, so the new buds are starting to form, heralding the new life, next Spring. And it is all in our loving Creator God's hands.

At this time of year, there is time for remembrance. This Sunday is our All Souls Service. Time and space to reflect, especially remembering our loved ones; perhaps having their names read out in church, lighting a candle; time and space to reflect on our cherished memories of those dear to us. It is a year since one of my brothers, Trevor, died; all the cards, letters, kind words, prayers, loving actions, helped so much at that time, and were so appreciated by us. As time goes on, there is still pain and sadness, but it eases a little; and there are still those happy memories; and still kindness and care from people.

Grief, bereavement, is a long journey, with various stages; it is not easy; but is something we all have to face at times in our lives; to love means that there will also be times of great sorrow and sadness.

But through it all, God is there, with us, holding us, comforting us. He knows everything about us, and all that we are going through; He never leaves us. Jesus walks with us, all the way. And because of Jesus, we have that hope of eternal life, for our loved ones and ourselves. God is so good. **Geraldine**



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 4th 7pm Youth Music Evening meet in the church

Sunday 6th 10am Holy Communion in church & on Zoom (password available from Qyan)

Sunday 6th 6pm All Souls service church and parish centre

Monday 7th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 8th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in the parish centre

Wednesday 9th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in parish centre

Thursday 10th 6pm Cubs Visit in church

Thursday 10th 7pm Evington History and Heritage Group in parish centre

Thursday 10th 8pm Choir Practise for Christmas in church

Friday 11th 10am Musical Toddlers Group in the parish centre

Friday 11th 10.45am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

Friday 11th 7pm Youth Club meet in parish centre

Saturday 12th 3pm Faith and Friendship Group meet in the 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.

Communion Wine There has been a lot of confusion over how we have been offering the communion wine in recent weeks and so from this Sunday, we will return to having just the one chalice on offer to drink from. There will be no dipping allowed by the priest or people. All communicants will therefore have the choice of bread alone or bread followed by wine sipped from the chalice. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the chalice, please remember that the Church of England's position is that bread alone counts as full communion. Do ask Anthony or the wardens if you are unsure. Thank you.

Café Church will NOT take place on Sunday 6th November due to the All Souls service taking place at 6pm.



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 and names already submitted, will be read out.

Thought for the week: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, whose grace and love he doth bestow.

Evington Local History and Heritage Group will next meet on Thursday November 10th at 7pm in St Denys Parish Centre when Bryan Holland and Michael Chapman will be presenting "The Belgrave Road Branch of the GN&LNW joint railway" with a particular emphasis on Thurnby and Scraftoft Station including many photos of the later years. This is a real gem of a lecture which I attended recently at the Leicestershire Industrial History Society. **Chris**

St Denys Church Christmas Choir 2022 Do you enjoy singing? Can you pick up a tune by ear? We are looking for keen singers with any level of experience, to join us for our traditional Nine Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday 18 December. For further information, please contact Wendy Lees-Smith: wsls99@yahoo.co.uk



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.

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. **Janette and Jacqui.**



YOUTH CLUB/YOUTH MUSIC EVENINGS
Alternately on Fridays during term time
7pm
In the Parish Centre & Church respectively
Enjoy the activities and make new friends!

Collect for 3rd Sunday before Advent Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in 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** Pauline Calow, Iain Davidson and all those who have died from Covid-19.



Poem for Autumn, 'Autumn' by John Clare

I love the fitfull gusts that shakes
The casement all the day
And from the mossy elm tree takes
The faded leaf away
Twirling it by the window-pane
With thousand others down the lane



I love to see the shaking twig
Dance till the shut of eve
The sparrow on the cottage rig
Whose chirp would make believe
That spring was just now flirting by
In summers lap with flowers to lie



I love to see the cottage smoke
Curl upwards through the naked trees
The pigeons nestled round the coat
On dull November days like these
The cock upon the dung-hill crowing
The mill sails on the heath a-going



The feather from the ravens breast
Falls on the stubble lea
The acorns near the old crows nest
Fall pattering down the tree
The grunting pigs that wait for all
Scramble and hurry where they fall



Praise God for the season of Autumn in all it's richness!

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