

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 3rd September 2023, 13th Sunday after Trinity



*Readings for Sunday: Romans 12 vs 9-end; Matthew 16 vs 21-end*

Dear Friends, many people have special places – places with cherished memories of people, events or moments, feelings, and experiences. Over the bank holiday weekend I was in one such special place for me – Three Cliffs Bay, near Swansea, a beautiful corner of the Gower which I have had the privilege to visit many times over the past 10 years as my aunt and uncle have a home there.

Where are your special places? Why are they special? You might like to spend some time reflecting on how God has been at work in those special places – through people or simply through His presence.

On Sunday, we have 24 hours of prayer for our children and young people as the school year begins. You could spend the time in a special place like I mentioned above – walking, gardening, creating or simply being still with God.

Please do take the opportunity to spend time with God, praying for the children and young people in our community, those you know and love and those who work with them at church, school or community. You could ask God for a bible verse or picture to encourage a child or young person. You could also ask God what He wants to say to you. With love and prayers, **Sian**

Here's a photo of the beautiful Three Cliffs Bay:



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

**Thursday 31st August 9.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre.

**Thursday 31st 7.30pm Music Rehearsal** for forthcoming wedding service, church

**Friday 1st & 8th SEPTEMBER 10am Musical Toddlers Group** in the parish centre

**Sunday 3rd 10am Matins** in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password

from Qyan) **3pm Café Church with informal Holy Communion** meet the church

**Monday 4th 2pm Monday Meet** meet in the parish centre

**Monday 4th 7pm Youth Music Evening** in church

**Tuesday 5th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** meet in church & parish centre

**Wednesday 6th 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

**Ride and Stride:** It will be Ride and Stride on Saturday the 9th September. We hope to have two walks, one shorter into the city and one slightly longer rural walk. Please sign up 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.



**MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023** Please spread the good news, come along, and bring people with you! The six concerts in the series are:

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 be on sale at each concert.

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 2**



**September 24 hours of Prayer** September is the start of a new school year (well, here in Leicester, schools started back at the end of August, but it's the Sunday before their first full week at school), so we thought we would mark this with a time of prayer, particularly for our children and young people. Please pray for:

- Children and young people as they go back to school, particularly any who are particularly anxious, starting a new school or who face challenges. **Pray for the children and young people you know by name.**
- For the schools and teachers in our parish: Linden Primary, Whitehall Primary School, St Paul's School, Krishna Avanti, City of Leicester College, Mayflower Primary School and Judgemeadow Community College.
- For our ministry to children and young people at St Denys, especially: Sarah, Sarah's work in schools, her work with the musical toddler's group and with our young people on Friday evenings.
- For volunteers to support Sarah in her ministry. **You could spend some time asking God whether this is something you could be involved in.**
- For God to bring young families to St Denys, including more who have a mature Christian faith, to support and strengthen the ministry to the wider community.
- For intergenerational friendships in the church family, that all of us would bless and be blessed by having people of different ages in our church community. **How could you be a blessing to someone of a different generation to you?**

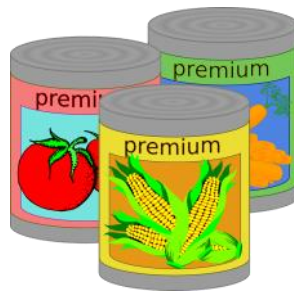
To sign up for the 24 hours of prayer, use this link:

<https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/1d6bc5> Alternatively, call Sian on 07538 756709. As before, we will be passing the baton on by telephone, so you can pray at home, although we will try to have the church open for some of the day, if possible.

You can pray in 30min slots, and you can pray in any way you like – listening to music, being creative, walking, reading your Bible are just some examples! You can also pray in prayers or in groups if you would find that easier. Whether it is your first time being involved in something like this, or you have been involved many times before, give it a go, you will be surprised by how God uses the time to draw you close to Him! **Sian**

**Food Bank at Wycliffe Church** Our food bank is very low on stock now. We are in need of the following items:

- Tuna tins
- Sweetcorn tins
- Milk - long life
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Peas
- Pasta small packets
- Rice 1 kg
- Mayonnaise
- Soup tins
- Tinned veg (Not potatoes)
- Rice pudding
- Custard
- Tea bags
- Coffee
- Cereal
- 1 litre Oil
- Biscuits
- Jam
- Ketchup
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Oats
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Salt
- Cakes/treat bars



Donations can be dropped off to Wycliffe Church, The Common, Evington, Leicester LE5 6EA on Thursdays 10am- 2pm. Outside of these hours please call Georgie to arrange drop off on 07535 889948. Thank you and please forward this list to friends and family.

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

[www.stdenys.org.uk](http://www.stdenys.org.uk)

