

**ST DENYS CHURCH  
EVINGTON, BULLETIN  
Sunday 24th March  
2024, Holy Week**



Dear Friends, we are about to head into an important week in the church calendar, Holy Week! Are you ready for it? We will follow Jesus' journey from the last supper with His disciples on Maundy Thursday, to His death on the cross on Good Friday, through to His resurrection on Easter Day.

As we revisit these events over the coming week, we may experience a mix of emotions, including anger at Judas' betrayal of Jesus, sorrow and grief at Jesus' death and then an overwhelming joy at the resurrection. Not to mention gratefulness for the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus paid for the salvation of every one of us!

In everyday life we experience many emotions. The good news is that Jesus is by our side no matter what we are facing. Don't be afraid to share your emotions, thoughts, and feelings with Him and ask for His guidance along the way.

I recently helped with the local special needs school's visit to St Denys where we shared the story of Holy week with the children; I was tasked with explaining the events of Easter Day. I used a simple game of hide and seek to aid their understanding. Could the children find Jesus in the tomb? Well of course they couldn't - there was much dismay, much like how the women at the tomb must have felt, when the children couldn't find Jesus in the empty tomb. As the children left the tomb (a tent in this case) I pointed to a picture of Jesus and explained that He was alive! There was so much joy and excitement on the children's faces.

My hope and prayer over the coming week is that whatever the week may bring, you will come to Easter Sunday full of wonder, joy, and excitement like the children at Oaklands. I think we could learn a lot from them in how we express our excitement! So let us radiate God's joy this Easter time.

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

**Friday 22nd 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre

**Friday 22nd 7pm Youth Club** meet in the parish centre

**Saturday 23rd 11am Faith and Friendship Group** meet in the parish centre

**Sunday 24th 9.45am Palm Sunday Holy Communion & Walk of Witness with Blessing of Palms** in church & on Zoom ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

**Monday 25th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Monday 25th 6pm Compline** in church

**Tuesday 26th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 26th 2pm Setting Up for refreshments for tonight** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 26th 3pm—7pm rehearsals for tonight's service** in church

**Tuesday 26th 7.30pm Passiontide Service** in church

**Wednesday 27th 6pm Compline** in church

**Thursday 28th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** in the parish centre

**Thursday 28th 2pm Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Thurs 28th 6pm Bring & Share meal, Communion & Foot washing** in 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.



*Readings for 24th: Liturgy of the Palms, Philippians 2 vs 5-11, Dramatized Passion*

**Faith and Friendship Group** On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (this coming Saturday) the Faith & Friendship group are meeting 11am-1pm. We will be doing Iris Folding, which I describe as similar to "painting" by numbers but using strips of paper to follow a template. I will provide full instruction for those who haven't done it before. All are welcome! **Sian**



**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

**SPECIAL MAUNDY THURSDAY GATHERING, 6PM,  
BRING & SHARE MEAL, HOLY COMMUNION AND  
FOOT WASHING IN THE PARISH CENTRE. ALL  
WELCOME.**

**Cruse Bereavement Group** will not meet for two weeks. Meetings re-convene on Tuesday 9th April in the church & parish centre, at 7.30pm. From then, the group from then be known as Lily House Bereavement Group, not Cruse.

# Passiontide

Music composed by Simon Mold

**A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer**

**Holy Tuesday 26th March 2024, 7.30pm**

**St. Denys Church**

**Sung by members of choirs from across the city and county**

*Narrator: Anthony Lees-Smith*

*Jesus: Stephen Cooper*

*Mary: Erica Lees-Smith*

*Pilate: Qyan Arnachellum*

*Organ: Philip Millward*

*Mark with us Holy Week, the most important period in the Christian calendar*

*All welcome, refreshments provided*



## **Evington Diabetes Support Group seeks Voluntary Co-ordinator**

Several local Evington people living with different types of diabetes met up last year for a coffee morning and mutual support. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and so the group has come together on an occasional basis since then. Members have ideas to develop and grow the group to meet the needs of those in Evington who are living with diabetes and their carers. They are now looking for a voluntary coordinator from the local community who can help to plan, organise, and advertise meetings. If you are interested, please come along to the next meeting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 10-12 in the St Denys Parish Centre. If you would like more information in the meantime, contact Reverend Anthony at [vicar@stdenys.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stdenys.org.uk).



## Holy Week and Easter Services in St. Denys Church

24th March, Palm Sunday, 9.45am, Holy Communion with Walk of Witness,  
Liturgy of the Palms and dramatized Passion reading

Monday 25th March, 6pm, Compline

Tuesday 26th March, 7.30pm, Performance of 'Passiontide'

Wednesday 27th March, 6pm, Compline

Maundy Thursday 28th March, 10am, Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday 28th March, 6pm, bring and share meal with informal Holy  
Communion and foot washing in parish centre

Good Friday 29th March, 10am, Activity Morning, in church

Good Friday 29th March, 2pm, The Last Hour

Easter Sunday, 31st March, 7am, Dawn service

Easter Sunday, 31st March, 10am, Holy Communion

**Bishop of Leicester's Lent Appeal for Child Refugees** If you  
would like to respond to this cause, please visit the  
following link:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/lent-appeal>



**Collect for Palm Sunday** True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as  
Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found  
beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Brenda Bedingfield, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Marion Heygate,  
Alison Keddilty, Roy Lee, Janette Pearson, Barbara Pinder,  
Sian Rigby, Jessica Saul, Dr Margaret Steel, Andrew (Andy)  
**White Pray for those who mourn including the family and  
friends of Chinnamma Jacob**



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St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and Youth Work:

[www.stdenys.org.uk](http://www.stdenys.org.uk)

