

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

## Sunday 31st March 2024, Easter Day



Dear Friends, Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

I wonder how you are celebrating Easter? Some of us will be planning on joining the outdoor, dawn service (whether we manage that is another question, we'll find out on Sunday morning!) Some (perhaps the more sensible among us!) will celebrate at our usual, 10am communion service. Some will be visiting family or friends, perhaps joining in with their worship for Easter Sunday. All of those are great ways to celebrate that Christ is ALIVE!

I wonder though, for myself as much as anyone else, what difference will Christ being ALIVE make on our everyday lives, and how I respond to the different circumstances I face, both positive and negative. In 1 Cor 15:12-19 Paul explains why Christ's Resurrection is the most important thing, it "makes or breaks" our faith. If Christ has been raised from the dead:

- Our preaching and our faith is effective
- We know the truth about God, and can trust God with our lives
- Our faith is powerful; our sins are forgiven, so we no longer need to live in them!
- We have hope in Christ beyond this life, we are, of all people, most able comfort others.

So, this Easter season:

- how can you share the certain hope that Christ's Resurrection brings you with others?
- how might your faith make a difference in the decisions and choices you make each day?
- What area of your life do you need to trust God in, in particular? Is there a particular part of your life where you are finding this difficult? If so, please ask someone (a member of the congregation or staff team) to pray with you.
- What area of your life do you need to remember that you no longer have to live in your sin, because our sins are forgiven? What would you do differently?
- Who do you know who particularly needs the comfort that your faith in Christ's Resurrection enables you to bring?

Happy Easter! Enjoy the chocolate eggs and hot cross buns, and keep your eyes fixed on Jesus!

With love and prayers, **Sian**

## COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

**Good Friday 29th 10am Activity Morning** for all church and parish centre

**Good Friday 29th 2pm The Last Hour Service** in church

**Sunday 31st 7am Easter Day Dawn Service** in the Easter garden followed by **Easter Day Breakfast** and at **10am Easter Day Holy Communion** in church & on Zoom ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

**Monday 1st April 2pm Monday Meet** meet in the parish centre

**Tuesday 2nd 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Thursday 4th 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.

*Readings for Easter Day: Acts 10 vs 34-43; John 20 vs 1-18*

**Easter Day Dawn Service, Breakfast and Holy Communion** why not join together and come along to the Dawn service at 7am, followed by a hearty Easter Day breakfast. Then, at 10am, Holy Communion will be held in church. This enables us all to celebrate for the whole of Easter Day morning, as a church family, together!

**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 will be known as the Lily House Bereavement Group.



### **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).

## WANT YOUR NAME IN LIGHTS?



We are close to starting work on lighting the paths leading to the parish centre. The plan is to install 12, one metre free standing lights. We just need to raise the final part of the funding for the work to begin. Are you able to help? We are offering people the opportunity to sponsor a light for a suggested £50 and a metre of cabling for £10. In recognition of people's generosity, we will be naming each light after their sponsor. For more information about the project and sponsorship please talk with Michael, Gerry or Janette. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

### XV Easter Dawn by Malcolm Guite

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves  
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept  
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's  
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept  
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs  
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.  
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,  
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.  
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,  
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light  
That brightens as she chokes out her reply  
'They took my love away, my day is night'  
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say  
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.



*A very happy Easter to you all. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

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

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

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

Easter Sunday, 31st March, 7am, Dawn service followed by Easter Day  
Breakfast for all.

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>



**Intercessions** I am still looking for people to join the intercessions rota at St. Denys. If you think that this is a ministry you might wish to be a part of, please do e-mail me. Guidance will be given if needed. Thank you. **Qyan**

**Collect for Easter Day** God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Brenda Bedingfield, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Marion Heygate, Alison Keddily, Roy Lee, Kishor Nathwani, 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 Ann Farthing, Chinnamma Jacob**



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

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