

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 5th May 2024, 6th Sunday of Easter



Readings for 10am: Acts 10 vs 44-end; John 15 vs 9-17

Dear Friends, 'Thank you' is a phrase we say and hear multiple times in a day, 'thank you for holding the door', 'thank you for the cup of tea'.... But I wonder how often we say thank you to God.

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

When we give thanks to God, we are not just being polite, but acknowledging that all good things come from God. Even in the most testing of circumstances, giving thanks to God can help us to see the good through the bad, and allows us to count our blessings.

In my sermon on Sunday, I shared this reading **Colossians 3 vs 12 - 17**. The final verse of which says:

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

This passage was read by my godmother at my wedding. She sadly died last week, and I have been feeling very mixed emotions through all parts of the spectrum; from heartbroken to grateful. My godmother gave me the greatest gift that anyone could ever give - faith! Without this I wouldn't be where I am today. It is this faith that helps me to appreciate the times we had together, and the knowledge that she is with the Lord now is of great comfort to me.

In a different form of giving thanks, I will be at the King Power stadium on Saturday to see Leicester City receive their championship trophy! The season has had its highs and lows, like much of life, but I am thankful that we are now going back into the Premier League, albeit with an uncertain financial future ahead of us.

So, this week I would encourage you to spend some time in prayer, thanking God and counting your blessings. **Kimberley**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 3rd 7pm Youth Club meet in the parish centre

Saturday 4th 5pm Private Party in the parish centre

Sunday 5th 10am Matins in church and on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **3pm** Informal Holy Communion in church

Monday 6th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 6th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 7th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 7th Lily House Bereavement Support Group in church & parish centre

Wednesday 8th 2.30pm Evington History and Heritage Group in parish centre

Wed 8th 7pm Journey in Faith (JiF) Course in the parish centre

Thursday 9th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 9th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre



Morning Prayer 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.

Thy Kingdom Come For some years the period from Ascension Day (9th May) to Pentecost (19th May) has been recognised as a special time of prayer named Thy Kingdom Come. We have a lot of free prayer booklets in church to give away, for all ages, so please take one for yourself and one to give to someone else, before 9th May.

Pat Ofield's Funeral Pat and Gwynne were much loved members of St Denys for many years. Pat's funeral will be on Thursday 16th May at 10.30am and members of the congregation are very welcome to attend. There will be no midweek communion that day but Morning Prayer will be said at 9am for those who would like to come.

'Together With' Return Visit to Leicester Cathedral On Sunday 19th May, St. Denys is invited to join the Cathedral congregation for Choral Evensong beginning at 3.30pm. This will then be followed by refreshments and a tour of the newly re-opened Cathedral following the changes and refurbishment. The Cathedral would like one of us to read a bible reading during the service. If you know that you will definitely be attending, and wish to read, please e-mail or telephone me as soon as possible—first come, first served! All welcome. Please note that there will not be an Evensong service in St. Denys on that day. **Qyan**

St. John the Baptist, Billesdon are holding their next Saturday morning Coffee concert on 11th May when the Revd Jeff Hopewell (Baritone) will be accompanied by Dr Simon Ainge on the piano/organ performing music by Schubert and Mendelssohn amongst other composers. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am with the music beginning at 11am lasting about 45 minutes. FREE entry, and any donations will be split between the church and their chosen charity. Professional standard music making at little or no cost (up to you.) What more could you want?

St. Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street have their annual May Festival service, Mass with procession in honour of Our Lady, on Monday 13th May at 7pm. A choir will also be singing as part of the worship. All are very welcome. Please note, incense will be used at this service.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in church on Monday 20th May at 7pm. This is an important meeting to which you are all invited to attend. This is where we review the life and activities of St. Denys for the year past, and look ahead to the future, particularly the forthcoming year. Please do come along if you possibly can. Please note that you will only be able to vote on various matters if you are on the Electoral Roll and are present at the meeting in person, not online.

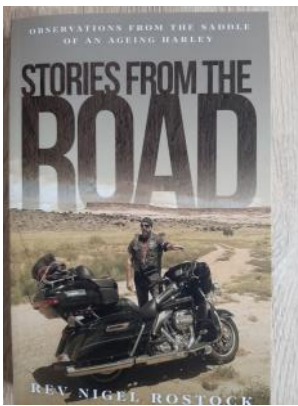
Coffee, Cake and Fellowship With regret, May's meeting of Coffee, Cake and Fellowship in the parish centre has had to be cancelled. We re-convene on Tuesday 18th June at 10am. Apologies for any disappointment caused. **Kate Riley**

Final 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 immediately after Evensong there on Saturday 27th July, 4.15pm.



Chester Cathedral, Revd Anthony's Installation On the 27th July, we have a coach booked to take us to Chester for the day leaving St. Denys lay-by at **09.00**. Upon arrival, there will be time for yourselves before we walk up to Chester Cathedral for Anthony's Installation. The coach will leave Chester to return to St. Denys at **19.30**. There will be a comfort stop on the way, and on the return journey. The cost for the coach will be **£21.00** per person. Please pay all payments by 29th June 2024 to either myself or Michael White our Treasurer. Please sign up on the list at the back of St. Denys, or give me a call on **2414051**. Alternatively, you can email me at: janpears13@aol.com by **29th June 2024**. (I am away from **7th – 14th May 2024**). Thank you. **Janette Pearson**.

Revd Mark will be away on placement and therefore uncontactable from the 7th May until early June. **Morning Prayer** will not take place this coming Monday.



Stories from the Road Last Wednesday in the parish centre, twenty-six people enjoyed immensely, a hugely entertaining presentation by our former Curate the Revd Nigel Rostock to promote his new book 'Stories from the Road, Observations from the Saddle of an ageing Harley.' Nigel's gentle but cheeky sense of humour enthralled all who were there and many copies were purchased, and signed by him then! If you missed the occasion for whatever reason, you can find copies for sale on Amazon and in the Christian Resources Bookshop at St. Martin's House. It is a brilliant, movingly personal and easy read.

Intercessions on Sunday mornings! Despite repeated requests through the bulletin, no-one has come forward to join the intercessors rota. As things stand at the moment, there are only four people who have said they will be on this list to be called upon at any time. So the situation is critical. To avoid the same few people being asked all the time to intercede for us in services, which wouldn't be fair or practical, we urgently need others to come forward. We appreciate it is a ministry of the Spirit, but it is not an onerous one, largely formed by what is on your heart! If needed, help/guidance will be given. Please get in touch with me if you think you could assist with this part of our worship. Thank you. **Qyan**

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, 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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