

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 9th July 2023, Fifth Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, Last Saturday and Sunday I was priested and then presided for the first time over Communion. It felt like the most extraordinary privilege, and it was an extraordinary few days. I am left overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of love and care that has come my way over this time. I want to say thank you to all who made the trip to Melton, thank you to all who attended on Sunday and thank you to all who expressed your love and support for me over the weekend! I have been inundated with cards, good wishes and incredibly thoughtful messages and gifts, not least the incredible cake from Kate and the wonderfully colourful stole and the oil stock I was presented with on Sunday! It really will take a few weeks to fully process all that has gone on and I am so grateful and feel so totally undeserving!

On Sunday however, at the centre of it all, there was something that reminded me that feeling gratitude in the face of undeserved generosity, should be my natural state at all times! In the service the thing that was most moving for me, was to be at the heart of us all coming together in the Eucharist (which literally means thanksgiving). To give thanks to our Saviour, Jesus, and remember him, through the sharing of bread and wine, in the way he instructed. It is always amazing to think that God loves us so much that he rescued us through his own Son, even though none of us are, or can be, deserving of it! Grace is what we have received from God and so it is also with an understanding of grace that I am trying not to feel awkward at the love shown to me, but rather truly grateful in turn and in total awe of the One from whom all love comes. With Every Blessing, **Mark**



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

**Friday 7th & 14th 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre

**Friday 7th 7pm Youth Music Evening** meet in the church

**Saturday 8th 1pm One Roof Volunteer Social** meets in the parish centre

**Sunday 9th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332

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

**Wednesday 12th 10am Evington Family History Group** meet in the parish centre

**Thursday 13th July 11am Visual Walk with Wonder** in church

**Friday 14th 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

**End of an Era** On Thursday night last week Anthony and Sarah went down to see the cadets at 2502 (Hamilton) Squadron one last time as Anthony's service as Squadron Padre came to an end after 8 years. Sarah and Anthony led some fun games outside and there was one last enrolment for Anthony to take of around 20 cadets in the latest T Flight. Anthony was presented with a beautiful decanter and glasses engraved with the squadron crest. We hope the cadets will still be around in Evington for the Village Fete and later in the year for the annual Remembrance Parade. The squadron's civilian committee is always looking for more support from



community members so please speak to Anthony if you are interested and he can put you in touch with Flying Officer Whitehead.

*Readings for 9th: Romans 7 vs 15-25a; Matthew 11 vs 16-19, 25-end*

**Cruse Bereavement Group** will NOT meet on Tuesday 11th July at St. Denys. They will re-convene on Tuesday 18th July at the usual time of 7.30pm.

**Revd Anthony is on Annual Leave 3rd—12th July** inclusive. During this time, if you need to speak to a priest, please contact Revd Mark. If your need is more general, the churchwardens Gerry or Janette may be able to assist you.

**A Visual Walk with Wonder** On Thursday 13th July at 11am in church, there will be a 'Visual Walk with Wonder' event held. Please do come along to enjoy the wonders of God's creation in the Arboretum in Evington, without leaving your seat! Coffee will be served from 10.45am.

**Cathedral Discipleship Events; Summer Quiet Morning: 'Summer Growing' through The Lord's Prayer** Saturday 29 July, 10am-1pm, The Stable House, North Kilworth. For our next seasonal quiet morning, we will be venturing out to The Stable House in North Kilworth to explore our theme of 'Summer Growing' together surrounded by the wonderful South Leicestershire countryside.

Led by The Revd Canon Chris Oxley, we will be guided through a series of reflections on The Lord's Prayer as we gather, rest and reflect together. Homemade refreshments will be available throughout the morning. There is a charge of £15 per person. However, there are a limited number of free places available for anyone who would find this cost a barrier to attending. If you would like to contribute towards someone else's place, we would be very grateful for your donation.

Please do also get in touch if you require support with travelling to and from The Stable House. **The deadline for bookings is Saturday 15 July.**

Please click here to book via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com), or alternatively you can contact Jude ([jude.taylor@leicestercofe.org](mailto:jude.taylor@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 attended the Holy Week service choirs in St. Denys, and been a part of the congregation, to support us! All are welcome to this beautiful, quiet, reflective and prayerful time of worship to God.

**Teddy Bear's Picnic** Friday 4th August with activities in the parish centre, and a picnic lunch in addition to a bear hunt walk! Look out for further details in forthcoming editions of the bulletin.

**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 studied) will be once again, singing Evensong at St. Denys during the Evington fete on 12th August. Don't miss it!

Picture shows Revd Mark Celebrating his first Holy Communion service in St. Denys on Sunday 2nd July



**Collect for Fifth Sunday after Trinity** Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 including the family and friends of:** Tony Jesson

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

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