

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

**Sunday 12th November 2023,
Remembrance/3rd Sunday before Advent**



Readings for today: 1 Thessalonians 4 vs 13-end; Matthew 25 vs 1-13

Dear Friends, November, and we are into a time, a season, of remembrance and reflection. Last Sunday, we celebrated All Saints, and at our All Souls Service, we remembered with thanksgiving, our loved ones whom we see no more. And this weekend, there are Acts of Remembrance at the War Memorial, with our Remembrance Sunday Service, as we remember those who have given so much, in two world wars, and other, more recent conflicts. A time of remembrance, sorrow, thanksgiving.

And at this time of year, nature seems to reflect something of this season of remembrance, sorrow, thanksgiving. We have all the beauty and joy of the rich, glorious autumn colours all around us – along the streets, in our gardens, the park, the arboretum, and all the open spaces. Some days, there is that misty mellowness, other days, glorious blue sky and sunshine. As the leaves fall, there may be sadness, as the seasons change. But it is all part of the circle of life – and death.

But, through Jesus, we rejoice that death is not the end, but the gateway into the abundance of life, in all its fullness, that he offers; the promise that is available to us all.

In the natural world, even as the leaves fall, when we look at the trees closely, we soon see the tiny buds forming, bringing the promise of new life, next Spring; and with that new life, there is hope. And in our lives, we may have hope. Not some 'wishy washy', 'fingers crossed', sort of hope, but the sure hope, that we find in Jesus, who came that we may have life abundantly (John 10.10).

So, as we remember and reflect – and enjoy the beautiful autumn colours all around – let us also hold on to that hope, the promise, we have in Jesus. **Geraldine**



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 9th 7pm Christmas Choir rehearsal in church

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

Sunday 12th 10.45 Remembrance at Village War Memorial and in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **3pm All age Communion**

Monday 13th 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 13th 3pm Doctoral Research Presentation in the parish centre

Tuesday 14th 8.30 Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 14th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement meet in church and parish centre

Wednesday 15th 10am Evington Family History Group parish centre

Wednesday 15th 2.30pm Evington History and Heritage Group in parish centre

Wednesday 15th 7pm Journey in Faith Course meet in the parish centre

Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am in church

Open Church every Thursday 9am—12 noon Holy Communion (said BCP) at 10am, free refreshments and use of church wifi

Morning Prayer will not take place on Wednesday 15th November.



Christmas Choir! Rehearsals have begun for our Carol service taking place on Sunday 17th December, 6pm. **Rehearsals continue every Thursday at 7pm** in church 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**

Remembrance Sunday is on 12th November. A short service will take place at the War Memorial at the later time of 10.45am (with a simultaneous one in church for those who would find standing difficult), 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!

Diabetes Awareness Coffee Morning The third such gathering will take place in the Parish Centre on Saturday 18th November, 10am—12noon. Anyone suffering from diabetes, or knows someone who is, or simply wants to be with others who are, are very welcome to this informal time of chat and being together. Free refreshments will be on offer.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY is on Sunday 19th November 2023 and, at the 10am service, we will be marking the roll of the Safeguarding Officer, who is a silent worker in your church. A question for you to think about: 'Do you know what Safeguarding is in the context of the church and today's society?'
Janette Pearson, Churchwarden and Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

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



Wreath Making Workshops Spaces are available for the sessions on Thursday 23rd November 6.30pm—8.30pm and Saturday 25th November 10.30am—12.30pm. To book a place, contact Gerry (Churchwarden) or ring Peter on 07970 233324. Cost is £15, all materials supplied. Please bring gloves and secateurs for handling the holly!

Stoughton Grange Christmas Market I have placed at the back of the church, lists of items required for the Christmas Hampers this year. Please sign up for the item you are going to donate. Last year we had duplicates and it was a struggle to get items in the hampers. More details will follow later. **Janette Pearson**

Poem: Remembrance Day Remembered; by John Mole: *For the sake of men we never knew, we trooped into the hall, Where their names in golden letters, were written on the wall. Somebody sounded a bugle and ghosts seemed everywhere, until the last note softly fell, on the suddenly empty air. Then the world filled up with living, in it's own accustomed way, with the usual busy traffic of the usual busy day. But what I most remember, and know that I always will, is how we stood utterly silent, and absolutely still.*





One Roof Leicester (ORL) Fundraising Concerts On Saturday 25th November there will be another fundraiser, featuring The N'Ukes, Leicester's brilliant ukulele band, with proceeds split between ORL and the Leicester Progressive Jewish Congregation, who are organizing it. Entry includes delicious refreshments, and tickets can either be purchased online [here](#), by emailing michele.benn@ntlworld.com or by scanning the QR code on the poster attached to the covering e-mail for this bulletin. We recommend booking in advance. All are very welcome to attend.

Supporting Vulnerable Children at Christmas If you would like to consider supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable children in the UK, by being a 'Secret Santa' this Christmas, please see the link below which takes you to the website for Action Children.



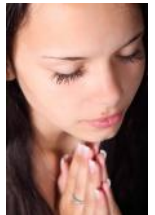
<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-us/make-a-donation/shop/gifts-that-give-back/>



*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them or the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, **we will remember them.***

Collect for 3rd Sunday before Advent God, our refuge and strength, bring us near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that the earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Brenda Bedingfield, 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:** Rosemary Freer



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