

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 6th August 2023, Ninth Sunday after Trinity



Readings for Sunday: 2 Peter 1 vs 16-19; Luke 9 vs 28-36

Dear Friends,

In John 10 verse 10, Jesus says “I have come to bring life and life in all its fullness”.

I’m sure, like me, you have felt unsettled and unfilled at times; it’s easy to get bogged down by the day to day and neglect the things that bring us great joy, satisfaction, and fulfilment – the things that bring ‘life’!

I have been feeling overwhelmed recently as I have a lot of paperwork to undertake for the next steps of my vocational journey; I was worrying about it so much that I really felt as if I was not living life to the full. I felt as if life was being drained out of me! In my restlessness, God spoke to me, and reminded me to make sure that I have enough things going on that ‘brings me life’ – an important balance.

I believe that this is a vital message for all of us. If you are feeling unfulfilled, consider taking up a new hobby or meeting up with an old friend; whatever it is, be sure to put Christ front and centre and you will be fulfilled.

Recently, my fulfilment and joy came from a visit to a care home in our community to share faith. I loved and valued the time spent with the residents and the staff and can’t wait to go back again. I felt alive!

I was recently reminded of a prophetic image that I had for St Denys – it related to the story of the smashed alabaster jar (Mark 14 verse 3). In my image, the perfume was all over the floor at St Denys; as people stepped in it, their footprints were walked out of the church and into the world - a reminder that we carry Christ and his fragrance with us as we go out about our lives.

Maybe we are the people who can help others to experience life in all its fullness? **Kimberley**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 4th 11am Teddy Bear's Picnic in church and parish centre, plus walk

Sunday 6th 10am Matins in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **3pm Café Church with Holy Communion** meet in the church

Wednesday 9th 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

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!



Kitchen Towel Inner Tubes! 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, it would be much appreciated. Please bring them to church on Friday at the start of the event. Please note, we can't use toilet roll inner tubes!

Satellites! From this Friday, led by Sarah our youth worker, a joint group of us from St. Paul's Oadby and St. Denys will be going to the Satellites youth event at the Bath and West show ground near Shepton Mallet in Somerset. Please hold us all in prayer, particularly our young people, that they will have a time that will enrich their faith and that it will be a valuable experience for them. Also, as we will be camping until our return on Wednesday, please pray for good weather too! **Mark**

This Coming Sunday! Revd Anthony will be preaching and presiding at St. Peter's Church, Braunstone in the morning and will also lead a simple Communion service during Café Church in St. Denys at 3pm. **Geraldine** will lead and preach at Matins, here in St. Denys at 10am.

Morning Prayer Please note that this will not take place on Tuesday 8th or Wednesday 9th August.

Cruse Bereavement Group will not meet on Tuesday 8th August.

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.



Summer Café Church For the rest of 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.

MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023 During September and October, St. Denys will host it’s second Music Festival. All funds raised, much needed, will go towards the work of St. Denys. Five concerts, by local professional standard musicians, have been planned with one to be confirmed. Can you help to make this an even greater success than it was last year?! Please look/listen out for details from this Sunday. 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 and tell as many people as you can!! Many thanks:



Saturday 9th September (time to be confirmed) Organ Recital by Simon Ainge

Wednesday 13th September (7.30pm) Erica Lees-Smith and James Upton in concert instrumental and vocal (bass)

Saturday 30th September (3pm) Banjo Dez!

Saturday 7th October (7.30pm) renowned Cantamici choir

Saturday 14th October (time tbc) String Beats Indian Classical Music



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.

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 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 Ninth Sunday after Trinity Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Mick Clay, Carole Cox, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Sue Finch, Brian Garratt, Marion Heygate, Michael Matts, John Nightingale, Roman Orzel, Patrick Smith, Phil Tyler, Suzanne Watson **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of:** Jill Millington



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