

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

2nd June 2024, First Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, have you been overcome yet by Election Fever? Not sure I have to be honest, maybe a light sniffle or a dry cough but nothing approaching a fever!

In a world facing so many major challenges, choosing those who will lead us is a serious business and a weighty responsibility. So how might we approach July 4th and the weeks leading up to it as followers of Jesus Christ?

While I try to avoid advocating any political party from the pulpit, I do want to encourage us all to think deeply about how our faith should influence the mark we choose to make on our ballot paper. Here are a few suggestions:

Consider what the kingdom of God looks like. How does Jesus describe it in his parables (e.g. Luke 13.18-21) and how do the campaign policies you read and hear about reflect those kingdom values?

It is always tempting to ask, 'how will I, and people like me, benefit from this or that party?' Following Jesus is very clearly about putting others' needs first (Philippians 2.4), and especially the needs of those on the margins. Try to ask yourself how a particular policy or proposal will affect people very different from you.

Ask good questions that will give you all the information you need to make wise choices. Jesus was great at asking questions, even answering questions with questions to challenge and expose the truth in people's hearts (e.g. Mark 12.14-15).

Pray, and pray again! When the disciples chose Matthias to replace Judas, they prayed 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen' (Acts 1.24).

And finally, as with any fever, keep hydrated (John 4.14) and get plenty of rest (Matthew 11.28)!

Every blessing, **Anthony**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 30th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 1st June 11am Faith and Friendship Group in parish centre

Sunday 2nd 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 3rd 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 3rd 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 4th Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 4th Lily House Bereavement Support Group in church & parish centre

Wednesday 5th 7pm Journey in Faith (JiF) Course in the parish centre

Thursday 6th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Monday and Thursday, Morning Prayer 9am in church

Thursday Holy Communion (BCP, said) 10am in church

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



Readings for today: 2 Corinthians 4 vs 5-12; Mark 2 vs 23-ch 3 v 6

Crafty Church Last Sunday the team led a great session looking at the story of Daniel in the lions' den. Five families came and really enjoyed themselves. A huge thankyou to the team of volunteers and please keep praying as we see God bless this new venture for St Denys. As Anthony said at the annual meeting, Crafty Church and the Musical Toddlers group are essential for the future of the church and need all the support and investment and prayer that we can muster!



Faith and Friendship Bollywood Day This Saturday 1st June the Faith and Friendship group are getting together to share in the food, art, film and maybe even dance moves of Bollywood! All are welcome and we start from 11am but to help with catering, please do drop Anthony a line if you are planning to come.



LEFT: Another picture of Crafty Church activities last Sunday afternoon.

This coming Sunday 2nd June, with it being half term, there is just one all age communion service at 10am. Matins will return next month.

Choral Evensong (with full choir) will be held in St. John the Baptist, Billesdon on Sunday 2nd June at 4pm. All are welcome.

Monday Meet will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday 3rd June at 2pm. For chat, company, friendship, refreshments and being together.



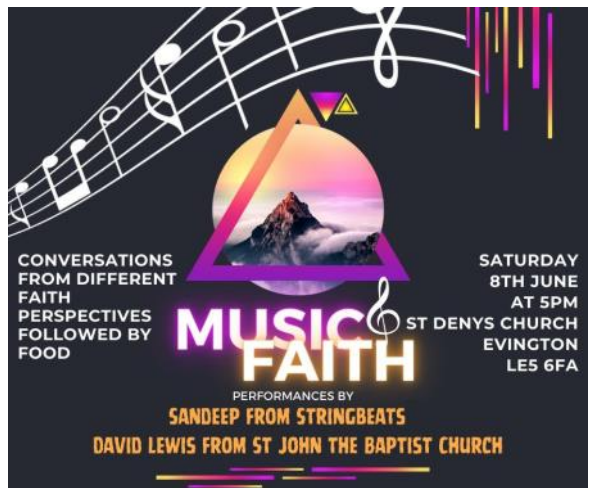
LEFT: D Day Commemorations 80th anniversary

All welcome to join in with remembering the 80th anniversary of D Day and the Normandy Landings

By the Post Box, Main Street, Evington Village on Thursday 6th June 2024

RIGHT: Music and Faith event with Sandeep from String Beats who performed in our Music Festival last year. All welcome!

Saturday 8th June from 5pm.



The Remaining current **Minster Community** Question and Answer sessions are being held via Zoom as follows:

13th June, 7pm—8pm: <https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/93540153415?pwd=dIzJUUM1QXc1Y3ZzR09xUHlxVWJaUT09>

24th June, 7-8pm: <https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/92720265461?pwd=bDhHZmFuYWRRMK1YzN2Fmd1BtUFVHUT09>



Chester Cathedral Visit (Choral Evensong and Revd Anthony's Installation) Saturday 27th July: There are still places available on the coach! If you wish to go, 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.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious: never shall his promise fail, God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our salvation, hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim; heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name! from 'Foundling Hospital Collection' (1796)

Collect for First Sunday after Trinity God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Marion Heygate, Alison Keddilty, Roy Lee, Kishor Nathwani, Janette Pearson, Barbara Pinder, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Andrew (Andy) White **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Brenda Bedingfield



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