

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 10th September 2023, 14th Sunday after Trinity



Readings for Sunday: Romans 13 vs 8-end; Matthew 18 vs 15-20

Dear Friends, “Music, the greatest good that mortals know, and all of heaven we have below” so said the 18th century English essayist and poet, Joseph Addison. That saying still, in my opinion, holds true today! It is partly with this in mind, that St. Denys will launch what is believed to be only it’s second ever Music Festival, this coming Saturday at 7pm. There are six concerts across the series on certain well publicised dates this month and next! A wide variety of music will be performed. Do try to come to as many concerts as possible and enjoy the brilliant talents our local musicians have, because of their hard work in studying music, through the years!

At the end of August, I had the great pleasure once again of singing as part of the Leicester Church Music Consort choir, in the wonderful setting this time, of Gloucester Cathedral. For me, there is nothing more spiritually edifying and deeply meaningful for one’s soul, than to sing or even just listen to congregations, choristers, and organists, whether live, in person or on recordings, glorifying and praising God through the undeniable power of choral music, in churches, abbeys and cathedrals wherever one might happen to be. It constitutes a large part of my spiritual development.

Does music play a part in your Christian life? If so, what kind of music helps you in deepening your faith and life in and with God? If this is something you haven’t considered before, why not try listening to some music as part of your personal time with God? – traditional hymns, modern songs, classical music, Christian rock music, whatever it might be. Perhaps even try some new genres of music you wouldn’t normally consider. In doing so, see how this enriches your own personal faith with the Lord. You won’t regret it!! Blessings, **Qyan**



St. Denys Music Festival 2023, concerts held on:

9th, 13th, 21st, 30th September, and 7th, 14th October. All welcome!

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 8th & 15th 10am Musical Toddlers Group in the parish centre

Saturday 9th 9.30am Rehearsal (organ) for concert– in church!

Saturday 9th 10am—6pm Ride & Stride CHURCH OPEN

Saturday 9th 7pm Organ Recital (Music Festival) church and parish centre

Sunday 10th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan) **2-5pm Church Open**

Tuesday 12th 10am Spring Cleaning in church

Tuesday 12th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in church & parish centre

Wednesday 13th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in parish centre

Weds 13th 7pm Erica & James concert (Music Festival) 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

Ride and Stride: Saturday the 9th September.

St. Denys will be open 10am-6pm. We still

need more volunteers, especially in the after-

noon, to make this happen (ask Mark which slots are needed). There will be a short walk led by Elizabeth Rudge which will leave from Evington (see Elizabeth for the location) and a longer walk (approximately 7 miles) leaving from the church carpark, at 10am. Please sponsor those walking and consider staffing the church if you are not walking yourselves. Pray for all who are taking part in any way that this will be an act of witness and fitness, with lots of engagement, chance encounters and blessings along the way! **Mark.**



Crafty Church This Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm in church, there will be a small gathering to plan and pray for the first three of what we hope will become a monthly craft-based service to cater for young families. If you feel you can contribute to this but have not yet been asked, then please talk to Mark as we need various skills and talents ranging from serving drinks and preparing crafts through to planning and ideas! If you feel you won't be able to contribute directly then please do pray to support this effort and do think about who could be invited to come along and how we can publicise these services effectively.

Church Cleaning This will take place every 2nd Tuesday in each month beginning on 12th September, 10am—12noon. If you can help, please go along and take some basic cleaning materials with you. Many thanks.

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. There are still places available. Email courses@stphilipscentre.co.uk to book. PCC Members and the congregation are encouraged to book to attend the above event which should prove very interesting. If you do go, why not write a short piece for the bulletin about what you have learnt?

Eco Church Care for the environment must be central to our thinking and taking action as a church is essential. At St. Denys we are close to being able to apply for the Eco Church bronze award for the things we are already doing, however we can't advance any further without people who will drive this process forwards. In short YOU are who is needed! The last notice about this in the bulletin resulted in very little response so this time I want you to consider what contribution you can make from one or, if you wish, more than one of the following options:



To be part of a team to:

Check over and submit the application for Eco Church Bronze Award and plot a course towards silver.

Work with others to establish our carbon footprint as a church.

Make a recycling scheme work at our church.

Continue to improve the habitats for wildlife around the church, churchyard, and carpark garden. Finally, pray regularly for this work. Many thanks, **Mark**



Kimberley's Commissioning, during last Sunday's morning service, for Ministry Training at St. Mellitus College, Nottingham

Kimberley would like to thank everyone in the church family for their love and prayers, as she begins this next chapter of her faith and ministry.

May God bless and guide Kimberley through her studies.

Some photos of Geoff & June Bunce's 70th Wedding Anniversary Marriage Blessing celebration last Sunday, many congratulations to them both:



CHILDREN'S CORNER REFRESH our Children's Corner in church is now 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. If you would like to donate towards this, it would be very much appreciated. Please give your donation to Michael in an envelope marked "Children's Corner" or speak to him directly if you would like to do it in another way. Many thanks.

Collect for 14th Sunday after Trinity Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray for the sick: Carole Cox, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Gwilym Edmonson-Jones, Roy Hammond, Marion Heygate, Michael Matts, Valerie Moulden, John Nightingale, Roman Orzel, Patrick Smith, Phil Tyler, Suzanne Watson

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of: Brian Garratt

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

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