

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

9th June 2024, Second Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, as I write this, I am just finishing my placement in deepest rural Leicestershire. Just yesterday I was basking in the sun outside the second of three churches that we were serving. The church had no electricity, so post service tea and coffee were out of the question. However, the resourceful congregation get around this by serving wine and canapés from a table instead. Yesterday, to take advantage of the excellent weather, it was carried outside, allowing for an opportunity to invite over a passing couple of walkers and their dog to join us! It was a very restful way to unwind and enjoy fellowship with the fifteen or so strong congregation and it seemed a very appropriate way to spend time after a service that had taken ‘Sabbath’ as its theme.

Today however, the emails reminding me that this week it is my turn to write this letter for the bulletin, and that also I am on the rota to take this Thursday’s and this Sunday’s services have dropped into my email inbox. My calendar and reminders lists have once more begun to issue their reminders of things to be done and prepared for. So, it is with a wry smile on my face that I write this and reflect on the step change in pace and expectation between rural and urban ministry!

As I return, I am determined not to allow the ‘to do’ list to take over, but rather to learn from my rural experience that sometimes our time is better spent looking around ourselves and listening and appreciating all that is going on. That way we are much more likely to encounter what God’s intentions are for us, rather than being ruled by our diary.

The months ahead of us are likely to be challenging at times, however I hope that none of us will fall into the trap that frantic activity is the answer. Instead, I hope we will be listening and praying as to what God will have us do.

While we reflect on that, here and on page 4 of this bulletin are pictures from last Sunday too.



With every blessing, **Mark**



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 7th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 7th 7pm Youth Club meet in the parish centre

Saturday 8th 5pm String Beats Music & Faith event in church & parish centre

Sunday 9th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 10th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 10th 7pm PCC Meeting in the parish centre

Tuesday 11th Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 11th Lily House Bereavement Support Group
in church & parish centre

Wednesday 12th 7pm Journey in Faith (JiF) Course in the parish centre

Thursday 13th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 13th 2pm Private Booking in the parish centre

diary

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.



LEFT: Decorated post box topper in Main Street, Evington to mark the 80th anniversary of D Day, today.

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.

A poster for the "Music and Faith" event. The poster features a central image of a mountain peak inside a triangle, surrounded by musical notes and colorful vertical lines. The text on the poster includes:

CONVERSATIONS FROM DIFFERENT FAITH PERSPECTIVES FOLLOWED BY FOOD

MUSIC & FAITH

PERFORMANCES BY
SANDEEP FROM STRINGBEATS
DAVID LEWIS FROM ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY
8TH JUNE
AT 5PM
ST DENYS CHURCH
EVINGTON
LE5 6FA

Readings for Sunday 9th: 2 Corinthians 4 vs 13—ch 5 v 1; Mark 3 vs 20—end

PCC Meeting the next PCC Meeting will take place on Monday 10th June at 7pm in the parish centre. This will be Revd Anthony's final such meeting.

The Late Brenda Bedingfield A thanksgiving service for the life of Brenda will take place in St. Denys on Friday 14th June at 11am. The family would like it to be known that all Brenda's friends and all who knew her, are warmly invited to this service.

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=djZJUUM1QXc1Y3ZzR09xUHlxVVJaUT09>

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

Date for your Diary! 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 an amusing evening. Do come along if you can.



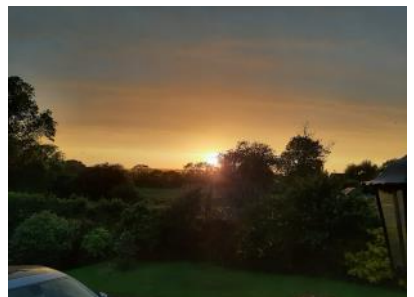
Chester Cathedral Visit (Choral Evensong and Revd Anthony's Installation) Saturday 27th July

There are still 15 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.

RIGHT: The Wonder of God's Creation

Sunset, taken from outside the home of Kay and I in North Northamptonshire on Tuesday just past, 4th June. **Qyan**



Further pictures from Revd Mark's rural placement recently completed, in the Launde Deanery, showing All Saints Church, East Norton (sheep are from Melton Mowbray!)



Thought For D Day 80th Anniversary (Thursday 6th June): *They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them or the years condemn. From the going down of the sun and in the morning, we WILL remember them.*



Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Marion Heygate, Alison Keddily, 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** **We remember all those who died on D Day 80 years ago and in the world wars more widely**



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