

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 21st January 2024, Epiphany 3



*Readings for today: 10am: Revelation 19 vs 6-10; John 2 vs 1-11
4pm: Jeremiah 3 vs 21– 4 v 2; Titus 2 vs 1-8, 11-14*

Dear Friends, the pages of our bulletin have carried the poetry of **Malcolm Guite** before. I find him to be an inspiring writer, clear and unambiguous, with easy-to-understand messages to help us along in our Christian life and faith. The Epiphany poem below sums up for me, quite simply, the essence of what our Christian lives should be about. May we have such faith that we never forget *why* God came to earth in human form, to save, yes, *you and I* from our sins. May we never take him for granted, be continually seeking, finding, worshipping, and rejoicing in, God our Father, developing our faith and hungry to grow more like him in service to him, our Maker and Redeemer.

The Magi

It might have been just someone else's story;
Some chosen people get a special king,
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.



With Us on Earth – a Christmas and Epiphany Prayer: Such sharing! How can we even begin to realise the immense meaning, the full impact, of this most amazing happening, this shedding of your glory, to share with us on earth! And this sharing comes so gently, so surprisingly, like an unexpected gift that delights by its unexpectedness. Lord, this sharing with us on earth is the great gift you wish to give to all who would seek you. May I treasure this gift now, this Epiphany, that you are with us here on earth. Amen.

May God bless you this Epiphany season and beyond. **Qyan**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 18th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 18th 2pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 19th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 19th 7pm Youth Club meet in the parish centre

Saturday 20th 9.30am Artist's Class (Private) meet in the parish centre

Sunday 21st 10am Holy Communion in church & on Zoom ID 820 0369 6332

(password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong**

Monday 22nd 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 22nd 7pm PCC meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 23rd IME Training 10am in the parish centre

Tuesday 23rd 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in church & parish centre

Wednesday 24th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in the parish centre

Wednesday 24th 7pm Journey in Faith Course meet in parish centre

Thursday 25th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 25th 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 Parish Centre Heating has now been fixed! Thanks for your patience.

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.

Gentle Exercise Group meet every Thursday morning at 10.30am in the parish centre for an hour. All welcome to what is a fun and, as it's name suggests, a far from strenuous time of movement and fun. A small charge is made which goes towards the use of facilities and hire of the parish centre.

Evensong will be held on Sunday 21st January at 4pm in church. This is a beautiful, traditional, quiet and prayerful service, with congregational hymns.

Faith and Friendship Group meet on Saturday 3rd February, 11am—1pm where Sian will be teaching the art of Iris Folding. All welcome. Iris folding is a paper craft technique that involves folding strips of coloured paper in such a way to form a design. The centre of the design forms an iris—a shape reminiscent of the iris diaphragm of a camera lens.



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

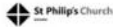


Scan here to book tickets through Eventbrite

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



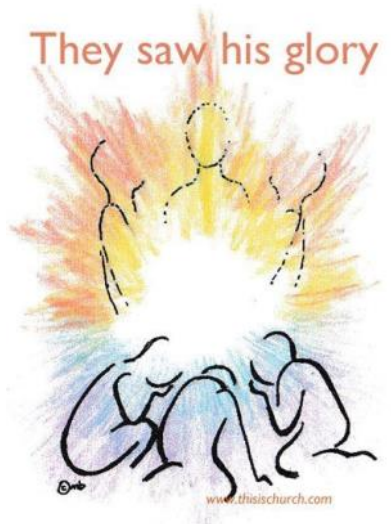
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Tis good Lord to be here': A Parish Away Day dwelling on the Transfiguration.

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.





Holy Week Devotion, Singers Still 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 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**

The Evington Family History Group meet every Wednesday morning in the parish centre, 10am—12noon. Established in 2018, it aims to provide peer support for researching one's ancestry, a thought provoking and fascinating activity as current members will testify. Why not pop in and see if this group offers the support you might need to start or continue this hobby? For more information, contact Judith on 0116 2764 409.



Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in 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 Thomas Drake, Gwilym Edmonson-Jones**



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