

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 25th June 2023, Third Sunday after Trinity



*Readings for 25th: Romans 6 vs 1b-11; Matthew 10 vs 24-39*

Dear Friends, my daughters and I have recently been away on holiday with a couple from our previous church who I affectionately call our church parents/grandparents. Whilst we were away we filled the days doing lots of different things including learning how to bake bread and playing traditional games such as Chess, Snakes and Ladders, Uno. There was one game we played in which God really spoke to me and likened it to faith – the game was called ‘Pick up Sticks’!

For those unfamiliar with Pick up Sticks, you are presented with a random pile of sticks, with each stick worth a certain number of points depending on its colour; the aim is to pick up one stick at a time without making another stick wobble or move, if you do this then the next player takes a turn. The person with the most points at the end wins. To have the best chance of winning, you should aim for the one high value stick, which is worth so many more points than all the others.

During the game it is important to focus carefully on what you are doing, and not to get distracted by other people or the outside noise etc. God took this opportunity to remind me that in our faith we need to remain focussed on Christ, the high value stick, and to be less distracted by the world. I really do believe that if our focus is on Christ we will become more Christ like, and this in turn is what separates us from the world and attracts people to ask questions about our faith.

So, are you prepared to focus on Christ?

I am about to give up something I have loved doing in order to focus on what I believe God is asking of me; it’s not easy, and requires faith, but I know he only has the best for me. I would urge you to ask yourself, “is God encouraging me to pick up or lay down something in my life?”, if so choose the high value stick to be victorious. Blessings, **Kimberley**

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

**Thursday 22nd 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation** at Christ Church, Thurnby Lodge

**Friday 23rd & 30th 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre

**Friday 23rd 7pm Youth Music Evening** in church

**Sunday 25th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332  
(password from Qyan)

**Sunday 25th 12.30pm Open Streets Bike Ride** Evington/city centre

**Sunday 25th June 3pm Café Church Contemporary Worship** in the parish centre.

**Monday 26th 12pm College visit** to St. Denys Church

**Monday 26th 7pm PCC Meeting** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 27th 12pm College Visit** to St. Denys Church

**Tuesday 27th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** in church & parish centre

**Wednesday 28th 10am Evington Family History Group** meet in the parish centre

**Thursday 29th 11.30am College Visit** to St. Denys Church

**Friday 30th June 7pm Youth Club** meet 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



Pictures of Kimberley's family playing the game 'Pick Up Sticks.'



**ZOOM HELP NEEDED** Thank you to Ian Palmer and Kay Smith who have both offered to help with this. Additional offers of help are still welcome! And if you don't feel this is your skill-set, what about serving, leading intercessions, reading, welcoming or helping with refreshments. There are many ways to be involved and the churchwardens would love to hear from you!

**Last Orders!** All welcome to meet in the Cedars on Sunday night, 25th June, at 7.30pm for a pint (or whatever your tipple is) and chat with Anthony and others.



**'Hello' from our new PCC Secretary, Judith Chapman** I am Phoebe's daughter and have been appointed PCC Secretary for the coming year. I'm 57 years young and have one husband, Dave, one daughter, Jessica, two stepdaughters, Helen and Hayley, six grandchildren, one Mother, Phoebe 95 years young, one sister, Madeleine and a cat called Bertie!



I spent twenty-four years working for the NHS as a Phlebotomist (blood taker) and after a lot of thought, retired two and a half years ago. I loved my job, the patients and staff, but the policies and politics of working for the NHS ground me down, plus working on the wards during the first year of the pandemic was at times, heart wrenching, so I made the very difficult decision to retire early, but one that I don't regret.



Retirement gives me time with my husband and family which is very important to me. I fill my days now with grandchildren, the Mothership, open water swimming and pool swimming (I should really be the size of a supermodel with all the exercise I do, but unfortunately God didn't give me a fast metabolism!!!). I love food and drink of all descriptions and outings to lovely places, regardless of whether they serve food and drink (but it is always better if they do!)

St Denys Church and I go back a long way, I was christened here in 1966, went to Sunday school under Mr Ridington, sang in the choir for a few years under Mr Veasey (which included doing cartwheels down the aisles on Saturdays in between singing at weddings with an equally mischievous friend Vivienne!!) I came to Confirmation classes during the 80's and then was Confirmed at St Chads Church. In my twenties and thirties, church took a backseat for a couple of reasons, but the less said about that the better!!



I have thrown myself back into church life and am fully enjoying it. It is a wonderful community to be part of, and I hope I can serve you as well as my predecessors. Every blessing, **Judith**

**COFFEE CONCERT DELIGHT** Just down the road at St. John the Baptist Church, Billesdon, Saturday 24th June. Coffee served from 10.30am with a relaxing organ recital at 11am lasting 30-45 minutes, given by former Leicester Cathedral organist Simon Headley. Admission FREE, donations appreciated. All welcome.

**MUSIC FOR SPRING/SUMMER** St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston LE18 4TA Saturday 24th June 2.30pm A concert of organ, piano and vocal solos featuring professional organist and pianist Ian Orr (my former music teacher and former Organist and Choirmaster at St. Thomas' Church) and Baritone Roy Anthony Birch. Tickets only £10 (£7 concessions) to include refreshments. All proceeds to the Guide Dogs Appeal. All welcome! Qyan

**FAMILY BIKE RIDE FROM EVINGTON TO TOWN HALL SQUARE** Guided bike ride for families from the Church to the city centre is next Sunday (25th June) at 12:30pm. Return ride to Evington is available at 3pm.

**Revd Mark's Ordination** on Saturday 1st July 2023, in St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray. If you have indicated on the list provided recently at the back of church, that you need transport to attend, please would you speak to Janette Pearson for further information.

**Collect for Third Sunday after Trinity** God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Mick Clay, Carole Cox, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Marion Heygate, John Nightingale, Roman Orzel, Phil Tyler, Suzanne Watson **Pray for those who mourn.**

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