

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 14th January 2024, Epiphany 2



Readings for today: Revelation 5 vs 1-10; ; John 1 vs 43-end

Dear Friends, at this time of year, someone always asks me "have you made any New Year resolutions?". For most people, I suspect they mean very little except becoming a source of guilt and triggering a sense of failure - every year, we list our key ambitions, commitments and promises for ourselves or another, and then quite quickly break those commitments and promises, and the hoped for achievements seem like wishful imaginations!

This approach to the future and our "plans" for the coming year don't sit very well with the Christian faith. It is God who knows all our days (Psalm 139), it is God who has plans and purposes for us, who has begun a good work in us and **will** carry it on to completion (Philippians 1:6). A friend sent me the guideline of a prayer session from 24/7 prayer, a way of giving thanks for the year that has just passed, dreaming of the year ahead and then seeking God's perspective on those dreams. As we look back on the previous year, instead of berating ourselves for our failure to achieve things that we imagined we might be able to do that year, we are encouraged to reflect and remember with joy and give thanks for the ways in which we have seen God's goodness this year. Some of you, like me, will have had a difficult year just past. This isn't about ignoring those difficulties, but rather seeking out, and giving thanks, for God's goodness in the middle of them, "for God is good, and His love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1).

When we know what we dream for the future, what we imagine it to look like, what we want to ask for, we can then bring those dreams to the One "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20), and surrender our ideas, dreams and visions to His, "committing our way to Him" as Psalm 37:5 instructs us, and trusting in His goodness.

Please find attached to the covering e-mail with this bulletin, the prayer resource mentioned above. If you don't have e-mail and would like a paper copy of it, please telephone Qyan (his details are at the end of this bulletin) and he will get a copy to you. With love and prayers, **Sian**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 11th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 11th 2pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 12th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Sunday 14th 10am Holy Communion in church & on Zoom ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 15th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 15th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 16th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 16th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in church & parish centre

Wednesday 17th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in the parish centre

Wednesday 17th 7pm Journey in Faith Course meet in parish centre

Thursday 11th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 11th 2pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am in church.

Thursday 10am Holy Communion (BCP said) in church

Open Church 9am—12noon Free wi-fi, refreshments, chat! All welcome.



The Musical Toddler Group meet on Friday 12th January at 10am and continues weekly during term time. Do you have pre-school aged children or grandchildren? If so, why not bring them along?

Contact Sarah for more information by e-mailing:

stdenysyouth@gmail.com

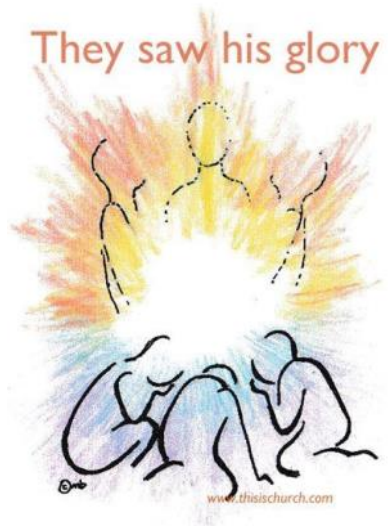
Youth Club next meet on Friday 19th January, 7pm in the parish centre. Please e-mail our Youth Worker Sarah for more info at:

stdenysyouth@gmail.com

'Tis good Lord to be here': A Parish Away Day dwelling on the Transfiguration.

Join Anthony and Geraldine at the Stable House on Saturday 10th February 10-4pm to explore together the disciples' significant mountaintop experience recorded in Mark 9. It was a momentous turning point for them when they heard God speak and saw Jesus in a new and dramatic way, reflecting both what had been and what was to come... We will spend time in worship, prayer, Bible study and creative reflection as well as enjoy the wonderful food and hospitality of Eleanor and Neil and the beautiful grounds weather permitting. Spaces are limited to 12 and cost £35 each. Book your place with Geraldine as soon as possible. Transport can be arranged and if cost is an issue, but you would like to go, please do speak to Anthony confidentially.

They saw his glory



One Roof Fundraiser Curry and Quiz Night at St Philip's Church on Saturday 27th January at 5.30pm. £17 per person with auction and raffle. Join Anthony and Wendy and other ORL supporters. Book via Eventbrite or contact 0116 4422007/ info@oneroof.org.uk.

Curry and Quiz night

Saturday 27th January 2024, 5.30pm

St Philips Church, Evington Road, Leicester LE2 1HN

£17 per person, with auction and raffle
to raise funds for One Roof Leicester

Buffet meal with vegetarian options available

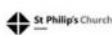


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through Eventbrite

For more details please contact One Roof Leicester
on 0116 4422 007 or email info@oneroof.org.uk



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PCC (Parochial Church Council) will meet on Monday 22nd January, 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please pray for it's members as they discuss important issues, and often have to make difficult decisions. If there is anything anyone wishes to be raised at the meeting, please contact the PCC Secretary, Judith, this week, by e-mailing: jhchapman66@gmail.com

Parish Centre Heating: At the time of publication, the heating is still not working in the parish centre. The job of fixing it is in progress. In the meantime, please wrap up warm if visiting the centre at any point.

Holy Week Devotion, Singers Needed! On the evening of Tuesday 26th March, during Holy Week, St. Denys will host a performance of a rarely heard but beautiful choral work entitled 'Passiontide.' It will be conducted by the composer himself, local musician Simon Mold. We need singers of all voice parts to make up the choir. If you are available on this night, and would like to take part, please contact me. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings in church at 7pm or 7.30pm and begin on 25th January. Don't worry if you can't attend every Thursday. Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you. **Qyan**



A rare opportunity to attend an Epiphany Carol Service at St. James the Greater Church, London Road. Music by composers Palestrina, Howells, Rutter and Crotch. All welcome.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Brenda Bedingfield, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Marion Heygate, Michael Matts, Roman Orzel, Sian Rigby, Jill Sinclair, Andrew (Andy) White **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Gwilym Edmonson-Jones



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