

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

## 26th May 2024, Trinity Sunday



*Readings for today: Romans 8 vs 12-17; John 3 vs 1-17*

Dear Friends, I have just got back from a fabulous couple of weeks in Victoria, Vancouver Island, and I've just about recovered from the jet lag! There were spectacular views & unique flora a fauna - my favourite being the Arbutnot trees, which shed their bark each year to leave a smooth 'skin' which starts off a vibrant red before gradually darkening to a rusty-brown.

It was also wonderful to spend quality time with my closest friend and her husband, whether that was visiting a specific site, just wandering around Victoria, going to church, or sharing food with them at home.

It's an experience that has given me much to thank God for and has particularly reminded me of the importance of relationships and quality time spent with one another. What would you thank God for, this week?

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, a day when we particularly consider the significance of worshipping a God who is Three Persons and One God. It's a concept that is beyond our full understanding, beyond language and explanation. I'm not going to try to explain it, now or in my sermon(!), instead I'd encourage you to focus on the difference it makes that God IS both three persons and One God. The Trinity is intrinsically relational - we cannot remove relationships from God, it is part of who God is. Here are some thoughts & questions to help you ponder this:

- God chooses to have, and to restore, relationship with us, even though the Father, Son & Holy Spirit have relationship within each other. Let this fill you with awe, that God chooses us, and chooses you. Thank God for this

- How does the Spirit help you in relationship with the Father and the Son?

- In John 3, Jesus likens the movement of the Spirit to the wind. We see the effects of the Spirit at work around us. Where have you seen the Holy Spirit at work around you recently? With love and prayers, **Sian**

## COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

**Friday 24th 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre

**Saturday 25th 10am Diabetes Support Coffee Morning** in the parish centre

**Sunday 26th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **3pm Crafty Church** in the parish centre

**Monday 27th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 28th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 28th Lily House Bereavement Support Group** in church & parish centre

**Wed 29th 7pm Journey in Faith (JiF) Course** in the parish centre

**Thursday 30th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre

**Thursday 30th 12pm Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Holy Communion (BCP) (said) 10am** in church

**Open Church 9am—12noon** Free wi-fi, refreshments, chat! All welcome.



**Diabetes Support Coffee Morning** the next coffee morning will be held in the parish centre on Saturday 25th May at 10am. This is for anyone who suffers from Diabetes or anyone who knows people who do, a time for chat, friendship and supporting each other.

**Crafty Church!** On Sunday 26th May, 3pm in the parish centre. For young people, families and all those young at heart! Crafts, stories, songs and refreshments. Do join with us in enjoying a fun Sunday afternoon of fellowship together.

**Last Orders!** Join Revd Anthony and others for chat over your favourite tippie in the Cedars, Sunday 26th May, from 7.30pm. All welcome!

**Morning Prayer** will NOT take place this coming week. **Communion (BCP said)** WILL take place on Thursday at 10am with the Revd Jonathan Surridge.

**Leicester Cathedral** The next FREE lunchtime concert will be given on Monday 27th May beginning at 12.30pm. Philip Millward (Lay Chaplain at Leicester Grammar School and Conductor of my village community choir) will give an organ recital lasting 45 minutes approximately. Refreshments will be served. All welcome! **Qyan**



**Faith and Friendship Group** continue to meet and enjoy being creative and making friends across different religious traditions within our community. There is a Whatsapp group where details of meetings are shared as well as film trips and visits to art exhibitions. We will be having a Bollywood-themed get together with food on Saturday 1st June. For details or to get onto the Whatsapp group, please speak to **Anthony**.



**Chester Cathedral Visit (Choral Evensong and Revd Anthony's Installation) Saturday 27th July:** If you wish to come along on this trip, on the coach, please add your full name to the list at the back of the church and pay your £21 to Michael White (Treasurer) or Janette as soon as possible. On the day, the coach leaves St. Denys at 9am, the service begins at 4.15pm and the coach leaves Chester to return home at 7.30pm. Thank you.

**St. Denys and our forthcoming Membership of a Minster Community** The preparation for St. Denys becoming part of a Minster Community has begun! We will eventually be working with other churches (exactly which churches is yet to be decided), sharing resources, ministry personnel with an oversight Minister (lay or ordained) being appointed. Over the coming weeks, the PCC will be asking all of you to engage with them in identifying clearly our characteristics, where we are now in terms of what we currently do and don't do etc across a range of different aspects and topics. All the information gathered, via the PCC completing a 'Conversation Prompt' booklet, will be fed into the process by our representatives at forthcoming meetings. *This is your chance to engage with what is happening, playing your part in the future shape of St. Denys church.* Further information will be available very soon.

If you want to know more about Minster Communities (and it is important that each one of us should), **online Q & A sessions open to all**, to answer the questions you may have, are being held as shown below. Please try to attend on one of the dates and use the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of what will be our changed future. If you are not online, please speak to Revd Anthony, or Mark (when he is back from placement) or a PCC member to ask any questions, we will do our best to answer according to what we know so far.

Forthcoming Online Question and Answer sessions:

**29 May, 10-11am** – <https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/98054154297?pwd=YzNIUUIDb3Z2WGJRc25TbzNBdzd0dz09>

**13 June, 7-8pm** – <https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/93540153415?pwd=dJZJUUM1QXc1Y3ZzR09xUHlxVVJaUT09>

**24 June, 7-8pm** – <https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/92720265461?pwd=bDhHZmFuYWZRMK1YzN2Fmd1BtUFVHUT09>

**Piano!** Have you noticed that we have a new piano in church? This was enabled by a generous anonymous donation and the PCC are very grateful to the donor. It is a Roland electronic upright and will be used in worship, and in concerts we may have. The old piano will be available for use in worship/gatherings in the Parish Centre for the moment.

**Intercessions** I am still desperately seeking people willing to intercede for us in Sunday worship. Please speak to me if you can help. **Qyan**



### Trinity Sunday

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee,  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

**Collect for Trinity Sunday** Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Brenda Bedingfield, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Marion Heygate, Alison Keddilty, Roy Lee, Kishor Nathwani, Janette Pearson, Barbara Pinder, Sian Rigby, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Andrew (Andy) White **Pray for those who mourn including family and friends of** all those we know personally who have died and those who have died in the Infected Blood and Post Office Scandals



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