

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN Sunday 16th April 2023, 2nd Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends, What a special Holy Week and Easter! From Palm Sunday, with our procession around the village and the reading of the Passion story. Then the quietness of Compline with reflections based on 'The Shack', on Monday and Tuesday evening. On Wednesday evening we again reflected on the story of the Passion, this time with wonderful singing by soloists and massed choir, singing Handel's 'Messiah'. On Thursday morning, as well as Holy Communion at St Denys, there was also the Diocesan Service of Holy communion. That evening, we had our bring and share supper, followed by foot washing, and an informal service of Holy Communion. This was followed by stripping the church. Good Friday saw many children enjoying various activities at our activity morning. Then in the afternoon, came our reflective service for the Last Hour. Early Easter Sunday morning saw our outdoor dawn service, with Easter fire – and sparklers – followed by, very welcome, hot chocolate and 'goodies' to enjoy. Later that morning, another joyful celebration of Holy Communion, again celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, and his overcoming sin, death and the devil. Truly cause for celebration – celebration that continued into the afternoon worship. And our celebration continues; we are still in the season of Easter. The Resurrection of Jesus brings us hope; it brings us the promise of eternal life with him. Easter is a time of joy. And we have been able to share some of that joy and hope with others, with our 'scene' outside church, and also by our knitted angels and bunnies, many of which were knitted by our Faith and Friendship group. May we all know the joy and hope that Jesus brings, in our daily lives. **Geraldine**



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 16th April 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password available from Qyan)

Monday 17th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 18th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship in the parish centre

Tuesday 18th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group in church & parish centre

Wednesday 19th 10am Evington Family History Group in the parish centre

Wednesday 19th 2.30pm Evington History & Heritage Group parish centre

Friday 21st 10am Musical Toddlers Group meet in the parish centre

Friday 21st 7pm Youth Music Evening in church

Morning Prayer Monday—Thursday 9am in church

Open Church every Thursday 9am—12 noon Holy Communion (said BCP) at 10am, free refreshments and use of church wifi

Knitted Angels and Bunnies The Faith and Friendship group have been busy knitting angels and rabbits to spread across Evington during April when lots of religious festivals are celebrated. A huge thank you to all our amazing knitters both near and far for knitting nearly 200 items to give away. Each one has a label saying “Take me home and be blessed!”. Look out for them on the church gate and in the village!



Hallelujah Chorus There is a recording of the choir who sang excerpts from Handel’s Messiah in Holy Week now available online. You can listen to their uplifting rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus by following the sermon link on the website or going to www.buzzsprout.com/11512.

Grateful thanks to the Revd Canon Philip Norwood for presiding and preaching at our Communion service today, Sunday 16th April.

Café Church will NOT take place on Sunday 16th April.

Evington Local History and Heritage Group We welcome back Dr Pam Fisher, Victoria County History of Leicestershire, to give an illustrated talk about **The Making of Modern Lutterworth**, on Wednesday 19th of April At 2.30pm to 4pm in St Denys Parish Centre, Church Road, Evington. Free to members, £3 to visitors, who are most welcome. Refreshments available. Parking in the church car park.

Please note, Revds Anthony and Mark are not available until 17th April.

Readings for today, 16th April, 10am: Acts 2.14a, 22-32; John 20.19-end

Worship for Everyone 22 April, 9.30-3.30 at St Martins House A free workshop to provide some basic skills, knowledge and experience in leading simple acts of worship in local churches. To book email claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org This may prove useful as we move towards lay led services within individual churches, with the roll out of Minster church communities and less reliance on the clergy, within two or three years. Also suitable for anyone who would like to try leading services.

Renewal of Vows On Easter Sunday we had the chance to remember our baptismal calling to “go forth and multiply” the good news of the risen Jesus and the love, joy and peace he offers. If you have been away from church for a bit or feel you have drifted in your faith, maybe this Easter season would be a good time to make a fresh commitment to follow Christ. Even if you have already been baptized and confirmed in the past, you would be very welcome to join those being confirmed on Sunday 30th April at 3pm with Bishop Saju. There will be an opportunity in the service to renew the promises made at your baptism and confirmation. If you’d like to talk to Anthony or Mark about it first, please contact them after 17th April when they are back from their post -Easter break.

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. Look out for the Daily Prayer booklets we are currently giving out for free!



Electoral Roll Revision It is time to make additions and changes to the Electoral Roll in time for the APCM. If you are already on the roll, you do not need to do anything.

If you are fairly new to St Denys and would like to sign up, please speak to Elizabeth Rudge or fill in an application form (at the back of the church.) Being on the Electoral Roll makes you a full member of the church and allows you to vote at the Annual Meeting, and you will be eligible for election to the PCC and other roles. The Roll will be closed to new members from 1st May until the APCM.

St Denys Church Annual Sponsored Walk 2023 A sponsored walk will take place on Saturday 20th May. Meet at St Denys car park at 8.00am and then drive to Woodhouse Eaves to start the walk from the public car park at 9 a.m.

The picturesque walk in Charnwood Forest will be led by Bill King across the fields to pass through Swithland Woods and on to Bradgate Park where we will break for coffee at the Deer Park Café. You will then pass by Old John and out of the park to cross the Lingdale golf course and back to Woodhouse Eaves. Walkers are advised to bring a waterproof, packed lunch and a drink.

Sponsorship forms and walk details are available from myself or at the rear of the church. All funds raised will help support St Denys Church. Many thanks for your support.

Anyone wishing to join the walk please contact myself, Roy Hammond on 01162 881256 or 07400 900702.

Alternatively, please e-mail: royhammond36@gmail.com



Collect for Easter Day Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

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



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