

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN Sunday

26th March 2023, 5th Sunday of Lent



Dear Friends, this Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the season of Lent, two weeks before Easter. It is also known as Passion Sunday, as it marks the start of Passiontide, as our Lent journey moves from looking at why we need God towards what God's solution to our problem was in more detail - to send His Son to die for us on the cross, and defeat death by rising again. I sometimes think of these two weeks as like taking a magnifying glass to this part of the story. We zoom in on the events leading up to Jesus' entry to Jerusalem over the next week, and then the events of Holy Week, in the readings for Morning Prayer.

If you don't usually spend time with God each day, or even if you do(!), why not use the next couple of weeks to remind yourself of this crucial period in Jesus' journey to the cross? You could join those praying in church Monday to Thursday, use the Dust & Glory booklets, or you could use a reading plan like this one for the gospel of Matthew, which takes you from the end of Jesus' final journey towards Jerusalem up to his death:

Mon - Matthew 20:1-16

Tues - Matthew 20:17-19

Wed - Matthew 21:1-5

Thurs - Matthew 21:6-11

Fri - Matthew 21:12-22

Sat - Matthew 21:23-27

Mon - Matthew 21:33-46

Tues - Matthew 26:1-16

Wed - Matthew 26:17-56

Thurs - Matthew 26:57-75

Fri - Matthew 27:11-44

Sat - Matthew 27:45-61

Passiontide is also a time when we can be reminded that Jesus knows our pain and our suffering, not just as a kindly, empathetic friend, but as one who has endured and endures our pain with us, who knows what it's like, because He has been there and has himself experienced the deepest depths of human suffering. To be reminded that "you are not alone" is sometimes the most helpful thing in times of pain.

With love and prayers, **Sian**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 24th & 31st 10am Musical Toddlers Group in the parish centre

Friday 24th 7pm Youth Music Evening in church

Sunday 26th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom (password available from Qyan) **Café Church 3pm** in the parish centre

Monday 27th Arbor House 2.30pm Service in Arbor House, all welcome

Tuesday 28th IME Training in the parish centre

Tuesday 28th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in the parish centre

Wednesday 29th 9.30 Krishna Avanti School visit in church

Wednesday 29th 10am Evington Family History Group in the parish centre

Thursday 30th 7pm Choir rehearsal in the church

Friday 31st 7pm Youth Club in the parish centre

Saturday 1st April 10.30am Community Consultation Meeting in church

Palm Sunday 2nd April 11am Walk of Witness and Communion Service (with coffee from 10.30am) No 10am or 3pm services.

Morning Prayer 9am Monday—Wednesday in church



Readings for today: Ezekiel 37 vs 1-14; John 11 vs 1-45

Open Church and Holy Communion will NOT take place on Thursdays 30th March and 13th April. The church will be closed completely on both days.



Lent Course 2023: The Shack Group A: continuing in person in church, or via Zoom, Meeting ID: 841 3387 6616) 6.30pm—8pm 26th March, 2nd April. Group B: the final session will be on 20th April after the 10am Communion service in church.

Arbor House The next service will be held on the 27th March at 2.30pm. All are welcome and our clergy team and residents would love to see other members of the St. Denys church family there and interact socially with you.

Working with One Roof, Community Consultation in the Church and Parish Centre Saturday 1st April, 10.30am—12 noon to hear about an idea for the development of the old Youth Centre in the church car park. Talk informally with all those involved. Refreshments available. All welcome including everyone from St. Denys Church.

Easter Flowers Are you able to help purchase flowers for making our church look beautiful at Easter? If this is something you feel you wish to contribute to, please leave your cash or cheque donation in an envelope clearly marked 'St. Denys Easter Flowers 2023' and give it to Michael, or one of the Staff Team. Alternatively, you can use the card machine at the back of the church. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Palm Sunday We join together for one united service on 2nd April with refreshments from 10.30am, a Walk of Witness at 11am followed by the dramatized reading of the Passion and Holy Communion. All welcome.



Palm Sunday 2nd April

11am Palm Sunday Celebration with Walk of Witness
Refreshments served from 10.30am

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April

6pm Compline

Wednesday 5th April

6.30pm A Journey through Holy Week with the Messiah

A massed choir and soloists will sing selections from Handel's Messiah with readings from Matthew's gospel and seasonal hymns

Maundy Thursday 6th April

6pm Bring and Share Meal with Footwashing and Communion

Good Friday 7th April

10am-12noon Good Friday Children's Activity Morning

2pm Last Hour

Easter Sunday 9th April

6.15am Dawn Service

10am Easter Communion

3pm Café Church

Compline during Holy Week on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April at 6pm and **The Last Hour** on Good Friday 7th April at 2pm will be live streamed on Zoom using the same ID number and password as for Sunday worship.

A Premiere (Leicestershire) Performance of 'Passiontide' a BRAND NEW, truly beautiful and refreshing, unpublished choral work, will take place in St. John the Baptist Church, Billesdon on Sunday 26th March (this coming Sunday) at 5pm. Conducted by the composer Simon Mold, a member of Leicester Cathedral choir, it will feature our very own Erica singing a duet with Kay and myself a part of the choir too! All are welcome.

Monthly Evensongs from 16th April will begin at 6pm not 6.30pm.

Pub Nights from April will be on the last Sunday of the month at 7.30pm.

Café Church Confirmations 30th April 2023, 3pm Bishop Saju will be joining us for Café Church on Sunday 30th April for confirmations. At the moment we have two candidates, Anthony would love to hear from others. If you haven't been confirmed and would like to find out more, please contact him asap.

Coronation of King Charles III Saturday 6th May being shown in full in St. Denys Church on the big screen. All are welcome! Can you assist with the provision of tea and cake? Contact Qyan or Kimberley if you can. Thank you.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysterious of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Mick Clay, Ann Dixon, Gwilym Edmonson-Jones, Susan Hall, Roy Hammond, Marion Heygate, Roman Orzel, Suzanne Watson **Pray for those who mourn** including the family and friends of Mark Bulbeck, Nigel King, Frank Millington and all those who have died from Covid 19, also those killed in the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.



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