

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON BULLETIN Sunday 4th June 2023, Trinity Sunday



Readings for today: 2 Corinthians 13 vs 11-end; Matthew 28 vs 16-end

Dear Friends, We have enjoyed visiting our local Botanic Gardens a few times recently. When we went, towards the end of April, we saw that just beyond the fish pond, in the long border, **in amongst the other plants**, there were a lot of buds on tall stems. We were a bit intrigued as to what they were, but we would have to wait, to find out. We went to the gardens again, about 3 weeks ago; there were now so many of these buds, bigger and fatter, with a few just beginning to open; and the rest, sitting there, awaiting their time to burst into flower – we knew that it would not be long. We visited the gardens again, last Monday. The wait had been worthwhile! There was now a spectacular display, of tall, gorgeous allium flowers; the huge, beautiful globes of purple – and so many – hundreds of them. What a glorious display! And as you look closer, you see each ‘globe’ is made up of many little flowers. All the intricacy of detail, so lovingly designed and crafted by our Creator God.

The buds had been waiting to open; we had been waiting to see them. And the wait was definitely worth it.

And quite an appropriate time for that wait, with the wait between Ascension Day and Pentecost. That time of prayer and waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the gift of God for His people – for those first disciples, for the early Church, and for us today.

Following the joy and celebration of Pentecost, last Sunday, we look to celebrate again, this Sunday, as we think of the Holy Trinity, our one God, who invites us to join in the love shared between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The invitation is open to us all. Let us not miss out but accept the invitation with thanksgiving. **Geraldine**

Join in the dance, with
Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
A circle of love.



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 4th 10am Traditional Matins in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **3pm Café Church with Holy Communion** in church

Monday 5th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 6th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group in church & parish centre

Wed 7th 10am Evington Family History Group in the parish centre

Friday 9th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 9th 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



Reader and Reader Pioneer Re-licensed We are so blessed to have two fantastic lay ministers who were both re-licensed on 20th May at a packed service in St Margaret's Church. Thank you Sian and Geraldine for all you do to help us grow in love and faith!

Annual Meeting Many thanks to all those who came to the annual meeting last Sunday. We may not have been great in number, but we had a really good discussion around Minster Communities and how the diocesan plans will affect St Denys. This is an ongoing conversation and do please speak to those who were there about it but there is a lot more information and some answers to Frequently Asked Questions on the diocesan website - <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/sbgt/>. Michael, our Treasurer, presented the accounts for 2022 which again show a large deficit. Like many organisations we are facing significant financial challenges with rising costs and falling income. We also recognize a particular need at St Denys to reach out to younger generations and we watched this video to encourage us to think about how we might do that - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_1bvj7XXe0. I am delighted to say that we now have two churchwardens: Gerry Goode and Janette Pearson. They will be sworn in by the Archdeacon on 22nd June at Christ Church Thurnby Lodge. We also welcomed two newly elected members of the PCC: Judith Chapman and Anne Harcourt. Judith has also generously offered to become PCC Secretary with Elizabeth Rudge stepping down this year. We are immensely grateful to Elizabeth who will continue to support Judith in her first few months in the role. Please keep the wardens and PCC in your prayers as they lead us through these times of challenge and change by the grace of God and with the guidance of his Holy Spirit.

The joyous occasion of the marriage of Musa and Tolu at Denys on Tuesday 30th May.



Revd Mark's Ordination On Saturday 1st July at 3.00pm I will be priested at St. Mary's church in Melton Mowbray. You are all invited, and it would be wonderful to have a big group of us from St. Denys! Lots of you have said you are coming, with about 10 signing up for bus travel. As this isn't enough to make bus hire worthwhile, it would be good if we can make this a definitive list by Sunday. Assuming a similar number though, I wonder if anyone who is planning to go can offer a lift to others? If you feel you can do so, then please can you add your name to the list in church or email/text me and we will try to match everyone up. It will be great to see you there. I will be presiding for my first Eucharist the following day on Sunday 2nd at St. Denys. **Mark**



2 lovely flower arrangements by our Pastoral Warden Kimberley, created at the flower class she attends.



Diabetes Coffee Morning Great support for the first coffee morning, last Saturday, in Evington for people living with diabetes. We had folk from all over, some prediabetic, some with type 2, some with type 1 and carers too. So grateful to James, one of the diabetes specialist nurses for his support and guidance. Lots of energy and hope this won't be the last, watch this space ... Harkesh Farma attending, said "This was a really welcoming, friendly & informative advice session. It was great to share experiences and coping strategies. Thank you to Anthony, Wendy & our specialist diabetes nurse James."



Collect for Trinity Sunday Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Mick Clay, Marjorie Coleman, Ann Dixon, Marion Heygate, Roman Orzel, Phil Tyler, Suzanne Watson **Pray for the family and friends of all those we know who mourn.**



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