

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 13th August 2023, 10th Sunday after Trinity



*Readings for Sunday: Romans 10 vs 5-15; Matthew 14 vs 22-33*

Dear Friends

One of the things I love about the annual Evington Village Fete and Show is the way it brings people together from across our diverse community. Even though the latest census figures show that the parish of Evington contains an almost unparalleled mix of people in terms of race, gender, class or religion, it can still be easy to spend the majority of our time with people who are most like us, sticking to what is comfortable and familiar.

On Monday I go off on study leave for the next four weeks. After five years of part-time study, I am finally nearing the end of my doctorate at the University of Chester. Last year I carried out fascinating interviews with members of some of the city's churches about their everyday experience of living with religious difference. Over the next few weeks, I will be writing up what I have learnt in a way that I hope will make a difference to the way we engage with not just religious difference but all kinds of difference.

One of the most popular Bible stories people shared with me that helps them to think about religious difference is the Good Samaritan (Luke 10.25-37). In that story we can be too quick to position ourselves as the Samaritan helping the person in need, although it is true of course that in following Jesus we are called to be good neighbours to those who are in desperate need whoever they are. But one of the vital challenges of that story I think is to recognize ourselves in the beaten up and broken body of the Jewish man by the roadside, ministered to by someone who is religiously different. Are we prepared to see God's grace at work in and through our friends and neighbours of different faiths, to learn from them and celebrate God's gifts in them?

If you'd like to know more about my research, later in the autumn I hope to give a talk at St Denys sharing all that I have learnt, but in the meantime may we all have our hearts open to what God can teach us through our encounters with difference.

Every blessing, **Anthony**

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

**Saturday 12th 12noon onwards Evington Fete Day** church open

**Saturday 12th 3pm Choral Evensong** sung by the **Pheon Singers** in church

**Sunday 13th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332  
(password from Qyan) **3pm Café Church** meet in the church

**Tuesday 15th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 15th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** meet in church & parish centre

**Wednesday 16th 10am Evington Family History Group** meet in parish centre

**Friday 18th 10am St. Peter's Church Quiet Day**—meet in church & parish centre

**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

**Evington Fete** Saturday 12th August. Please do come along and bring others too! **The Pheon Singers** a choir made up of alumni from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University will sing Choral Evensong at St. Denys at 3pm. It would be lovely to see a packed church for this time of worship to God.

**Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** will take place on Tuesday 15th August, 10am—12noon. All are welcome!



**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.

**Renewing Hope in Smaller Churches** *ReSource*, which continues the work of Anglican Renewal Ministries, is offering a day retreat at **Sedgebrook Hall in Northamptonshire** on Tuesday 12th September, led by Bishop John Holbrook, Acting Bishop of Peterborough. Called 'Renewing Hope in Smaller Churches' the day is aimed particularly at clergy and lay leaders in smaller local churches with typically, 15-55 worshippers on a regular Sunday. In addition to plenty of space for prayer and reflection, there will also be an opportunity to hear more about ReSource's ministry, including information about the expansion of its Alongside Scheme which supports clergy and lay leaders with a prayerful Companion. Tickets are £15 and can be [booked here](#).

**Christian Engagement in a Multifaith World** Tuesday 19th September 2023  
10am-3pm, at the St Philip's Centre, Evington. An opportunity to speak with Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh colleagues to learn how to live well together. Email [courses@stphilipscentre.co.uk](mailto:courses@stphilipscentre.co.uk) to book a place.

**PCC Members** and the congregation are encouraged to book to attend both of the above events which should prove very interesting. If you do go, why not write a short piece for the bulletin about what you have learnt?

**MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023** St. Denys is hosting it's second Music Festival! All funds raised, much needed, will go towards the work of St. Denys. Six concerts, by local professional standard musicians, have been planned for your delectation! Can you help to make this series of music making an even greater success than it was last year? We will need help with the provision and administration of refreshments at each concert. If you can oblige in either way, please sign the list at the back of the church from this Sunday, and contact will be made with you. Many thanks. Please come along to as many of the concerts as possible and bring others with you. Thank you.



Saturday 9th September (7pm) Organ Recital by Dr Simon Ainge

Wednesday 13th September (7pm) Erica Lees-Smith and James Upton in concert, instrumental and vocal (bass)

Thursday 21st September 7.30pm, Hathern Brass Band

Saturday 30th September (3pm) Banjo Dez!

Saturday 7th October (7.30pm) renowned Cantamici choir

Saturday 14th October (3pm) String Beats Indian Classical Music with opportunity to play, 'have a go' on the instruments.

**Season Tickets** (for attendance at all six concerts) are on sale at just £40 making each concert a bargain £6.66 each!! Alternatively, single concert tickets are £10 at the door, with under 18's being admitted FREE of charge as are refreshments at each concert. Please contact me if you wish to buy tickets in advance. **Raffle Tickets** will also be on sale on each occasion, to be drawn at the end of the final concert.

**We are seeking Sponsorship** to help defray the costs of organising the Music Festival. If you feel you can, and wish, to sponsor any of them, please e-mail me in confidence. It will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks. **Qyan**

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (JIF) COURSE** will be held in St. Denys Parish Centre every Wednesday 7pm-9pm, the first term being 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—the whole course finishing in June 2024) but if that is difficult, or you have any other queries or concerns, please speak to Anthony privately, before the end of Sunday 13th!

**Open Church Ongoing from now!** Please note, that with effect from next Thursday 17th August, for a period of nine weeks, Open Church will be based in the church only, due to a new booking in the parish centre. This is likely to be extended beyond that period, but you will be informed. Access to the centre kitchen and toilets will be allowed! Thank you.

**Revd Anthony** is on Study Leave from tomorrow for one month. Please contact Revd Mark or one of the Ministry Team if you need to speak to someone during this time. Thank you.

**Collect for 10th Sunday after Trinity** Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Mick Clay, Carole Cox, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Gwilym Edmonson-Jones, Brian Garratt, Roy Hammond, Marion Heygate, Michael Matts, John Nightingale, Roman Orzel, Patrick Smith, Phil Tyler, Suzanne Watson **Pray for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones**



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