

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN Sunday

5th March 2023, Second Sunday of Lent



Dear Friends, many of you will know that I sing in a number of choirs as well as play the piano and organ. At school, I learned to play the trumpet before moving on to the Euphonium and joining the band! For all these instruments, I had lessons and took some grade examinations.

How many of you have been watching 'The Piano' on television? This is where ordinary members of the public are invited to play the piano in a shopping mall, not realising that they are doing so in front of arguably, the world's greatest living pianist, Lang Lang, for a once in a life time opportunity to perform in the prestigious Royal Festival Hall. All is revealed to them at the end of the programme. It has been so moving watching them play and hearing their life stories.

I believe music, live or otherwise, has the power to uplift and inspire one's spirit and soul to unimaginable heights, sometimes unfathomably. For me, it is the many years I have spent singing (yes, one's voice is a musical instrument), in the Warwickshire Provincial Freemasons choir, the Yorkshire based Christopher Wren Singers and the Leicester Church Music Consort (in which Anthony and Wendy also sing), in addition to a number of smaller local choirs, ad hoc or otherwise, that has enabled me to connect more deeply with God and has added the highest quality, real life value in my relationship with him, and my faith in him. The many beautiful Cathedrals and churches that I have sung in with those choirs, during services, has added immeasurably to that dynamic.

During Lent, as you prepare once again to mark that incredible sacrifice Christ made for you on the cross, to take away your sin, why not make the commitment of penitence the season demands of you, more meaningful and spiritually edifying by including music within your study, prayers and Lenten observance. As the Psalmist David says (Psalm 101) "I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise..."

Every blessing, **Qyan**



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 3rd & 10th 10am Musical Toddlers Group in the parish centre

Friday 3rd 7pm Youth Club in the parish centre

Saturday 4th 9am First Aid Training in the parish centre

Sunday 5th 10am Matins with hymns in church and on Zoom (password available from Qyan) **Café Church with Holy Communion 3pm** in church

Sunday 5th Lent Course 6.30pm in church

Monday 6th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 7th 12pm Preparations for tonight's Cruse Meeting parish centre

Tuesday 7th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in the parish centre

Wednesday 8th 10am Evington Family History Group parish centre

Wednesday 8th 7pm International Women's Day Event in parish centre

Thursday 9th 10.45am (after Holy Communion) Lent Course in church

Thursday 9th 7pm Choir Rehearsal for Holy Week in church

Friday 10th Youth Music Evening 7pm in church

Saturday 11th St. Peter's Church Alpha Spirit Away Day in parish centre

Morning Prayer 9am Monday—Thursday in church

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

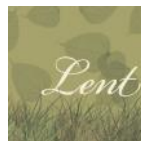
Readings for today: Genesis 12 vs 1-4a; John 3 vs 1-17

Lent Course 2023: The Shack Everyone is welcome to be part of either of the two study groups as follows:



Group A: continuing in person in church, or via Zoom, Meeting ID: 841 3387 6616) 5th, 12th and 26th March, 2nd April. Each meeting in church, 6.30pm—8pm.

Group B: continuing in person on 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March after the 10am Communion service in church.



Arbor House Services All are welcome to attend the services at Arbor House which the St. Denys ministry team lead twice a month. The next two are on Mondays 13th and 27th March at 2.30pm.

Lent Quiet Day at The Stable House There are still places available for this time together on Thursday 30th March. Please contact Mark if you would like to go. The cost is £30 (do talk to Mark if that is going to be an obstacle). Lifts to get there will be arranged. Look forward to hearing from you. **Mark**

SAFEGUARDING AT ST. DENYS CHURCH Since I took on this role in 2001 when a policy came out to safeguard children within a church, and to today's extent of vulnerable adults and children increasing considerably, life being a Safeguarding Co-ordinator expands considerably each year.

I am a silent worker 24/7, and in the time that I have been doing this role with confidentiality, trust and being prepared to make mental notes when listening to a person in a situation, and knowing I have to make the right decision to get the correct help and to a place of safety too, I find it very rewarding with God's help and prayers.

Over the next few months I will be doing DBS checks by invitation via email, and the ones not on email I will contact personally to arrange a check. All DBS checks will be done on a Sunday morning after the service and three will be done at a certain time in the office. **Janette Pearson**

Binns and Gutteridge Open Day Thursday was the perfect spring day for the official re-launch of the Evington branch of Binns and Gutteridge funeral directors on Main Street. Many of us from St Denys went along after the morning service and saw Mr Binns cut the ribbon followed by Anthony blessing the two chapels of rest. We shared in a wonderful buffet, chatted with staff and people from across the community as well as enjoying the sight of the horses and carriage and a miniature motorbike hearse. Some of us even went for a ride round the village in the carriage! We are very grateful to Sheila and Sarah at Binns and Gutteridge for inviting us to be part of their Open Day and in particular for their generosity in running a raffle and tombola for church funds raising over £300.

Anthony



Please continue to pray for Sarah our Youth Worker and all the work she is doing within the parish and community. Pray that God will bless this work and that it increases and continues, and the funding may be found to sustain it. Please also promote the Youth Club and Youth Music Group held on alternate Friday evenings in the parish centre and church respectively during term time.



Don't forget Evensongs at St. Denys (with hymns, Psalm and sung canticles) are held on the third Sunday of every month, currently at 6.30pm. All are welcome to this time of reflective, choral music and prayer to God's praise and glory.

St. John the Baptist Church in Billesdon are holding monthly Evensongs (except in April), with choir and organ (without a sermon) every first Sunday in the month at 4pm (including today). All are welcome to this time of reflective, choral music and prayer to God's praise and glory. The service last about 40 minutes.

Lenten Reflection: Draw me close O Lord, to the Cross where thou hast died.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Pray for the sick: Mark Bulbeck, Mick Clay, Ann Dixon, Gwilym Edmonson-Jones, Roy Hammond, Marion Heygate, Roman Orzel, Suzanne Watson

Pray for those who mourn and all those who have died from Covid 19, also those killed in the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.



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

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