

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

## Sunday 5th November 2023, All Saints



Dear Friends

The evenings close in again as winter draws closer, but at St. Denys this does not stop us from planting something new! A few weeks ago, the whole congregation was involved in praying for our team of volunteers to start our new craft based creative church that is to run on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We have also been so grateful for the prayer and support that has been given ever since.

I'm delighted to say that the first of these 'Crafty Church' sessions went well, with eighteen of us gathering. This included children, parents, grandparents, and even, a great grandparent! For the whole team it was a fun and faithful experience as we shared the story of Noah and the Ark through craft activities, song and of course storytelling.

We have lots of exciting ideas for the next two. On the 26<sup>th</sup> November we have the theme of Light as we prepare for Advent and on Christmas Eve we will have a Christmas Crafty Church followed by the Nativity Service at 4.00pm. We have found already that these sessions are not just for children but are a space where all generations can enjoy some time together. So, if you are curious, do please come along, even better if you bring a friend!

We hope that over the next few months this new thing will grow and develop. But like all newly planted things it is going to need care and nurture if it is to thrive. The best way to help with this is through prayer. I also know that all of those involved appreciate being asked about how it is going too. We also will always need more support with the practicalities, even offers to just do refreshments occasionally is greatly appreciated.

Perhaps one of the biggest helps though is in terms of spreading the word, after all newly planted things need to be in the light to thrive fully! Please take time to talk to families who may like to come along. If you have neighbours, friends, and relatives that you think could be interested then let them know and tell them all about it. This is, very deliberately, a service that people who would never normally think about going to church can engage with as well as a time that the most habitual of church goers can enjoy as well!

So, though we may be heading into winter please do keep watering these tender shoots with your prayer and throwing the light of your interest and attention our way. With God's help we can look forward to a Spring heralded by lots of healthy growth! With Every Blessing, **Mark**

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

**Thursday 2nd 7pm Christmas Choir rehearsal** in church

**Friday 3rd & 10th 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre

**Friday 3rd 7pm Youth Club** meet in the parish centre

**Sunday 5th 10am All Saints Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **4pm All Souls service** in church

**Monday 6th 8.30am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Monday 6th 2pm Monday Meet** meet in the parish centre

**Tuesday 7th 8.30am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 7th 5pm IME Training** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 7th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** meet in church & parish centre

**Wednesday 8th 10am Evington Family History Group** parish centre

**Wednesday 8th 7pm Journey in Faith Course** meet in the 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

*Readings for Sunday: Revelation 7 vs 9-end; Matthew 5 vs 1-12*



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

**Sunday 5th November** at 10am, the service will be Holy Communion, not Matins. Our preacher will be Kimberley Tyler to whom we are very grateful.

**Sunday 5th November, Our All Souls Service** will take place at 4pm in St. Denys Church. A quiet and reflective service during which the names of those who have died are read out 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. All welcome.





**Music Festival 2023** A very big thank you to anyone who supported the recent Music Festival in St. Denys, in any way, and therefore ensured it was a big success. A total of approximately £2,500 after expenses was raised, a magnificent sum for the mission and upkeep of our beautiful 804 year old church! We are indebted to all our sponsors and catering teams, door staff, those who donated raffle prizes and refreshments etc, who gave so generously in terms of time and money. We are greatly encouraged by people's positive responses and the wonderful sense of community it generated, and the desire to hold another Festival next year. Many thanks, it is hugely appreciated.

### **PCC and Ministry Team**

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY** is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
*Let Us Not Forget*

**Interfaith Week 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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**

**One Roof Leicester (ORL) Fundraising Concerts** We are very excited to announce that the Leicester Sinfonia will be giving a concert in aid of ORL and Midland Langar Seva Society this coming Saturday evening, 4th November at St Philips Church in Evington. Tickets can be purchased in advance or on the door. Please see the poster attached to the covering e-mail for this bulletin.



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](mailto: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 either or both concerts!

**Collect for All Saints Day** God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; 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, Joy Tibbles



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