

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

## 23rd June 2024, Fourth Sunday after Trinity

*Readings for today: 2 Corinthians 6 vs 1-13; Mark 4 vs 35-end*



Dear Friends, parting company permanently, in any situation, can be very hard and emotional! On Wednesday last, the Journey in Faith (JiF) course which had been running for the last academic year in the parish centre, came to an end. The group has always got on very well and importantly, respected each other's viewpoints whether we have agreed with them or not. There has been throughout, a strong sense of friendship, bonding and fellowship together. This has in no small part, been enabled by our facilitators Revds Anthony and Mark, assisted by Geraldine and Kimberley, all of whom have been excellent!

I know that all who attended would agree that it has been very interesting and challenging at times. It was meant to be! We have dealt with difficult aspects and topics of the Christian life, explored different facets of the bible and Christian thought and traditions, and listened to, and learned a lot, from each other's experiences and opinions.

As we got towards the end of the session, we were each asked to write down anonymously, on 3 pieces of paper, one blessing, challenge and hope that we have in our faith, because of being on the Jif course. Each group of three were then placed around a candle and in silence - an important part of any faith journey - we individually moved around the table to read the responses as the candles flickered, many of which I was very moved by. Anthony then read a poem called 'Blessing for the Traveller' by John O'Donohue, about parting and going our separate ways which not only was pertinent to this session, but also made me think of his and Wendy and family's imminent departure from St. Denys! Again, I had a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye! The final act was to share the grace together whilst holding hands stood in a circle, which re-emphasised the bond we all felt with each other in God's blessing.

In your Christian journey, how are you getting on? What challenges, blessings and hopes do you have as you journey on in your faith and in God's kingdom? Are you open enough to learn from other Christians around you and those of different faiths? Do you desire to learn more, develop your faith and grow as a disciple of Christ, rather than just merely plod on day to day?

I believe the diocese is planning to run the JiF course again. I had my doubts at the start about whether it would be worth attending. Having done so, I can heartily recommend it! With every blessing, **Qyan**<sub>1</sub>

## COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

**Friday 21st 7pm Youth Club** meet in the parish centre

**Sunday 23rd 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **3pm Crafty Church** meet in the parish centre

**Monday 24th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Monday 24th 7pm Diocesan Research Presentation**—parish centre

**Tuesday 25th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 25th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 25th Lily House Bereavement Support Group** in church & parish centre

**Thursday 27th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre

**Thursday 27th 2pm Private Booking** in the parish centre

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**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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.

**Music Festival 2024** We are hoping to arrange another Music Festival or a series of concerts on various dates for St. Denys, at the end of summer/early Autumn. Please look out for details to come. We will need volunteers to help so if you are able to, please let me know when details are released.

**Crafty Church** takes place in the parish centre this coming Sunday at 3pm. Fun for everyone young at heart. Craft based activities and songs!

**The Remaining current Minster Community** Question and Answer session is being held via Zoom on: **24th June**, 7-8pm: <https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/92720265461?pwd=bDhHZmFuYWRRMK1YzN2Fmd1BtUUVVHUT09>

**Pray Your Part!** The C of E's 'Pray Your Part' campaign is promoting prayer and participation in the run-up to the General Election on 4th July. They are inviting people on a 21 day journey of prayer and reflection from Friday 14th June to election day. Sign up for the daily reflections via email at [www.cofe.io/PrayYourPart](http://www.cofe.io/PrayYourPart). Prayer booklets can be ordered from [Church House Publishing](http://ChurchHousePublishing).

**Concert of Organ and Piano Duets and Organ Solos** given by musicians Ian Orr (Qyan's former music teacher) and Dr Nikki Booth, Saturday 22nd June, 2.30pm in St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston LE18 4TA. Free entry, refreshments. Optional donations in aid of the charity Headway.

**Please pray** for the ten ordinands from Leicester being ordained deacons and priests next week. Anthony will be with them on retreat at Launde Abbey, from Wednesday—Sunday afternoon, and will be back in time for Last Orders.

**Last Orders!** On Sunday 30th June from 7.30pm in the Cedars. Why not join the Revd Anthony and others, for **Anthony's very last pub night with us.** Chat over your favourite tipples and send him on his way with good cheer! All very welcome!



**Date for your Diary! Tales of Antarctica and Penguin Pics!** On Monday 1st July at 6pm in the parish centre, Michael and Gerry will be telling tales and showing pictures from their recent trip to Antarctica. This will be a fascinating and amusing evening. Do come along if you can.

**Anthony and Wendy's Silver Wedding Celebrations** On 10<sup>th</sup> July we will be celebrating our silver wedding anniversary and to mark the occasion, on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm** we plan to renew our vows at St Denys with



friends and family from far and near. (It's going to be a busy weekend!) The priest who married us is coming to take the service and you won't be surprised to hear there will be lots of music! After the service, there will be cake and a glass of fizz as well as a live band made up of Erica, Hilary and friends. We would be delighted to welcome anyone from our church family who would like to come along to the service and celebrate with us. No need to let us know in advance, just turn up on the day! **Anthony and Wendy**

**Revd Anthony's Final Service** on Sunday 14th July 2024, 10am. All are welcome to this service which will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in the parish centre. Further details will be made known soon.

**Organ Recital at St. Luke's, Thurnby** on Saturday 20th July given by former Director of Music at Leicester Grammar School, Dr David Whittle. Coffee etc served from 10.30am, concert begins 11am. FREE entry with retiring collection at the end. All welcome.

**Chester Cathedral Visit (Revd Anthony's Installation)** Saturday 27th July: If you have reserved a place on the coach and still haven't paid the £21 cost, please do so, to Michael or Janette, this week if possible! If you wish to pay by electronic bank transfer, please e-mail Qyan and he will send you the necessary bank details. Many thanks.

**Streaming Anthony's Installation LIVE!** We are hoping to show the feed from Anthony's Chester Cathedral installation service, at St. Denys, on 27th July for those who can't go to Chester. To do this, we need someone who would be able to connect up and monitor the computer and screen we have. If you are someone or know someone (who doesn't need to be connected with church) who could help, do let Anthony know or e-mail me. **Qyan**

**Advance Notice - Evington Fete Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August** We are looking forward to welcoming people into the Parish Centre for refreshments on the afternoon of the Fete on 10<sup>th</sup> August. To do this we need your help! We would be grateful for any offers of cakes, homemade or bought, and people to help on the day, pouring teas and coffees and serving people with cakes. There will be sign-up sheets in church for providing cakes and helping on the day. Please speak to Janette Pearson or Ann Bennett if you would like further information. Thank you.

**RIGHT: A view of Chester Cathedral.**



**Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity** Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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



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