

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday

## 20th August 2023, 11th Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, If you were in church last Sunday, you will have heard me and one of our young people waxing eloquent about the experience of going to the youth festival 'Satellites' last week. Across five days, three thousand young people and their leaders gathered twice a day in the Bath and West Showground 'cow shed' for 1 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours of joyful and vibrant worship. In between there were seminars and activities to keep everyone busy and engaged from dawn to dusk. During the week we had the highs of worshipping, bible study, eating and spending time with each other as a joint St. Denys and St. Paul's church team but also, we had to contend with rain and wind so strong it threatened to blow the tents away! As for the toilets -let's not go there! Overall though, the whole experience of being together with so many young Christians, and seeing so many be called to follow Jesus while they were at Satellites was a huge encouragement for all of us.

As we meet for worship each Sunday and Thursday, I hope that we find our times together just as encouraging. At Satellites I was so impressed by the commitment shown by our young people in attending just about everything that they possibly could! As a result, they got the most out of their time together. This week and next week at St. Denys we offer Morning prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays at 9.00am (and communion on Thursday at 10.00am as part of open church). On Sunday we have our main communion service at 10.00am (which can also be joined on Zoom). Then on the Sunday afternoon the church is open from 3-4pm to drop in, chat and pray. Sunday evening at 6.00pm we have Evensong and then following this we can meet at the Cedars pub for a drink and a chat. Let us all be as encouraged in our attendance as our young people. If you can attend these times of worship and fellowship, then I will look forward to seeing you there!

We also share a responsibility in the discipling and encouragement of young people to faith throughout our community. It would be wonderful to hear stories about how we have engaged with and encouraged young people whom we meet. It would also be great to hear how young people are being invited to our youth events or given encouragements of prayer at exam times. These are just some of the small things we can all do to ensure the good news and love that Jesus brings continues to be known amongst all people.

With Every Blessing, **Mark**

### COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

**Thursday 17th 9.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre

**Friday 18th 10am St. Peter's Church Quiet Day** meeting church and parish centre

**Sunday 20th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332

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

**Sunday 20th 6pm Evensong** in church, **Last Orders! 7.30pm** in the Cedars.

**Monday 21st 2pm Monday Meet** meet in the parish centre

**Monday 21st 7pm Three Continents in One Night** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 22nd 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** meet in church & parish centre

**Wednesday 23rd 10am Evington Family History Group** meet in 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

*Readings for Sunday: **10am: Romans 11 vs 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15 vs [10-20], 21-28; 6pm: 2 Kings 4 vs 1-37; Acts 16 vs 1-15***



**Some Pictures from the Teddy Bear's Picnic Event Last Week:**





**Fairtrade** We are very pleased that we have been able to renew the St. Denys Church membership of Fairtrade, after an absence of one year. More information will be provided soon! This means that only tea, coffee and sugar marked with the Fairtrade label should be used in the church and parish centre from now on. It would be ideal too, if other products needed e.g., biscuits etc were also Fairtrade sourced. Many thanks, **Qyan**

**Evensong** will take place in church at 6pm this Sunday 20th. All welcome.

**Last Orders!** Because of the Bank Holiday, Last Orders this month has been brought forward to this coming Sunday 20th, 7.30pm in the Cedars. All are welcome to gather for your favourite tippie and chat!

**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.



**Cleaning the Church** This will now be carried out monthly on the second Tuesday, 10am—12noon, starting on 12th September. If you are able to assist, please go along to the church, with basic cleaning materials, where you will be warmly received! Coffee/tea will be served as refreshment. For further information, please see Gerry or Janette our churchwardens. Thank you.



**CHILDREN'S CORNER REFRESH** After many years of good use, our Children's Corner in church is looking somewhat tired and cluttered. Many of the resources need refreshing and it would be wonderful to invest in some brand-new children's books as well as age-appropriate activity bags for any children who come to services. All of this comes at a cost however, and with our parish finances very squeezed with rising costs and reduced income, we would be incredibly grateful to anyone who felt that they could make a financial contribution towards some new children's resources. If you would like to make a donation, please give it to Michael in an envelope marked "Children's Corner" or speak to him directly if you would like to do it in another way.

**MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023** Please spread the good news! The six concerts in the series are as follows:



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

Wednesday 13th September (7pm) Erica Lees-Smith

(saxophone) and James Upton (vocal)

Thursday 21st September 7.30pm, Hathern Brass Band

Saturday 30th September (3pm) Tea and Cake with Banjo Dez!

Saturday 7th October (7.30pm) renowned Cantamici choir

Saturday 14th October (3pm) String Beats Indian Classical Music

**Season Tickets** (for attendance at all six concerts) are on sale at just £40.

Alternatively, single concert tickets are £10 at the door or in advance, with students £5 and under 18's being admitted FREE of charge. Please contact me to buy or purchase on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-denys-2023-music-festival-tickets-692421801247> **Raffle tickets** will also be on sale at the time.

If you feel you can, and wish, to help the church further by **sponsoring** any of the concerts, please e-mail me in confidence. It will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to those who have done so, so far. **Qyan**

**Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity** God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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