

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

## Sunday 28th April 2024, 5th Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends, throughout the Bible there are lots of reasons why people end up going on journeys or leave their families or communities. These include being obedient to God's call, seeking refuge, pursuing opportunities, or fulfilling their roles in God's plan. Sometimes this is simply an essential part of living life, without it we would never explore anything or develop in any way.

Nonetheless journeys can exact their price too, they take energy and often involve some worry as no journey into the future is without risk. Anthony announced the next chapter in his journey last week and it looks like it will be a very exciting one. Sadly though, it will involve us saying goodbye to him in the summer.

Being rather sad about this, I've given some thought as to how we could get him to stay. However, after some reflection, I've decided that roping the vicar to the font probably isn't the way forward, and that although journeys involve some sad partings, these are all part of our collective journeying together from which we all grow.

At some point, even my time at St. Denys will be over. My curacy will end, and it will be time for me to journey on too, though we are certainly not there yet! However, In the meantime, I will be taking the opportunity (while Anthony is still here) to take up a short placement (mostly during May) in the exotic faraway lands of East Leicestershire. Specifically, I will be spending my time in the many churches of the Minster Community of Launde, and I hope to learn a great deal about what it is like to be a priest in the more rural parts of our county. I return in early June, no doubt bursting with anecdotes and who knows, perhaps even a little new-found wisdom!

So, although journeying can involve worry and goodbyes, we can also learn a lot along the way and gain great joy when at last, paths cross again.

Next Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> May at 4.00pm) will be one such occasion as we get to meet again, my predecessor as curate, Revd Nigel Rostock! Nigel will be once more pulling his Harley up at the door as he launches his new book of stories, that no doubt will mine his own extensive and exciting travels on his bike. The thing I know about Nigel is that he is fearless in his journeying and that he spins a good yarn too! I hope to see you there! With Every Blessing, **Mark**

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

**Friday 26th 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre

**Friday 26th 6pm Private Party** meet in the parish centre

**Sunday 28th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332  
(password from Qyan) **3pm Crafty Church** meet in parish centre

**Monday 29th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Wed 1st May 10am IME Curate Training** in the parish centre

**Wed 1st 4pm Revd Nigel Rostock's Book Launch** in St. Denys

**Wed 1st 7pm Journey in Faith (JiF) Course** in the parish centre

**Thursday 2nd 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre

**Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, 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 today: Acts 8 vs 26-end; John 15 vs 1-8*

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

**FINAL CALL!**

**Don't miss** what will be a wonderful concert marking the centenary of the death of one of the greatest composers of organ and choral music. The concert features the Leicester Church Music Consort, including myself, Anthony and Wendy, and other professional musicians. All welcome, bring family and friends along with you too!

**ADMISSION FREE!** Donations to Macmillan Cancer Support appreciated.

**Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre, today, Friday 26th April, 10am

**Crafty Church!** Don't forget! The next session is next Sunday 28th April at 3pm in the parish centre. For young families and children and the young at heart! Crafts, stories, songs and refreshments.

**Last Orders!** Do join Anthony and Mark and others for a quiet pint and chat in the Cedars, Sunday 28th April, 7.30pm. All welcome!



*Roll Call!*

**ELECTORAL ROLL** *The Roll is due for revision before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) being held on 20th May. If you are not on it, or are not sure, please speak to **Elizabeth Rudge**. Application Forms are available at the back of the church. Please return completed forms to Elizabeth or one of the churchwardens by next Sunday, 28th April.*

*The Roll will be closed for revision on 28th April and then on display from 5th May. It is important that all church members are on the Electoral Roll, so that they are eligible to attend and vote at the APCM. Thank you.*



**Stories from the Road, Observations from an aging Harley** *by Revd Nigel Rostock* We are delighted to welcome back Revd Nigel, our former Curate, to St. Denys on Wednesday 1st May, 4pm. Nigel will talk about his new book about life as a Priest on the open road with the God's Squad, and sign copies. All welcome, refreshments will be provided.

**Save the Date!** As part of Leicester Cathedral's 'Together With' Scheme, all members of St. Denys congregation are invited to attend Evensong there on Sunday 19th May at 3.30pm. There will not be an Evensong service at St. Denys that day! Further details will be available very soon. All welcome!

**Last Service and Installation! Revd Anthony's last service** at St. Denys is confirmed as being Sunday 14th July 2024, 10am. He will be installed as Canon Missioner of Chester Cathedral during Evensong there on Saturday 27th July beginning at 4.15pm. It is hoped a coach will be arranged to take anyone who wishes to attend from this parish, to the installation—and back again!! Look out for further details soon!



**Lighting the pathways around the church** Donations may still be given towards the cost of installing a new exterior lighting system to make the pathways around the church safer for us all, particularly when dark. Please speak to **Gerry, Michael or Janette** if you wish to contribute. Thank you.



**New Poem by Malcolm Guite**, *written in response to the account of the witnesses to the resurrection in 1 Corinthians; "first Cephas, then the twelve, more than five hundred at one time." The poem picks up the count from where St. Paul left off:*

*Five hundred then, and since, so many more!  
In lonely prison cells and crowded streets  
At brimming springs and at exhausted wells  
On days of triumph, and in dire defeats  
The risen Lord has shown himself to us.  
He comes unlooked for, and in answered prayer  
Comes to the mystic, most mysterious  
Comes to the addict in their last despair.  
He fed five thousand in the wilderness  
And now, in bread and wine, he comes and feeds  
Uncounted millions. Once he bore one cross  
But now he bears all crosses, meets all needs.  
The stone flung back at Easter means we share  
The widening ripples of his presence here.*

**Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter** Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Brenda Bedingfield, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, 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 family and friends of** Brenda Carlyle, Pat Ofield



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