

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN Sunday 12th February 2023, 2nd Sunday before Lent



Dear Friends, I am aware that a lot of people in church don't get to see the work that I regularly do as a lot of it takes place outside of the church building or during the week and not on a Sunday. Most of the congregation don't see when I am at the Cubs and Scouts, Cadets, in the schools or with the Toddler families or our young people on Fridays, but these are regular things that take place where I am able to share faith and the love of Christ with others outside of church services.

Writing a funding report recently I estimated that over the past year my ministry has reached around 650 people from these groups, and I think that might even be an underestimate. Mission is a huge part of being a Christian and should be a huge part of we do as a church, going out beyond the walls of the building to where the people are.

So, I wonder, what do you do when people don't see you or on other days during the week that are not a Sunday? How often do we talk about our faith with someone else? How often do we offer to pray for someone? As Christians we are all a part of the mission, Gods mission. After all, the reason that we come to church should be to be sent out to share the good news and make disciples of others, so if that is not our reason than I wonder what is? We are the lucky ones as we already know God's love, so let's share that news so that as many people as possible can be blessed by that knowledge too. **Sarah.**

Please Note: Revd Anthony is on Study Leave from the 13th—17th February and, as such, will be unavailable for contact.

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 10th & 17th February 10am Musical Toddlers meet in parish centre

Friday 10th 7pm Youth Music Evening meet in the church

Saturday 11th 10am Rambling Club AGM in the parish centre.

Saturday 11th 3pm Faith and Friendship Group meet in the parish centre

Sunday 12th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom (password available from Qyan) **3pm Café Church** meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 14th 10am Architect Quinquennial Interviews in parish centre

Tuesday 14th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in the parish centre

Wednesday 15th February 10am Evington Family History in parish centre

Wednesday 15th February 2.30pm Evington History & Heritage Group meet in parish centre

Friday 17th 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: Romans 8 vs 18-25; Matthew 6 vs 25—end



Knitting Angels Workshop Would you like to come and join in with the project to knit or crochet angels to spread some joy across the Evington community around Easter time? If so, please go along to the Faith and Friendship Group's workshop in the parish centre on Saturday 11th February, 3-5pm, where you will be made very welcome.

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 To book e-mail: claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org (stating any dietary requirements)



Evington History and Heritage Group Wednesday 15th February 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Peter Cousins will be coming to speak about the Life and Times of Orson Wright 1853-1913, a Victorian Entrepreneur who built and developed a considerable part of Wigston and significant areas of Leicester. This talk is free to Members or just £3 for non-members. All welcome.

Lent 2023: The Shack The remarkable story of The Shack, originally a novel by William P. Young, will be the foundation of our 5-session Lent course this year. It offers a moving story of healing and finding peace amidst pain, while also raising profound questions about God and suffering, how we think about the Trinity, and where we can find hope even in our darkest moments. Everyone is welcome to be part of either of the two study groups:



Showing of the Film in Church (with popcorn!): Monday 20th February from 6pm with film starting at 6.30pm (film length is about 2 hours 15 minutes)

Study group A: Monday 27th February 6.30-8pm either in church or via Zoom (Meeting ID: 841 3387 6616)

Study group B: Thursday 23rd February 11am in church after the midweek service

After the first week, Group A may move to a Sunday evening if that proves to be easier for people. If you can't make the film showing and would like to borrow a DVD, let us know.

There are scenes in the film which may be upsetting. If you have concerns or would like to know more, please speak to **Anthony**.

**DUST +
GLORY**

Lent 2023 If you think that you will struggle to make it out of the house to attend a Lent group this year but would still like to travel through this season with others, albeit from the comfort of your own home, then read on. I am hoping that a number of us, who would otherwise miss out, will be able to join in

working our way through the Church of England's Lent booklet 'Dust and Glory.' If you think you, or someone you know, may be interested then please let me know and I will be happy to drop a booklet off with you and discuss the best ways of keeping in touch with me and others to discuss and pray our way through Lent together. If you are interested, then phone me (leave a message if I can't answer) on my number 07534 805454. Or if you have the technology, you can text me or email me at m.batchelor@hotmail.co.uk. There is no cost involved though a voluntary £2 donation to cover the cost of the booklets would be appreciated. Do be in touch. **Mark**

Lent Quiet Day at The Stable House The first St. Denys retreat day of the year in January was so good that we have booked the Stable House again; this time for Thursday 30th March. If you would like to join a day of retreat, contemplation and reflection in beautiful and comfortable surroundings, then see or contact Mark for details. Even though it will be in Lent, food, drinks and even cake will be included in the £30 cost of the day (do talk to Mark if that is going to be an obstacle). Lifts to get there will be arranged. I'll look forward to hearing from you. **Mark**



Don't forget! The service of Music and Readings for Holy Week and Easter on Wednesday 5th April, 6.30pm in church, including movements from Handel's Messiah. If you have a reasonable singing ability and wish to sing in the choir, please speak to Wendy Lees-Smith. Rehearsals begin on Thursday 23rd February.

Appeal for More Intercessors If you feel this ministry is for you, please do get in touch. Whether you wish to go on a regular rota, or prepare and pray them in services on a more ad hoc basis, we will be pleased to hear from you.

Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Lent Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Mark Bulbeck, Judith Chapman, Mick Clay, Ann Dixon, Marion Heygate, Roman Orzel. **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** all those who have died from Covid 19 and have been tragically killed in the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

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

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