

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN Sunday 22nd January 2023 Third Sunday of Epiphany



Readings for today: 1 Corinthians 1 vs 10-18; Matthew 4 vs 12-23

Dear Friends, we are still in the season of Epiphany. Exploring something of the ways in which Jesus was revealed; the glory of God revealed; when Jesus shared in our everyday life, in person, here on earth.

We had moments of Epiphany, of revelation, on our recent Quiet Day at the Stable House. As we started our Walk with Wonder, we paused by a tree - hoping for a bit of shelter from the rain - as I explained something of what Walk with Wonder is about. While standing there, I felt tapping behind me. I turned to find a branch just behind me; as I looked closely, I saw tiny buds on the branches - signs of new life, of Spring. Nearing the end of our Walk, we saw a beautiful rainbow - sign of God's promise; the sun came out, shining so brightly; a moment of glory. Moments of Epiphany, of revelation. Having our eyes open; being ready to see God in our world.

Also, being open to, aware of, answers to prayers. Maybe, sometimes, we need to be a bit more specific in our prayers. God wants us to talk to Him about anything and everything - sharing with Him our joys, sorrows, needs, concerns, worries. In our prayers, alongside our praise, our thanking God, recognising who He is; we may also come with our needs - for others, but also for ourselves. Jesus told us: 'Ask, and it shall be given to you' (Matthew 7); asking, in accordance with God's will. Then, being open to those answers to prayer - which may not be as we expect - but recognising them as they are revealed to us - and thanking God for the answers.

May we always be open to those Epiphany moments, of revelation, signs of God's presence and glory, in our daily lives.

Epiphany time.
Wonder. Awe. Revelation.
God is among us.



Geraldine

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 20th & 27th 10am—11am Musical Toddlers meet in parish centre

Friday 20th 7pm—8.30pm Youth Club meet in parish centre

Saturday 21st 1.30pm Permaculture Course meet in the parish centre

Sunday 22nd 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom (password available from Qyan) **3pm Café Church** in the parish centre

Sunday 22nd 6.30pm Evensong in church

Monday 23rd 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 24th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in the parish centre

Wednesday 25th 10am Evington Family History Group in parish centre

Thursday 26th 2pm Staff Meeting in the parish centre

Friday 27th 7pm Youth Music Evening held in church

Morning Prayer 9am Mondays—Thursdays in church

Open Church every Thursday 9am—12 noon, with 10am Holy Communion (said) church and parish centre, free wi-fi and refreshments

Evensong Sunday 22nd January 6.30pm Please do join us for the first sung Evensong service since before Covid. All are welcome, *followed by:*



Pub Night in The Cedars from 7.45pm approx. Do join Anthony and others for chat and fellowship over your favourite tipple!

Looking ahead to Sunday 5th February, ATC Sunday The 10am service will be a special service to mark ATC Sunday with the cadets from 2502 (Hamilton) Squadron. Some of the cadets will be enrolled in the service and this marks the 50th anniversary of the squadron too.

Vocations Day ‘Everyday Calling’ ‘Abide in Me and you will bear fruit’ How can I to live out my faith? What could God be saying to me? What opportunities are there to serve God? St. Martin’s House, Saturday 11th February 10am—3.30pm. Info: liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org To book e-mail: claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org (stating any dietary requirements)

Wednesday 5th April 2023 A service of Music and Readings for Holy Week and Easter will be take place on this date in the evening. If you have a reasonable singing ability (you may have sang in the choir at Christmas for example) and would like to join the choir for this service, please let me know. Rehearsals will take place on Thursday evenings from the end of February. Please put this date in your diaries. Thank you. **Qyan.**

Fundraising for St. Denys If you have any fundraising ideas, please talk to Anthony, or any member of the Ministry Team/PCC/Warden Teams who will be pleased to hear from you. Two new events are outlined below:

Brand New St. Denys 100 Club In a few weeks time, we are launching for the first time, a 100 Club to raise money for St. Denys. This is an exciting idea and is something many other churches do, it being a valuable source of income in the long term difficult financial times we and other churches, are currently experiencing. I will publish further details next week but we do encourage you to take part by simply purchasing at low cost, numbers which are entered into a monthly draw, giving you the chance to win a small cash prize.



Potential Curry Night The idea of a Curry Night has been proposed as a fundraising event for St. Denys. It would be held at a local Indian restaurant close to St. Denys and would require a minimum of 20 people to attend, paying approximately £16 each, with £8 approx from each person being retained for the church. A list will be put at the back of the church soon for all those interested, to register. The likely date will be around the end of February to the middle of March, the start of Spring or just after Easter. All are welcome. So please put your name down if this is something you would like to attend.

Do You Love to Knit? If so, and you would like to get involved with an exciting project for Easter, please get in touch with Kimberley by e-mail at:



kimberley_jane_tyler@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07970 275093. Thank you.

Intercessions and Reading during Services We are still very short of people to prepare and deliver intercessions for Sunday morning and Sunday monthly evening services. If you feel this ministry could be for you, please do get in touch with me and I will add you to the rota. Initial guidance will be given if necessary. Whilst we have quite a few people to read the bible passages, we could benefit by having two or three more. **Qyan**



Save the Date! Prayer Day with the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Justin Welby, in Leicester on Saturday 25th February 2023.
More details soon.

A Franciscan Blessing from the Churches Together resources created to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which runs 18th-25th January:



May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,

so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world,

so that you can do what others claim cannot be done

to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen

Please also pray this week for other churches in our area including those going through interregnums, our CofE partners at St Philip's, St Peter's and St Stephen's and also our friends at Wycliffe URC, Goodwood Evangelical, Mayflower Methodist, and St Margaret Mary and St Paul's Catholic Church.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release the captives, and grant freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Mark Bulbeck, Mick Clay, Ann Dixon, Marion Heygate, **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Doreen Bennett, Revd Canon Helen Newman and those who have died from Covid-19.



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

www.stdenys.org.uk

