

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN Sunday 29th January 2023, 4th Sunday of Epiphany (Candlemas)



**Springing into Action** As many of you know, I have had two new knees in the last 8 months; I had high hopes that the time I would have off from work would be very productive - I wanted to read books, do some jigsaws and catch up on TV box sets. In hindsight, I don't think I fully appreciated the amount of recovery time I would need, or just how bad the pain would be. My idea of doing things during my recovery hasn't happened. I have had to learn to rest, sleep and take things slowly, which as anyone who knows me will understand, is a real challenge for me!

I recently received a card from a very close friend who reminded me of how tulips grow underground - the tulip needs time to feed on the soil, taking in nutrients and water etc to grow, so that when it finally appears it will soak up the sun and bloom for us all to admire.

The image of the tulip made me reflect on this last couple of years, being buried like the tulip bulb in the dark and mucky ground; you may have felt you wanted to hibernate, and with all that happened with COVID, it's not surprising - but maybe now, with God's help, it is your time to come out of the darkness and blossom and bloom.

My garden contains many different types of spring bulbs - snowdrops, crocuses, several varieties of tulips. As I get ready to watch for the signs of spring, I felt God saying to me that each person in St Denys is like a spring bulb - all unique and different, beautifully made to show the world Christ's love.

I wonder, as we step into spring, are you rested from the busyness of Christmas? If not take some time to be with God, maybe a psalm may help you find refreshment. Or are you someone who is ready to spring into action this spring?

If the answer is 'Yes', I would love to hear from you - I'd like you to consider if God is asking you to give a small amount of your time to sow into the future of St Denys. The only requirement is being able to talk to people and possibly make a cup of tea! We are forming a pastoral team at St Denys, which I hope to have in place this springtime to serve all who are part of the church and the wider community.

Alternatively, do you know someone who feels like a bulb hidden from view? Maybe it's you who feels this way? Please make contact so that we, as a church family, can help each other to grow and flourish like the tulip; and in doing this, we can show those outside our church the beauty of knowing Christ.

So, let's pray this week that God makes it known to us where and how He would like us to bloom! Blessings, **Kimberley Tyler**



This picture of tulips accompanies Kimberley's letter on the first page.

Tulips are not singled out by name in the Bible. However, most scholars are confident that tulips filled Scripture's spring scenery, especially as relayed in the collection of wildflowers "appearing on the earth," ([Song of Songs 2:12](#)) at the end of winter's rainy season.

### COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

**Thursday 26th 2pm Staff Meeting** in the parish centre

**Friday 27th & 3rd February 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in parish centre

**Friday 27th 7pm—8.30pm Youth Music Evening** meet in church

**Saturday 28th 11am Faith and Friendship Group** meet in the parish centre

**Sunday 29th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom (password available from Qyan) **3pm Café Church** in the parish centre

**Monday 30th 2.30pm Arbor House worship** (speak to Anthony if you'd like to come along)

**Tuesday 31st 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** meet in the parish centre

**Wednesday 1st February 10am Evington Family History** in parish centre

**Friday 3rd February 7pm Youth Club** meet in the parish centre

**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

*Readings for today: Hebrews 2 vs 14-end; Luke 2 vs 22-40*

**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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the squadron too. Please do come along.



**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](mailto:kimberley_jane_tyler@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone 07970 275093. Thank you.

**Website Blog** If you would like to write a short piece (4-500 words) about anything that may be of interest to our church family, please do send details in to me with photographs so that I can add them to the News section of the St. Denys website. Many thanks. **Qyan**



**Vocations Day 'Everyday Calling'** 'Abide in Me and you will bear fruit' How can I 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](mailto:liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org) To book e-mail: [claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org](mailto:claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org) (stating any dietary requirements)



**Do you Love to sing?** A service of Music and Readings for Holy Week and Easter will be take place on Wednesday 5th April at 6.30pm. 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 23rd February. Thank you. **Qyan.**

**Fundraising for St. Denys** If you have any ideas for fundraising, to raise much needed income for our church, 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 these financially difficult times we and other churches are currently experiencing. Please do consider buying numbers at low cost, which could win you a small cash prize! Please spread the word around the Evington community, this is for everyone to take part. Further details very soon.

**Potential Curry Night** The idea of a Curry Night has been proposed as a fundraising event for St. Denys (see previous bulletin.) This will now be held after Easter. Look put for more information, to be made available soon.



**Prayer Day with the Archbishop of Canterbury**, The Most Revd Justin Welby, in Leicester - Saturday 25 February 2023. More details to follow.

## **Cross-cultural evangelism: Britain as a mission field** 31 January 2023, 2pm, Online

For centuries, Britain sent out missionaries to the Majority World. Now the Majority World is sending missionaries to Britain. What can we learn from their insights about our shifting context, how the gospel becomes relevant to urban issues and what sort of evangelists do we need in today's context? Join us to hear Rev Dr Israel Oluwole Olofinjana, founding director of Centre for Missionaries from the Majority World, a mission network initiative that provides cross-cultural training to reverse missionaries in Britain, in conversation with the Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, and put your questions. This is the third in a new series of webinars presented by the Archbishops' College of Evangelists.

[Click here to join the webinar.](#)

**Have you had Dementia Friends training?** If you've had training in becoming a Dementia Friend, in Dementia Awareness, or you would just like to find out more, the diocesan Social Responsibility Panel want to hear from you. We are looking to create a network of Dementia Friends and Dementia Friendly Churches to support one another, and share information and resources. If that is you, or if it's something you would be interested in learning about, please email [florence.gildea@leicestercofe.org](mailto:florence.gildea@leicestercofe.org).

*Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine in their terrible suffering, and all those in our own country and around the world, going through critical times.*

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (Candlemas)** Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Mark Bulbeck, Judith Chapman, 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:

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