## ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 27th August 2023, 12th Sunday after Trinity

Readings for Sunday: Romans 12 vs 1-8; Matthew 16 vs 13-20



Dear Friends, Last Monday evening, we were able to enjoy a trip around the world - 'Three Continents in one night' – without leaving the Parish Centre. From the heat of the Caribbean to a trip along the Nile, then up to the frozen north – the very northerly tip of Europe. It was a very enjoyable evening, and wonderful to be able to share in something of these amazing holidays friends have enjoyed this year.

It does not seem possible that the school long summer holiday is now almost over, and children and young people – and teachers – will be preparing for the new academic year, whether at school, college, university, in the workplace, or exploring their options. It only seems a very short time since I was writing about the start of these holidays! Now, exam results are out, with joy and celebrations, or disappointment, for young people and their families. There may need to be change of plans for some; but it may turn out that those revised plans, over time, become a better option, opening up exciting and unexpected opportunities.

Wherever we go in life: holiday, school, university, workplace, and everyday living – whatever form that may take – God is there with us. 'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1.9) And as Jesus promised his disciples: 'Remember, I am with you always.' (Matt 28.10b) And these promises echo down the ages to us today.

So, may we embrace life – wherever our journey takes us, sure in the knowledge that, whatever our situation or circumstances, God is with us. **Geraldine** 







COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 27th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) 3pm Café Church meet in the church Tuesday 29th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in church & parish centre Wednesday 30th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in parish centre

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

We are very grateful to the Revd John Taylor who will be presiding and preaching at the Holy Communion service on Sunday 27th August at 10am. Please Note: There will be <u>no</u> morning prayer on Bank Holiday Monday.

**Seeking Accommodation** We have had contact from a family hoping to settle in Leicester and requesting urgent help in finding accommodation. They are looking for a 2+ bed self-contained property anywhere in and around the Leicester area for a 6-12 month period. Affordability is a key consideration for them, but they are open to unconventional housing solutions including house sitting. If you think you may be able to help, or put them in contact with someone who can, then **please contact Mark** for further details. Thank you.



**Eco Church:** We are hoping to apply for the Eco Church bronze award soon. We would like to put a team of interested people together to put this into action and to further this vital work.

**Please talk to Mark** if you would like to join this team - though of course, when it comes to caring for the environment, we all have a role to play!

**Ride and Stride:** It will be Ride and Stride on <u>Saturday the 9th September</u>. We hope to have two walks, one shorter into the city and



one slightly longer rural walk. Please sign up from this Sunday if you are walking (and invite others to as well) and, if you are not able to walk, then please sponsor someone who is! Sponsor forms are available at the back of church.



**Cleaning the Church** To be carried out monthly on the second Tuesday, 10am—12noon, starting <u>on 12th September.</u> If you are able to assist, please go along to the church at that time

where you will be warmly welcomed! 2

**Some Pictures from the recently held Evington Fete!** Many thanks to Chris Hossack for sending the photos to us.



**Collect for 12th Sunday after Trinity** God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

| Saturday                          | Organ Recital   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 9th September                     | Dr Simon Ainge, organist at St. John the Baptist Church,  |
| 7pm                               | Billesdon.  |
| Wednesday                         | Student Recital: Saxophone and Voice  |
| 13th September                    | Erica Lees-Smith and James Upton, young musicians and forme   |
| 7pm                               | Leicester Cathedral choristers.   |
| Thursday                          | Brass Band Concert  |
| 21st September                    | Hathern Band are a 30 member brass competition level band   |
| 7.30pm                            | from the county.  |
| Saturday                          | Tea and Cake with Banjo Dez   |
| 30th September                    | Entertainment from Derrick Pearce, renowned Leicester banjo   |
| 3pm                               | player and George Formby fan.   |
| Saturday<br>7th October<br>7.30pm | Cantamici Choir Concert<br>Cantamici are a 30 member Leicestershire concert choir that has<br>toured the UK and Europe, directed by David Necklen. Concert<br>in memory of local composer Jack Griffin. |
| Saturday<br>14th October<br>3pm   | Classical Indian Music Workshop<br>Sarangi and tabla with local musicians from String Beats.  |

Revd Mark Batchelor 07534 805454 <u>m.batchelor@hotmail.co.uk</u> (not Fridays) Janette (Churchwarden and Safeguarding Officer) 0116 2414051 janpears13@aol.com Sian (Reader ) 07538 756709 <u>sian.rigby2@outlook.com</u> Geraldine (Reader & Pioneer) 0116 2737717 Administrator (Qyan) 07803 828454 <u>office@stdenys.org.uk</u>

St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and Youth Work: <u>www.stdenys.org.uk</u> 4