

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

30th June 2024, Fifth Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, at a Masonic service held last Sunday afternoon, in the beautiful church of St. Mary's, Warwick, in which Kay and I have the privilege annually, of singing as members of the Grand Lodge of Warwickshire Provincial Choir, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the characterful and inspiring Revd Timothy Boyns, preached on the theme of 'Togetherness' particularly on this occasion, of it being an essential and integral part of life within Freemasonry.

After the initial excitement at the start of the service, hearing the fantastic organ the church possesses (not played by me) fanfare in the Provincial Grand Master with the use of its fabulous, ear-splitting trumpets which filled the building in hair raising resonance, I began to reflect on just how important 'Togetherness' will be when Anthony, Wendy and family leave us in just two and a half weeks' time!

Anthony has been a faithful and inspiring leader and has become a friend to us all. We will certainly miss him and the whole family and the many gifts they employed for the good of St. Denys and in service to God. Of course, thankfully, we will continue to have Mark, completing his Curacy, equally talented, committed and able, and will continue to take many of our services. The churchwardens along with our Lay Chair (Sian) will be in overall charge. We are not likely to get another parish priest with the advent of the Minster Community process.

In this extensive period without a leader, 'Togetherness' therefore – the PCC working together as one unit, allied to you all as members of the church and its congregation, and being as one together with you, as the family of St. Denys, is critical. Just because our leader will have left us, doesn't mean everything goes to pot! We all need to work together for the good of St. Denys and to the glory of God for whom we exist to worship and serve. Not in our own strength, but in the strength of him who gave his life for us on the cross and to his praise and glory.

At the service in Warwick, the choir sang the anthem, based on Psalms 122 & 133, "Behold, brethren! How good and joyful a thing it is to dwell together in unity.....yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, we will seek thy good....." For us all, this attitude of mind and purpose, always of immense importance, will continue to be essential in the weeks and months ahead.

Please pray for Mark, the PCC, Churchwardens and Lay Chair and yourselves in our changed times. We will also pray for you, the congregation and together with us, the family of St. Denys. Please continue to pray for Anthony and family too.

Every blessing, **Qyan**



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 27th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group in the parish centre

Thursday 27th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 27th 7.30pm Pre Vacancy Meeting for the PCC in the parish centre

Friday 28th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Saturday 29th 11am Memorial Service & Reception in church and parish centre

Sunday 30th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan) **7.30pm Last Orders!** In the Cedars

Monday 1st July 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 1st 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Monday 1st 6pm Antartica Holiday Presentation in the parish centre

Tuesday 2nd 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 2nd Lily House Bereavement Support Group in church & parish centre

Wednesday 3rd 7.30pm Deanery Synod meet in the parish centre

Thursday 4th 10.45am approx (after the Holy Communion service) Ashes of the late Brenda Bedingfield interred in Garden of Remembrance

Thursday 4th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

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Monday, Tuesday, 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 Sunday 30th: 2 Corinthians 8 vs 7-end; Mark 5 vs 21-end

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



Last Orders! Sunday 30th June from 7.30pm in the Cedars. Join Anthony and others, for **Anthony's very last pub night with us!** Chat over your favourite tipples and send him on his way with all good cheer! All very welcome!

Tales of Antartica 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 Antartica. This will be a fascinating and amusing evening. Do come along if you can. Donations appreciated for St. Denys Church.



Deanery Synod Meeting at St. Denys! Wednesday 3rd July 7.30pm (with light refreshments served from 7pm) This is an OPEN meeting for all, so everyone is invited to attend. The theme will be 'Sharing learning from research, studies or training by Lay and Ordained colleagues' which will prove to be a fascinating topic.

The Late Brenda Bedingfield Brenda's ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance at St. Denys, immediately following the 10am service on Thursday 4th July. All welcome.



Anthony and Wendy's Silver Wedding Celebrations On 10th July we will be celebrating our silver wedding anniversary and to mark the occasion, on **Saturday 13th 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 and Bring and Share Lunch! on Sunday 14th July 2024, 10am. All are welcome to this service. If you are staying for the lunch afterwards, please consider contributing some food. To do so, please check the list of items needed, which is located at the back of St. Denys church and tick the items you wish to bring, if not already ticked! This will help to ensure a variety of food is available, rather than too much of some things and too little of other things. Thanks



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.

Coach trip to Chester Cathedral for Revd Anthony's Installation on 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. The deadline for payment is this coming Saturday 29th June!



Anthony's Installation LIVE in St. Denys! For those not going to Chester Cathedral on the coach for Anthony's installation on 27th July, we will be showing the service live on screen in the parish centre. Help yourselves to tea/coffee etc, feel free to bring cake! The service begins at 4.15pm, so I would advise arriving by 4pm at the latest. Grateful thanks are accorded to John, a local resident, who has agreed to set up and control the technology.

Advance Notice - Evington Fete Saturday 10th August We are looking forward to welcoming people into the Parish Centre for refreshments on the afternoon of the Fete on 10th 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.

Cleaner Needed for Parish Centre Due to illness, Andy who had been cleaning the centre had to stand down. We are very grateful to him for all that he has done, to keep the centre tidy and clean. Since then, for a few months now, a member of the congregation has kindly been able to clean the floors and complete other tasks before worship on a Sunday morning. We URGENTLY need someone to take on this role on a more permanent basis, probably a requirement of a couple of hours a week. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking up this role, please do get in touch with me for further information. Thank you. **Qyan**

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.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



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