

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN Sunday

## 28th May 2023, Pentecost with Baptism



Dear Friends, what language or languages do you speak in and what language do the people around you speak in? Of course, we can take this question in a very literal way and in Evington and across Leicester we see English being spoken alongside Gujarati, Punjabi, Polish, Urdu, Somali, Arabic, Bengali, Portuguese, Kurdish, Tamil, Hindi and many, many more. But we can also see this question in terms of what, or how, we more broadly communicate with each other. In amongst the everyday chatter of life and polite communication, what messages are being sent? Perhaps the underlying message we are signalling is that we are friendly and approachable. Perhaps in some cases it can even be the opposite!

On Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the time that the Holy Spirit was first sent to the disciples of Jesus. In Acts chapter 2 we read of the effects of the Holy Spirit filling each of them as they began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit enabled them. It describes how a crowd gathered in bewilderment and asked “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,” (Acts 2:7-9) Consequently the disciples were to go on to prophesy and perform amazing acts in the Spirit.

If such wonders and signs are feeling a bit beyond us this Pentecost, then perhaps it is a prompt that we need to renew our own prayers to be filled afresh ourselves? Equally we should remind ourselves that the Holy Spirit isn’t some vague warm fuzzy feeling to make us feel good about ourselves, but is rather more tangible, producing what Paul describes as the fruits of the Spirit namely: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5.22-23)

In communicating with all people regardless of language, culture, or religion this is something we can all bear in mind as we talk with our neighbours. Just as God shows us his abundant love, so we can show love and joy in the Spirit to all those around us in turn. It may come out in what we say or in what we do, but in everything, we can reflect the great love that Jesus gave to us. Now that is a language worth receiving!

With Every Blessing, **Mark**

**COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:**

**Friday 26th 10am Musical Toddlers** meets in the parish centre

**Friday 26th 7pm Youth Club** in the parish centre

**Saturday 27th 10am Living with Diabetes Coffee Morning** in parish centre

**Saturday 27th 1pm Faith and Friendship Group** meet in the parish centre

**Sunday 28th 10am Holy Communion with baptism** in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **3pm Café Church** meet in the parish centre **4.30pm APCM** held in church

**Tuesday 30th 11am Wedding Party** in parish centre

**Tuesday 30th 1pm Wedding** in church

**Tuesday 30th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** in church & parish centre

**Wed 31st 10am Evington Family History Group** in the parish centre



**Morning Prayer Tuesday—Thursday 9am** in church

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

*Readings for Sunday 28th: Acts 2 vs 1-12; John 20 vs 19-23*

**Faith and Friendship Group** meet in the parish centre on Saturday 27th May 1pm. If you haven't been before, why not go along? All welcome.



**Please pray for Sebastian** being baptised during our morning service on Sunday 28th May 10am. Please come along and support him and his family.

**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 of the PCC to find out more. This is an important meeting and we hope that as many people as possible will come along. Please be praying for the future of the church.

**Last Orders!** Sunday 28th May Why not enjoy a drink and chat with Revd Anthony and others in the Cedars from 7.30pm.



**Please pray for Tolu and Musa** being married in St. Denys on Wednesday 30th May at 1pm.

## **Can you make a cup of tea? Do you like having conversations with others?**

You are invited and encouraged to attend a practical and interactive workshop on pastoral care for everyone. The workshop will take place at St. Wilfrid's Church Hall, Kibworth LE8 0NB on Saturday 17th June 9.30am—3.30pm. It will be great for us to build a pastoral team to better support one another. As a church, it is our collective responsibility to care for one another, so please put this date in your diary. To book a place, e-mail [claire.stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:claire.stapleton@LeicesterCofE.org) and inform **Anthony or Kimberley**.

**Refugee Sunday** Refugee Sunday is on Sunday 25 June. The Church of England have put together prayers for refugees and those held in captivity. [Click here](#).



### **A Message from One Roof Leicester following the recent consultation about repurposing the former youth club in St Denys car park:**

*Unfortunately, based on the level of strong opposition against the proposal, the trustees of One Roof Leicester and the Diocese of Leicester's Glebe Committee have decided not to proceed with the project for modular homes on this site.*

*The decision has been a difficult one as there is a serious shortage of accommodation in Leicester for single people who have been homeless. But we felt the opposition to the project meant the site would not be conducive to the wellbeing and stability of our residents.*

*One Roof Leicester will continue to look for an alternative site for the modular homes so we can help more people get back on their feet and flourish. If you are interested in supporting their work, donating or volunteering, please contact [info@oneroof.org.uk](mailto:info@oneroof.org.uk).*

**Are you or is someone you know living with any form of Diabetes?** Join us for a special Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th May, 10am—12noon in the parish centre. It will be hosted by Revd Anthony Lees-Smith and Diabetes Specialist Nurse James Ridgeway, both of whom live with Type 1 diabetes. For more info contact Revd Anthony by e-mailing [vicar@stdenys.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stdenys.org.uk) or telephone 0116 2155500.



**'Our Mother-tongue is Love' Pentecost poem by Malcolm Guite, from his series of poems entitled 'Sounding the Seasons' for the church year.**

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings  
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays  
Today the church draws breath at last and sings  
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.  
This is the feast of fire, air, and water  
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.  
The earth herself awakens to her maker  
And is translated out of death to birth.  
The right words come today in their right order  
And every word spells freedom and release  
Today the gospel crosses every border  
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace  
Today the lost are found in His translation.  
Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.



**Collect for Pentecost** Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite us in your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Mick Clay, Marjorie Coleman, Ann Dixon, Gwilym Edmonson -Jones, Marion Heygate, Roman Orzel, Phil Tyler, Suzanne Watson

**Pray for the family and friends of those who mourn:** Kathleen Holland



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

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