

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN
Sunday 19th November 2023, 2nd Sunday
before Advent/Safeguarding Sunday



Readings for today: 1 Thessalonians 5 vs 1-11; Matthew 25 vs 14-30

Dear Friends,

November is a month of remembering; we have All Saints, All Souls and this past week, Remembrance Day - a day in which we remember all those who sadly lost their lives or have been affected by war.

Remembrance is mentioned numerous times in the bible:

Luke 22:19 "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

John 14:26 He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Psalms 145:7 They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness and will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.

Psalms 77:11 I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; Surely, I will remember Your wonders of old.

Remembering and reflecting can be helpful for all of us. Maybe you write a diary, create a scrapbook or store photographs in an album. These can help us to remember important events such as baptisms or weddings, and the more everyday life events such as a meal with friends.

How many of us can recall all that God has done in our lives? I will be the first to admit I would struggle to do this, which is why I keep a journal. My journal is a place for me to record bible passages that speak to me, images I believe come from God, words of encouragement from others, or just simply prayer requests and answers to prayer. My journal helps me to remember where God has been at work.

I would like to encourage you to consider recording what God is saying to you for the rest of November. If you are unsure how to start or would like to talk to me, I would be very willing to share my experiences with you. **Kimberley**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 17th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 17th 7pm Youth Club meet in the parish centre

Saturday 18th 10am Diabetes Awareness Coffee Morning in the parish centre

Sunday 19th 10am Holy Communion & Safeguarding Sunday in church and on

Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong** in church

Monday 20th 8.30 Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 20th 11am E-Bound Tech service alarms in church and parish centre

Monday 20th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Monday 20th 2.30pm Funeral Service in church

Monday 20th 7pm PCC Meeting in parish centre

Tuesday 21st 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship in the parish centre

Tuesday 21st 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement meet in church and parish centre

Wednesday 22nd 10am Evington Family History Group parish centre

Wednesday 22nd 7pm Journey in Faith Course meet in the parish centre

Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am in church

Thursday 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP said) in church. No Open Church!

**Remem-
brance
Flower
Creation by
Kimberley.**



**The funeral service for the late
Rosemary Freer** will take place on
Tuesday 21st November, 12.30pm,
at Great Glen Crematorium, for
those who would like to attend.



*Do you live with Diabetes?
Would you find it helpful
to meet up with others in
the same boat?*

**Living with Diabetes
Coffee Morning**

Saturday 18th November 10-12

St Denys Parish Centre

Next to St Denys Church (LE5 6FA)
Free parking opposite the church

Everybody welcome

*For more information, contact 0116 2155500 or
vicar@stdenys.org.uk.*



Wreath Making Workshops The sessions will take place on Thursday 23rd November 6.30pm—8.30pm and Saturday 25th November 10.30am—12.30pm. Please contact

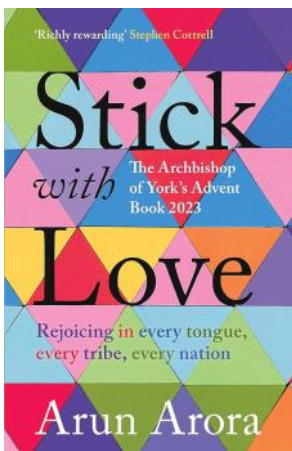
Gerry (Churchwarden) or ring Peter on 07970 233324 to establish availability of places remaining if you wish to attend. Cost is £15, all materials supplied. Please bring gloves and secateurs for handling the holly!

Krishna Avanti Visit On Thursday 23rd November members of St Denys have been invited to visit Krishna Avanti Primary School where some of the children would like to share their Diwali performance with us and tell us about their celebrations. Because this will be at about 10.30am, communion for this week will be at the earlier time of 9.30am and then church will be closed following the service. If you would like to come on the visit, some lifts will be available from church after the service but do let Mark know.

Inter Faith Week



Knitted Nativity: our knitted Mary, Joseph and of course Donkey will be doing the rounds during Advent looking for hospitable homes! If you would like to host them for 24 hours, please sign up at the back of church and more details will be sent to you at the end of the month. We need 21 households to sign up to make it work and everyone is very welcome of all ages. It is a great way to get to know other people in church a bit better too! Any questions, speak to Anthony.



Advent reading: Advent begins on 3rd December. In the midst of all the busy preparations for Christmas, it is important to make time to rest and focus on our relationship with God. Taking up an Advent book can be a great way to do that. This year I will be reading “Stick with Love” by Arun Arora, a collection of short daily readings to help us consider the biblical picture of the Church as the people of God, drawn from every tribe, every tongue and every nation. If you’d like to join me, you can pick up a copy from Christian Resources or online.

Stoughton Grange Christmas Market Please sign up for the item you wish to donate to the Christmas hampers. Last year we had duplicates and it was a struggle to get the items in. More details will follow later. We also need people to volunteer to be on the stall on both Saturdays 2nd and 9th December 4-8pm. Please speak to Janette Pearson



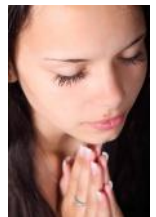
Sheila Kent's 100th Birthday

On 15th November Sheila turned 100 years old and her family organised a small celebration for her at Devonshire Court. Sheila has been a member of St Denys for over 90 years! Here are some photos of the occasion:



Collect for 2nd Sunday before Advent Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive us in new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray for the sick: Brenda Bedingfield, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Gwilym Edmonson-Jones, Marion Heygate, Michael Matts, Valerie Moulden, Roman Orzel, Sian Rigby, Jill Sinclair, Patrick Smith, Kimberley Tyler (having a knee operation on Tuesday 21st), Phil Tyler **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of:** Michael Cole, Rosemary Freer, John Hancock



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