

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN

Sunday 21st May 2023, 7th Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends, It has become a much loved tradition at St Denys to mark Ascension Day with the popping of corks and a glass of fizz (much loved by me at least!) Ascension Day also marks the beginning of Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) - the annual, global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. For 11 days, every person, household, and church, is encouraged to pray in their own way, across our diversity and differences. The need in the world for the transforming power and mercy of God is as great as ever. You might like to use the prayer ideas Geraldine has compiled for this or visit the TKC website - <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources>

This year, TKC is asking: How can we partner with God, in prayer and mission, to see more people encounter the love of Christ this year? Mission always comes from the place of prayer, so how can we in this time go the extra mile, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love and serve those we are praying for or others who are in need?

Mark, Geraldine and I have just attended the Bishop's Study Day and have been challenged and enthused to think more about how we can nurture a culture in which sharing our faith is normal and natural. But we were also encouraged to think more about how we can be praying specifically for 5 people we know not just during Thy Kingdom Come but throughout the year. Is this something we could all have a go at doing?

Think of five people you see regularly outside of church and pray for them every day to come to know the love of God in Jesus Christ. Pray for wisdom to know how you might open a conversation, ask the right question or offer an invitation. Keep them in your hearts and prayers when you wake in the morning and when you go to bed at night as well as during the day, not just at church but when you are at work or school or in the garden or on the bus.

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples gathered in an upstairs room and were "constantly devoting themselves to prayer" (Acts 1.14). Ten days later God poured out his Spirit upon them and started a dynamic new movement that would turn the world upside down. What might God do at St Denys if we too use this period to constantly devote ourselves to prayer? Come, Holy Spirit!

Every blessing, **Anthony**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 18th 10am Ascension Day service in church followed by fizz!

Friday 19th & 26th Musical Toddlers meets in the parish centre

Friday 19th 7.30pm Youth Music Evening in the church

Saturday 20th 9.30am All Saints Church, Loughborough Away Day parish centre.

Sunday 21st 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password available from Qyan) **3pm Café Church** meet in the parish centre

Sunday 21st 6pm Evensong in church

Tuesday 23rd 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group in church & parish centre

Wed 24th 10am Evington Family History Group in the parish centre

Thursday 25th 2pm Staff Meeting in the parish centre

Friday 26th 7pm Youth Club in the parish centre

Saturday 27th 10am Living with Diabetes Coffee Morning in the 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

Ascension Day Thursday 18th May, 10am in church. A special service will be held after which, a glass of fizz (alcoholic or non alcoholic) can be enjoyed!

Coffee Concerts are held on Saturdays each month at St. John the Baptist Church, Billesdon. Coffee from 10.30am, concert at 11am for 45 minutes. FREE entry, all welcome, donations appreciated. The next concert is on Saturday 20th May and is an organ recital given by Dr David Whittle.

Evensong will be held on Sunday 21st May, 6pm in church. All are welcome.



Pause for Serious Thought I am currently exploring my calling and recently met with the diocesan Director of Ordinands. I have been given lots of questions to reflect on including the following:

What is at the centre of your faith and how do you show this?

What is the church for?

What in the world speaks to you of God?

How do you sustain and grow your own faith?

I wonder, how would you answer? Blessings, **Kimberley**

Safeguarding at St. Denys Remember! PCC members, churchwardens and those leading groups need to be DBS checked, to take place from 27th May. Please telephone Janette from this date, to arrange for your check to be done, if you haven't already been checked. (See back of the bulletin for contact details). Many thanks.



Are You Living With Diabetes? Do you feel lonely and isolated with no-one in your position to interact with? A Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 27th May, 10am—12noon in the parish centre for all those who are in this position. It will be hosted by Revd Anthony Lees-Smith and Diabetes Specialist Nurse James Ridgeway, both of whom are Type 1 diabetes sufferers. For more info contact Revd Anthony by e-mailing vicar@stdenys.org.uk or telephone 0116 2155500.

Electoral Roll There is a full list of members in church. Please do check that your name is included, so that you can take part in discussions and vote at the APCM. Thank you. **Elizabeth Rudge**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) The APCM will take place on Sunday 28th May at 4.30pm in St. Denys Church after the Café Church service. Everyone is very welcome to this review of 2022 and to elect churchwardens and PCC members for the coming year. If you are interested in joining the PCC, please do speak to Anthony, Gerry, Elizabeth or any members of the PCC to find out more. The Accounts and Reports for 2022 are ready, please do take a copy and bring it with you to the meeting. The PCC will be key in the coming year or two to making important decisions about St Denys' place within the Minster Community framework being rolled out across the diocese.

Can you make a cup of tea? Do you like having conversations with others? If the answer is yes, I would strongly encourage you to consider attending a practical and interactive workshop on pastoral care for everyone. The workshop will take place at St Wilfrid's Church Hall in Kibworth LE8 0NB on Saturday 17th June 9.30am – 3.30pm. It will be a great opportunity for us to build a pastoral team to better support one another.

As a church it's our collective responsibility to care for one another, so please put this date in your diary. To book a place, email

claire.stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org and inform Anthony or Kimberley.

Blessings, **Kimberley**

Readings for Sunday 20th May, 10am: Acts 1 vs 6-14; John 17 vs 1-11;
6pm: 2 Samuel 23 vs 1-5; Ephesians 1 vs 15—end

Pilgrimage and Encounters with the Holy Pilgrimage, defined as a journey for spiritual purposes, was and remains a fundamental component of many religions. This research forum and talk led by Professor Elizabeth Tingle, will consider the features of pilgrimage that distinguish it from other forms of travel. If you would like to attend, please go to this link to order tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pilgrimage-and-encounters-with-the-holy-tickets-627207884667>

When Dreams Change Are you a parent/carer of a child with SEND? The diocesan Disability Advisor, Emily Williams, is running a free course called When Dreams Change. 'When Dreams Change is a four-week course that aims to help parents and carers reflect on their experience of having a child with additional needs, and to become more of the person they have been created to be.' [Click here to download a flyer](#) with details about the dates and times and [click here a brochure](#) with more details about the course.



Collect for the 7th Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice in your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Pray for Sebastian being baptized at the 10am service on 28th May and for Tolu and Musa being married at St Denys on 30th May.

Pray for the sick: Mick Clay, Ann Dixon, Gwilym Edmonson-Jones, Marion Heygate, Roman Orzel, Phil Tyler, Suzanne Watson **Pray for those who mourn** including the family and friends of Barbara Blohm, John Coltman.



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

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