

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 29th October 2023, Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday



Readings for Sunday: Colossians 3 vs 12-17; Matthew 24 vs 30-35

Dear Friends, Last Sunday, I said in my sermon that I had recently learnt the Hindi word “jugalbandi”. It is used to describe the unspoken conversation between two musicians who are improvising together as Sandeep and Harkiran did so brilliantly at the last concert in our Music Festival. I think it could also describe what I observe in many long-married couples who seem to be so familiar with each other’s ways that they no longer need words to communicate!

When Jesus talks about abiding in him and he in us (John 15.4), he is speaking of a close, attentive relationship in which one cannot thrive without the other and words aren’t always necessary. There are times when our prayers may be full of words but, especially as we cry out on behalf of our broken and hurting world, there may be times when words fail us.

Improvisation, whether in Classical Indian music or jazz, requires some knowledge of the basics but beyond that it is a creative and imaginative process, one that is worked out through an unspoken conversation with the other musicians in the group. As we seek to live out our faith, we need a firm grasp of the basics. We mark Bible Sunday this week, and the Bible is a very good place to start. There are some great resources out there to help us with building a regular rhythm of Bible reading. But beyond that, we also need an openness to the Spirit at work in us and in those alongside us. What might it look like for us to live with our bodies and souls “tuned to the music of creation”, as one prayer puts it?

The sarangi is a beautiful instrument whose name means “a hundred colours” reflecting the many different sounds it can create. My prayer continues to be that together, abiding in Jesus the living Word, we can learn to be a community of “a hundred colours” in perfect “jugalbandi” with one another and with the Holy Spirit.

Every blessing, **Anthony**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 26th 7pm First Christmas Choir Rehearsal in church

Friday 27th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Saturday 28th 12noon Faith and Friendship Group meet in the parish centre

Sunday 29th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332

(password from Qyan) **7.30pm Last Orders!** At The Cedars pub

Tuesday 31st 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in church & parish centre

Wednesday 1st November 10am Evington Family History Group parish centre

Wednesday 1st 7pm Journey in Faith Course meet in the parish centre

Thursday 2nd 9.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 2nd 11am Headway Charity Management Training in the parish centre

Thursday 2nd 7pm Choir rehearsal for Christmas Carol Service in church

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

Christmas Choir! Do you enjoy singing? We are looking to form a choir to sing at the 9 Lessons and Carols service in St. Denys, taking place on Sunday 17th December, 6pm. **Rehearsals will begin tonight, Thursday 26th October at 7pm** in church and continue every Thursday until 14th December (except 23rd November), rehearsing on the day itself at 4pm. The minimum age is 7 years but there is no upper age limit!! Please speak to Wendy Lees-Smith or Qyan if you would like to take part, even if you can't attend tonight's rehearsal. Many thanks. **Wendy**

Faith and Friendship Group meet this coming Saturday 28th October, in the parish centre, 12 noon—2pm. All welcome.

Last Orders! At The Cedars pub, this coming Sunday 29th October, 7.30pm. Join with Revd Anthony and others for a time of chat over your favourite tipple! All welcome!

At the beginning of November, on Sunday 5th at 10am, the service will be Holy Communion, not Matins. Also, our **All Souls Service** will take place on 5th November at 4pm in St. Denys Church. A quiet and reflective service during which the names of those who have died are read, and we pray for God's comfort in our loss. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones. After the service, tea and coffee will be served. **Please get in touch if you can help with refreshments!** If you would like the name/s of a loved one/s read out, please PRINT their name on the list at the back of the church. The list will be removed on Sunday 29th October. If you can't make it to church to add names, please e-mail or telephone me by Wed 1st November, leaving a clear message on the answerphone if your call isn't answered. My details are in the Contacts section of this bulletin. Many thanks **Qyan**



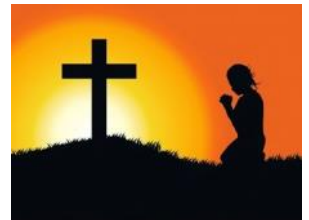
Remembrance Sunday is on 12th November. A short service will take place at the War Memorial at the later time of 10.45am, followed by a Parade to St. Denys where the service will conclude. At 3pm, all age Communion will take place in the church/parish centre.

Interfaith Week 13th-19th November is Interfaith Week. Many of us have friends and neighbours of different faiths. Why not take the opportunity to ask them for a cuppa and a chat so you can get to know each other better? On Monday 13th November at 3pm at St Denys, Anthony will be presenting the research he has been working on since 2018 all about living with religious difference. All are welcome to come and hear it and he promises to make it as accessible and engaging as he can!

Advance Notice! The time of **Evensong** will change for the winter months to 4pm with effect from Sunday 19th November.

Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Gwilym Edmonson-Jones, Marion Heygate, Michael Matts, Valerie Moulden, John Nightingale, Roman Orzel, Sian Rigby, Jill Sinclair, Patrick Smith, Phil Tyler **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of:** Joy Tibbles



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CHRISTMAS WREATH

Make your own!

on 23rd November 2023

St Denys Church Parish Centre, afternoon session
full. Evening 6.30pm start until 8.30pm

Extra Session on Saturday 25th November 2023

10.30am—12.30pm

Come along and have fun making a festive wreath,
with demonstrations of Christmas ideas.



Cost £15, all materials supplied. Please bring along secateurs and gloves for holly! To book a place, ring Peter on 07970 233324 or contact our Churchwarden Gerry (details on page 3 of this bulletin) Spaces limited to 15 people per class.