

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN
Sunday 8th October 2023, Eighteenth Sunday
after Trinity, Patronal Festival



Readings for Sunday: Philippians 3 vs 4b-14; Matthew 21 vs 33-end

Dear Friends,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for all your prayers and support as I started at theological college this term after many years out of education. As I have found, embarking on something new can be a challenge, and can create all sorts of emotions, ranging from excitement to trepidation, but can also be incredibly rewarding!

When was the last time you went outside of your comfort zone and tried something new?

Perhaps experiencing the Holy Spirit is new to you? Regardless, I would like to encourage you all to grab a hot drink, find a comfy seat and relax in God's presence. Invite God to speak to you through the Holy Spirit and listen faithfully.

Perhaps start with the simple prayer, "Come Holy Spirit, come", and pick up your Bible to see if something jumps out at you.

Please use the following space to make a note of anything that you see, hear or notice. It could be a bible verse, hymn or image.

As you reflect over the coming days on what you have written, consider if God is trying to say something to you. **Kimberley**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 6th & 13th 10am Musical Toddlers Group in the parish centre

Saturday 7th 5.30pm Choir rehearsal (Cantamici) in church

Saturday 7th 7.30pm Cantamici Choir in concert (Music Festival) in church

Sunday 8th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332

(password from Qyan) **3pm Pet Blessing Service** in church.

Monday 9th October 11am Funeral service for Roy Hammond in church

Tuesday 10th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in church & parish centre

Wednesday 11th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in parish centre

Wednesday 11th Journey in Faith Course, 3rd session 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

Remaining St. Denys Music Festival Concerts

with refreshments!



Saturday 7th October, 7.30pm, Cantamici Choir Concert

Saturday 14th October, 3pm, Classical Indian Music Workshop

All Welcome!

Tickets available at the door! Raffle tickets on sale! Bring friends and family!



Animal Blessing Service! A first for St Denys!

Sunday 8th October at 3pm. Pets welcome (on

leads or safely in crates and cages!) Please be

prepared to clean up after them! You are very

welcome to bring photos of any pets who would

be too nervous to come themselves and we can still give thanks and pray for them. The service will be very short and informal with refreshments and activities for children in the Parish Centre.

Cleaning St. Denys Church Tuesday 10th October 10am—

12noon. If you can assist Gerry, our churchwarden, with

cleaning the church please do come along with basic

cleaning materials and join in! The more the merrier! Tea/

coffee will be served as just reward!! 2



Adapting to our Communities: Church Beyond Walls Webinar

Wednesday 11 October, 11am – on Zoom

In this webinar, hosted by Church Urban Fund, Martin Poole, author of the book 'Church Beyond Walls', will explore principles that will inspire you as a church to express your faith in your communities, and create opportunities for epiphanies: moments when the divine can break into human experience. 'Church Beyond Walls' tells inspiring, informative and occasionally funny stories of how a group of people took Christian spirituality outside of church buildings to engage a world increasingly uninterested in religion, God and faith. [Register here](#). The book is also available to buy in Christian Resources.

The Evington Family History Group meet every Wednesday 10am—12noon in the Parish Centre. If you are interested in genealogy and perhaps tracing your family tree, why not go along to this friendly group and meet with other enthusiastic amateurs who help each other in this interesting endeavour. There is a very small charge and refreshments can be provided.



The Musical Toddlers Group continue to meet in the parish centre every Friday morning during term time, 10am—11am. Led by our Youth Worker Sarah, this provides a stimulating and friendly time of musical activities, for all nursery aged children accompanied by their parents. If you are parents with children of that age, why not go along and join in? For more info, e-mail: stdenysyouth@gmail.com

Youth Club meets in the parish centre on alternate Friday evenings at 7pm, the next session being on Friday 13th October. If you are of school age why not go along? Enjoy playing on the Wi, table football, crafts, board games, snooker, cooking etc. Meet with others to have fun and chat. For more info, contact our Youth Worker Sarah by e-mailing: stdenysyouth@gmail.com



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 on 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 if you would like to take part. Many thanks. **Wendy**

Diomail Did you know that the Leicester diocese has an online, weekly newsletter called Diomail? It is packed with interesting articles and information relating to our diocese and the churches within. If you have a computer and e-mail, and would like to receive this, why not sign up? Please e-mail: communications@leicestercofe.org



There is a beautiful blue and yellow quilt hanging in the Ukrainian Club *Kalyna* in Leicester that's a continual reminder of the compassion and prayers we offer to the people of Ukraine. It has been lovingly hand-stitched by a faithful and faith-filled network of quilters who regularly retreat at Launde Abbey and felt called to show their solidarity and support amid current struggles. *See this week's edition of Diomail for the full story.*

St. Denys Day Monday 9th October. *St. Denys was born in Italy in the 3rd century, probably about 210 AD. He is thought to have been the first bishop of Paris, a martyr and patron saint of France.*

Collect for 18th Sunday after Trinity God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray for the sick: Peter Brooks, Pat Davies, Rod Dawes, Ann Dixon, Gwilym Edmonson-Jones, Marion Heygate, Michael Matts, Valerie Moulden, John Nightingale, Roman Orzel, Sian Rigby, Patrick Smith, Phil Tyler **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of:** Roy Hammond, Stanley Brian Willars

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