

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 30th July 2023, Eighth Sunday after Trinity



*Readings for Sunday: Romans 8 vs 26-end; Matthew 13.31-33; 44-52*

Dear Friends, travelling by public transport to and from London as I do once or twice a week, for overnight stays to look after my father, something I have been doing for four years or more despite how tiring it is, gives one time to pause and think! I enjoy observing people and the passing world outside of the train or coach including the countryside and pondering about life in general including my own schedule of tasks to complete, thinking, and worrying about family and loved ones and what is forthcoming in my life. It can be quite a therapeutic process too at times. Often on such journeys, I think about my own faith and wonder, even question, just how effective my discipleship of Christ is.

Recent bulletin letters have stressed the importance of taking time out to rest, think, pray and take refreshment just as Jesus did in his ministry – in other words, recharging one's batteries. How often in our lives do we heed this advice? Are we normally too busy and can we be bothered to prioritise what should be at the top of the list, namely putting ourselves in the best position, mentally and physically, to follow Christ faithfully and be a true disciple of Jesus? If we are honest, we all need to constantly re-assess our commitment to this goal.

In September through to the end of November, a golden opportunity for learning about and deepening one's faith and seeing how life and faith connect, will arise through the Journey in Faith (JiF) course at St. Denys. Held on Wednesday evenings in the parish centre, I strongly encourage those of you who wish to try to follow Christ a lot more closely, to sign up soon! Let's face it – all of us who call ourselves Christians should be willing to achieve just that! There is always room for improvement, whoever we are and whatever stage of our faith journey we are at. Please see page 3 of this week's bulletin for details. The course comes highly recommended!

We should await Christ's glorious promised second coming with eager anticipation! It is near! In our times, we can see that some biblical prophecies are already coming true. Is your faith and Christian discipleship of the right quality to meet the demands of entering God's Kingdom? None of us are guaranteed a place in it! Sunday's Gospel reading tells us starkly, what the end times will be like – the fishermen kept the good fish from their haul and threw the bad away, so will the angels separate the good and the bad and act accordingly. (Matthew 13 vs 44-52.) None of us can be perfect, but we can always strive to do our best and continually improve our faith in and for Christ. With every blessing, **Qyan**

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

**Saturday 29th 10am Living with Diabetes Coffee Morning** in the parish centre  
**Sunday 30th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **3pm Café Church** meet in the parish centre  
**Tuesday 1st August 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** in church & parish centre  
**Wednesday 2nd 10am Evington Family History Group** meet in parish centre  
**Friday 4th 11am Teddy Bear's Picnic Event** in church, parish centre & outside!

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

**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](mailto: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. Bring a picnic lunch and join in with a bear hunt walk!



**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.

**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. If you can help with welcoming visitors, speak to Anthony. If you can help with refreshments, speak to Kate Riley. A popular annual village event, not to be missed. **The Pheon Singers** a choir made up of alumni from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University will sing choral Evensong at St. Denys at 3pm and Dave Letts will be playing his guitar in church at 1pm.

**LAST ORDERS** This Sunday 30th July join Anthony and others at the Cedars from 7.30pm for a social drink and chat about life, the universe and everything. All welcome.



**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023** During certain dates in September and October, St. Denys will host it’s second Music Festival, the first one held was last year. Again, all funds raised, much needed, will go towards the work of St. Denys. Four concerts, all by local professional standard musicians, have been planned with potentially, a further two to be scheduled in. Please look out in future editions of the bulletin etc for further details about this and the ways in which you can help make this an even greater success than it was last year! It would be lovely to exceed the magnificent £1,000 raised in 2022. Please record the following concerts, on the dates shown, in your diaries. Many thanks:



- Saturday 9th September (time to be confirmed) Organ Recital by Simon Ainge
- Wednesday 13th September (7 or 7.30pm) Erica Lees-Smith in concert
- Saturday 7th October (time to be confirmed) renowned Cantamici choir
- Saturday 14th October (time tbc) String Beats Indian Classical Music



**JOURNEY IN FAITH (JIF) COURSE** will be held in St. Denys Parish Centre every Wednesday 7pm-9pm, between 27th September and 29th November 2023. There will be an introductory session on Saturday 23rd September at St. Martin’s House, 10am—12.30pm for all who sign up to the course which you will find useful. To join the course, you must register by e-mailing Revd Liz Rawlings at [liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org](mailto:liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org) making

sure you state that you wish to go to the sessions at St. Denys Church, Evington. Please make sure you copy Anthony in to your e-mail so he is aware of who is registering. The cost is £40 per term (3 terms) but if that is difficult, or you have any other queries or concerns, please speak to Anthony privately.

## 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 served. Donations for the work of St. Denys appreciated.



**Collect for Eighth Sunday after Trinity** Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; 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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St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and Youth Work:

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