

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

## Sunday 14th April 2024, 3rd Sunday of Easter



*Readings for today: Acts 3 vs 12-19; Luke 24 vs 36b-48*

Dear Friends. The weather has been so windy recently. In the wind, the clouds race across the sky, constantly changing patterns. This time of year, is so beautiful, with all the blossom and spring flowers. I was trying to take some photographs of the blossom last Saturday. Not easy, in the wind, with the branches, the blossom, dancing around, in joyful exuberance! Some of the photos were blurred; in others, I just caught a small amount of blossom at the side of the picture! But I did manage to get some reasonable ones too!

Maybe, the constantly changing clouds in the sky, the blossom being buffeted in the wind, speaks something to us of those first disciples, in those early days, after the crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus. All the emotions they must have gone through; the absolute desolation on Friday and Saturday; and then, trying to come to terms with the news, gradually coming in, that Jesus was risen; he is alive; people had seen him, met with him, talked with him. There still must have been many mixed emotions, as sorrow and unbelief, gave way to joy and belief. And as they took in this amazing situation, perhaps also, a time of thinking back, remembering, what Jesus had said. He had told the disciples he would suffer, be put to death, then rise again. Now they began to understand.

How wonderful that, for us, the Resurrection took place in the Spring, when we see all the new life, in Creation. After all the sorrow in Creation – the sky turning black, the earthquake – as Jesus died, now we see Creation joyful, celebrating – bursting into new life, into blossom – singing its own song of praise to our Risen Lord. Whatever our own situation, circumstances; whatever we have to go through, or changes we face; may we still be able to join our own song of praise, with that of all Creation, to Jesus our Risen Lord; our Creator, Redeemer and Saviour. **Geraldine.**



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

**Thursday 11th 12noon Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Saturday 13th 1.30pm EID celebration** in the parish centre.

**Sunday 14th 10am Holy Communion** in church and 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** in the parish centre

**Tues 16th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support Group** church & parish centre

**Wed 17th 7pm Journey in Faith Course** in the parish centre

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

**Thursday 18th 12noon 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.

St Thomas's Church, South Wigston



**Saturday 27th April 2024 - 2.30pm**

**The Music of Sir Charles Villiers Stanford**

(1852-1924)

(marking the centenary of his death)

featuring:

**The Leicester Church Music Consort**

(Director: Paul Morley)

**Ian Orr** (Organ and piano)

**Roy-Anthony Birch** (Baritone)

**Andrew Piper** (Clarinet)

ADMISSION FREE

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Charles Villiers Stanford**

This will be a fantastic concert of music by Stanford, one of the greatest composers of choral and organ music, marking the centenary of his death. A retiring collection in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will be made.

**All are welcome!**

## Some more photographs to accompany the front page letter:



**Pastoral Care** We want everyone connected to St Denys to feel loved and cared for. As a church family, we are all called to look out for one another and many church members offer regular pastoral care through phone calls, visits, cards, chats and prayers. The clergy and a small lay team take communion to the housebound each month as well as visiting our local care homes and those who are bereaved, sick or in hospital. Effective pastoral care depends on the whole body working together and communication is key. If you or someone you know has a specific need or would appreciate communion and a visit from one of the licensed ministers, please don't be afraid to ask by contacting **Kimberley**, our Pastoral Warden, by telephoning 07970 275093.

**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.



**We welcome** articles at any time from anyone for publication in the bulletin, be it a poem, amusing or sad story, an experience etc, whatever! E-mail me and I will include it as soon as it is possible to do so. Please note that I reserve the right to edit, for reasons of space mainly. Thanks, **Qyan**.



**Norwich Cathedral**, where worship has been continuously offered for over 900 years! A wonderful and truly beautiful Cathedral which I had the pleasure of visiting, probably for the first time, last weekend. It was a deeply moving and spiritual experience to join with Revd Anthony, Wendy, Erica and Hilary as part of the Leicester Church Music Consort choir, to sing for two Evensongs and a Eucharist service. As our Director of Music put it “ the mixture of music, mystery, majesty,



liturgy, history, awesome architectural splendour and fellowship make such trips so inspirational and full of memories...” I had a lump in my throat on more than one occasion. Praise be to God! **Qyan**

**Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Brenda Bedingfield, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Marion Heygate, Alison Kedditly, 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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