

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 23rd July 2023, Seventh Sunday after Trinity



Readings for Sunday: Romans 8 vs 12-25, Matthew 13 vs 24-30, 36-43

Dear Friends, July and August are often when we rest - as a society, we have school "summer holidays", and in times past Leicester used to have a specific fortnight when the factories took a break. Many will be jetting off to warmer climes, or trying to get away within the UK, to stop their usual pattern of work and take a break, physically and mentally. Rest is essential for us physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually - that's why God commanded His people to keep the Sabbath!

Jesus says: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Are you weary and burdened, tired physically, emotionally or spiritually, or burned out? Jesus invites you to come to Him for rest. What does this rest look like? Our world, society, and even our own inclinations often tell us that we aren't "doing enough" to succeed in our work, home life, and our responsibilities, or perhaps even in our church ministry and service. In our faith journey, this can be expressed as feeling like we are not "doing enough" to worship, pray, study the Bible or draw close to God. I haven't yet met one person who is immune to this, and it's something that I have to repeatedly check within myself (with varying degrees of success!)

The rest Jesus offers us is "rest for your soul", a rest that comes not from stopping activity, ministry or service out right, but by laying down the burdens we have been carrying and instead taking Jesus' yoke upon our shoulders. As I've pondered on this I realised that, very often, whilst many of the things we do are applaudable, and many are ones we feel are essential, it's easy for us to get distracted by the clamour and shouts of pressing "issues" around us, rather than pausing to listen to what it is that Jesus wants us to do.

Over the next two weeks, I am taking some time to rest physically, emotionally and mentally, and then to rest spiritually by going the Christian New Wine summer conference. During this time, I want to seek out Jesus' voice again, and lay my burdens down, so that I am able to do the tasks that Jesus asks of me. I invite you to take the opportunity this summer, wherever you may be, to do the same. With love and prayers, **Sian**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 21st 2pm Private Celebration in the parish centre

Sunday 23rd 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332

(password from Qyan) **3pm Café Church** meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 25th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group in church and parish centre

Wednesday 26th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in parish centre

Saturday 29th 10am Living with Diabetes Coffee Morning in the parish centre

Morning Prayer Monday & Thursday (not Tuesday or Wednesday) 9am in church

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

Morning Prayer Please note that Morning Prayer will not take place on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week but will take place on Monday and Thursday.

Evington Family History Group meets every Wednesday morning in the Parish Centre 10am—12 noon. Are you interested in tracing ancestry and researching family trees? Why not go along and join this friendly group interested in learning from each other, exploring this fascinating topic? Free refreshments, very low cost membership. For more information telephone Judith on 0116 2764 409 or simply turn up and try it out.

SUMMER CAFÉ CHURCH For the rest of July and August, Café Church will operate in a “slimmed down” version! Each Sunday from 3pm until 4.30pm the church will be open for anyone who wants to drop by. Someone will be there to make drinks, chat, read the Bible together and pray, whatever is needed. If people just want to sit in the quiet and cool of the church, that’s fine too. As always, everyone is welcome. On Sunday 6th August when there is Matins at 10am, the church will again be open at 3pm but there will also be an informal communion service for all ages in the parish centre.



Urgently Needed! For making Bear Hunt binoculars with the children at the forthcoming Teddy Bear’s Picnic, kitchen towel inner cardboard tubes are needed. If you have any or can save any between now and then, it would be much appreciated. Please bring them to church and leave them in the children’s corner or give them to Revd Anthony, Janette Pearson or Elisabeth Moore. Please note, toilet roll inner tubes cannot be accepted.

Living With Diabetes Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 29th July 10am—12noon in the parish centre. All are welcome. For more information, contact Revd Anthony on 0116 2155 500 or vicar@stdenys.org.uk



Teddy Bear's Picnic for young families, will be held on Friday 4th August at 11am with activities in the parish centre, and a bring and share picnic lunch in addition to a bear hunt walk!

Evington Fete Saturday 12th August. Please reserve this date in your diary! Lots of stalls, activities, fun for all the family and things to see. A popular annual village event, not to be missed.

The Pheon Singers a choir made up of alumni from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University (where Anthony and Wendy met!) will once again, sing Evensong at St. Denys during the Evington fete on 12th August at 3pm.

Three Continents in One Night Come and hear tales of travels to far flung places, down the Egyptian Nile, across to the sun soaked Caribbean and up to see the Northern Lights! Presented by David Bulbeck, Janette Pearson, Michael White and Gerry Goode on Monday 21st August, 7pm in the parish centre. Refreshments will be served. Donations for the work of St. Denys appreciated.

Do you have an interest in Cricket? The Diocese of Leicester Cricket Team: As the Ashes Cricket has been gripping for both the Women's and Men's England Teams this year, so our own Diocese Team are getting in action of their own!

Thursday 27th July 2023 at 6pm: Playing for Fleckney Church vs Fleckney Cricket Club, Fleckney, Leicester LE8 8BG.

Tuesday 8 August 2023 at 6.30pm: Diocesan Team -vs- Fleckney Cricket Club, Fleckney, Leicester LE8 8BG. All welcome to add your support or if you are interested to be involved, please email James Pickersgill

on Bishops.Chaplain@LeicesterCofE.org

St. John the Baptist Church, Billesdon LE7 9AE will be holding their next Choral Evensong service (with hymns) on Sunday 6th August at 4pm. A choir made up of people from their own congregation and others, and two people from St. Denys will be singing. Over the past four years, several members of St. John's have sung in the Holy Week service choirs in St. Denys, and been a part of the congregation, to support us! All are welcome.



What is the Journey in Faith Course?

A 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to:

- Grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory session - Saturday 23 September 10.00-12.30 at SMH

Course venues

The course will take place a different venues around the diocese - register your interest to find out more.

Who can join?

It is open to anyone—there is some reading to do between sessions but you don't need to have done any studying before.

Is there a cost?

£40 per term to cover venue hire and materials but speak to us if this is a barrier.

How do I join a course?

For more information or to register contact Liz Rawlings (liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org).

What does a previous participant say?

"If you want to know more about yourself and your Christian faith, then JIF is the course for you. You'll be welcomed and challenged, affirmed and changed, and you'll definitely be glad you came."

Collect for Seventh Sunday after Trinity Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Mick Clay, Carole Cox, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Sue Finch, Marion Heygate, Michael Matts, John Nightingale, Roman Orzel, Phil Tyler, Suzanne Watson **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of:** Jill Millington

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