

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN Sunday 30th April 2023, 4th Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday



Readings for today: Acts 2 vs 42—end; John 10 vs 1-10

Dear Friends, On Sunday, we will have the joy of baptising and confirming candidates who have set their hearts on following Jesus. Last Sunday, Anthony spoke about the words of one of the prayers in our Easter communion liturgy:



“Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.”

What would our community look like if each of us had “opened eyes” to see where and how God is at work around us, and “hearts on fire” burning with passion to join in, sharing the good news of the life everyone is invited to through Christ, and to love “the last, the least and the lost” - those who are thought of last, those society regards as being worth ‘the least’, and those who have wandered far from God’s ways? **Imagine the transformation, the hope and the joy.**

This week I encourage you to pray in 2 particular ways:

For Chris, Ruby and Alex, that they would have “opened eyes and hearts on fire”, to see God at work and a passion to share Christ’s love and life with their friends in their everyday lives.

That you, yourself, however close or far from God you feel right now, would have “opened eyes and hearts on fire”, to see where God is at work and passion to share Christ’s love and life with those you meet each day.

This will be harder at some times than other times, but the fire of God’s love doesn’t burn from the fuel of our lives, but from the fuel of His Holy Spirit – which God will never withhold.

With love, **Sian**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Fridays 28th April & 5th May 10am Musical Toddlers in the parish centre

Friday 28th 7.30pm Youth Club in parish centre

Sunday 30th April 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password available from Qyan)

Sunday 30th 3pm Café Church with Confirmations by Bishop Saju meet in the parish centre

Monday 1st May 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 2nd 9.30 City Deanery Chapter meet in the church

Tuesday 2nd 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group in church & parish centre

Wednesday 3rd 10am Evington Family History Group in parish centre

Wednesday 3rd 7.30pm Bell Ringers District Meeting in parish centre

Friday 5th 7pm Youth Music Evening in church

Saturday 6th from 9.30 King Charles III Coronation church & parish centre!

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



Baptism and Confirmation Please pray for Chris Foster and Ruby Tyler being confirmed by Bishop Saju on Sunday 30th April, and for Alex Nuamah being baptised and confirmed.

Last Orders This is the NEW name for our monthly pub night which will be on the last Sunday of each month at 7.30pm. This week we meet at the Cedars for a social drink and chat. We can get onto all sorts of topics depending on what questions people bring but there is no agenda other than to spend time being church together out in the community. Everyone welcome.



HUSTINGS FOR 4th MAY COUNCIL ELECTIONS This Sunday 30th April, 10am-12noon, there will be a hustings organised by Friends of Evington for local council candidates standing for Evington Ward. Unfortunately it starts at 10am in the Village Hall so be aware the area may be busier than usual but please do go along after the morning service and meet the candidates if you are a local resident. Also, please keep all those standing in your prayers that those elected on 4th May would lead with compassion and integrity.

Electoral Roll Don't forget the deadline for joining, if you are not on it already, is the 1st May until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Benefits of membership are entitlement to vote at the annual meeting, the chance to be elected to the PCC and other roles. Application forms are at the back of the church. Please speak to Elizabeth Rudge for more information. Thank you.



Coronation Day Saturday 6th May the church will be open from 9.30am for those wanting to watch the coverage of the coronation together in church on the big screen. Tea and cake will be available (donations of cake very welcome!) We hope to have the bells ringing in celebration before the 3pm Service on Sunday 7th May, thanks to Chris Rudge and ringers from Oadby. If you would like to find out more about the biblical and theological roots of the coronation rite and what it means in a pluralistic society, there is an informative new podcast called *The Crown Uncovered* which you can listen to here: <https://thecrownuncovered.buzzsprout.com>

Bulletin Material The bulletin is for YOU, your weekly notification of what is going on in the church family and community. But the Ministry/Staff Team don't have exclusive rights to the content!! We want to hear from YOU, the recipients of it, as well! Do you have any anecdotes to tell? Have you been on holiday and want to share some of your experiences? Do you have a 'thought for the week' or something amusing you wish to share? You may wish to send in a poem or share a verse from a song or hymn that means a lot to you and say why. Whatever it is, please do send material in at any time. It will be included as soon as we can and only edited if necessary (for reasons of space) We welcome contributions from YOU. Thank you. E-mail: office@stdenys.org.uk

Pray for King Charles III Gracious God, in company with our King, we rededicate ourselves to your service. Take our minds and think through them, take our lips and speak through them, take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you and your kingdom; that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Safeguarding at St. Denys A few months ago, an email from Qyan was sent on my behalf requesting people who hold a role in church, especially being on the PCC and Churchwardens, to be DBS checked. So far, I have two people outstanding for the PCC. The people that run groups can now have a Basic Check done so everyone is covered within our church.

I am willing to do the checks at home or come to church when you are at the group, this would be quicker than carrying out the checks on a Sunday. I know Monday and Tuesday are fine until I start to play in the Bowls County matches.

Please give me a call on **0116 2414051** or email janpears13@aol.com. Remember we want a safe church for all in our community. **Janette Pearson**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God and King of Kings,
to you be glory and praise forever!

From the rising of the sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

You gave the Christ as a light to the nations,
and through the anointing of his Spirit
you established us as a royal priesthood.

As Charles our King prepares for his coronation,
enlighten his heart and strengthen his spirit,
so that we, with him, may bear witness to your truth
and proclaim your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory 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, Barbara Blohm, John Coltman, Brigid Hudson, Frank Millington, Robert Warwick.

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