

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

## Sunday 7th April 2024, 2nd Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends, Easter, for many, is a difficult time. We are asked to believe something we cannot explain and certainly cannot prove or disprove. The idea that someone rose from the dead is, for some people, ridiculous. Some will dismiss it as nonsense, while others may try to cope with it by watering it down a bit. They might say that the spirit of Jesus rose from the dead even though his body stayed in the grave. Others may say that he lives on in his followers, as they try to continue his work and complete his aims.

These ideas start with the difficulty of believing and are an attempt to produce something more acceptable so that it will not be so hard to believe. We do well to be suspicious of such a process. If God is what we say he is, all powerful and totally beyond our understanding, we should be careful about trying to slim him down to fit our brains. It is wrong to equate what we can understand with what is possible.

We cannot prove it. It would be a lesser thing if we could because it would be something we could contain within our minds. This does not mean that there is no evidence for the Resurrection as some would believe for it is difficult to understand the survival and indeed the growth of the Church over the centuries if there was no real foundation for it. There continues to be as ever, simply millions of people whose lives have been changed because they came to believe in the Resurrection.

Perhaps instead of wondering how we can cut down this belief to a more acceptable size, we should be asking a different question. Have we really realised how great and awesome this thing is? Belief in the Resurrection is not just belief in something that happened 2000 years ago in Jerusalem. It is believing in a living God who is present and active in our lives, that ultimately God is greater than evil and that his purposes will one day be achieved and that we are always able to experience our resurrection through repentance and forgiveness.

The Resurrection isn't just historic, it is an insight into the nature of God and his purpose for the world. It represents the basic reason why Christians believe it is possible to live together in this world with hope, despite all the troubles which surround us in the world.

Wishing you all joy and hope in believing in the Risen Christ, for... .. Alleluia! Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Every Blessing, **Qyan**. *Letter represents thoughts agreed with, of Fr Michael Macey, Vicar of the Parish of Boxmoor, Hemel Hempsted, by kind permission.*

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

**Thursday 4th 12noon Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Sunday 7th 10am Holy Communion** in church

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

**Tuesday 9th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 9th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support** meet in the parish centre

**Wednesday 10th 11am Funeral Service** in church, for the late Ann Farthing

**Wednesday 10th 2.30pm Evington History and Heritage Group** in parish centre

**Thursday 11th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre

**Thursday 12th 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.

*Readings for Sunday 7th: Acts 4 vs 32-35; John 20 vs 19-end*

**With regret** the Holy Communion service on Sunday 7th April, 10am will not be livestreamed on Zoom. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**Revds Anthony and Mark** are on annual leave Monday 1st April—Sunday 7th April inclusive. Should you need assistance with anything church related, please contact one of the churchwardens in the first instance (details on the back of the bulletin.)

**The Revd John Taylor** will preside and preach at the 10am Holy Communion service this coming Sunday, 7th April. He has visited us on a few occasions in the past. The PCC are very grateful to him for providing Sunday worship clergy cover in the absence of Anthony and Mark.

**Lily House Bereavement Support Group** (formerly Cruse) re-convene on Tuesday 9th April in the church & parish centre, at 7.30pm.

**Evington History and Heritage Group** Our next meeting is on Wednesday April 10th at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre, when we will welcome back Peter Liddle, retired county archaeologist and organiser of the Leicestershire Archaeology Festival in July. He will reveal the secrets of Groby Old Hall, always a very popular venue at the festival. This is a chance to get one step ahead by hearing about this special place and then perhaps visiting it during the festival. Visitors welcome as always for £3. Refreshments will be served.

The **Late Ann Farthing** the funeral service for Ann will take place in St. Denys on Wednesday 10th April at 11am. All who knew her are 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**

**Date for your Diary LEFT:**

**Charles Villiers Stanford** This will be a fantastic concert of music by Stanford, one of the greatest composers of choral and organ music. A retiring collection in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will be made. **All are welcome!**

**BELOW:** The Easter flowers in church are beautiful. Many thanks to those who have dedicated much time in creating the wonderful displays to enhance the church building during the Easter season. It is much appreciated.



**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.



*Alleluia! Alleluia! hearts to heaven and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise: he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.*

**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 2nd Sunday of Easter** Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk in the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise 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 the family and friends of** Ann Farthing, Chinnamma Jacob



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