

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 14th July 2024, 7th Sunday after Trinity



Readings for Sunday: Ephesians 1 vs 3-14; Mark 6 vs 14-29

Dear Friends

Charlie Brown famously said, "Goodbye always makes my throat hurt!" Saying goodbye is certainly painful and I know Sunday is going to be an emotional and difficult day, but I was so encouraged by Mark's words last Sunday when he said that we should think of my departure less as a loss and more as a sending out.

In the book of Acts chapter 20 we read about Paul's final farewell to the elders from the church in Ephesus. As I wrestle with what to say in my last sermon, I know I can't match Paul's mix of warning and promise all wrapped up in Christian love. There is understandably a lot of hugging and weeping and praying as he leaves them for Jerusalem, compelled by the Spirit and not knowing what might happen to him there (v22).

Paul's final words in verse 35 are a reminder of Jesus's own: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." I have received so much from you over the past 12 years, and I can only stand on the brink of this new adventure because of the experiences, the love and support, that I have been given in Evington. I have been deeply moved by the number of people signing up for the bus to Chester where I will be "given away" to the Cathedral on 27th July.

You have given me so much and my prayer for you is that you will continue to be blessed and be a blessing to those in need and to all who are part of our wonderfully diverse community. In the words of another of my favourite fictional characters, Winnie the Pooh, "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

Every blessing, **Anthony**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 11th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 11th 2pm Organist practising in church

Friday 12th 9am Organist practising in church

Friday 12th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 12th 2.30pm Organist practising in church

Saturday 13th 11am Band practising in church

Saturday 13th 12pm Choir rehearsal & 3pm service in church & parish centre-

Sunday 14th 10am Holy Communion (Revd Anthony's last service) in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Monday 15th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 16th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 16th Lily House Bereavement Support Group in church & parish centre

Thursday 18th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Monday—Friday, 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.

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Anthony and Wendy's Silver Wedding Celebrations

This **Saturday 13th July at 3pm** we will 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 will officiate and you won't be surprised to hear there will be lots of music! Cake and fizz will follow as well as music from 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. Just turn up on the day! **Anthony and Wendy**

Revd Anthony's Final Service & Bring and Share Lunch! on **Sunday 14th July 10am**. All are welcome to what will be a very sad occasion for us all because they are leaving, but happy to wish them all the best in Christ for the new chapter of life and ministry they are beginning.



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.

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.



Beautiful Flower Creations by Kimberley and her team, bedecking the church for Anthony and Wendy's Silver Wedding Anniversary

Your Help Is Needed! There are some garden tools and a lawn mower belonging to the church, currently stored at the Rectory, which need to be moved because the Rectory will soon be vacated. The PCC would be very grateful if anyone with storage space would be willing to temporarily store these items. Contact the **Churchwardens** if you can help. Thank you.

A Pre Christmas Event is being planned for our community. For more information and to get involved, please contact our Churchwarden **Janette**, by telephoning 0116 2414051. We hope to have a goodly number showing interest in taking part. Please do consider what we hope will be a very successful occasion.

'Hugging' - to make you feel good! Author unknown sent in by a member of the St. Denys congregation:

*Feels good,
Dispels loneliness,
Overcomes fears,
Builds self-esteem,
(Wow! They actually want to hug me!)
Slows down ageing,
Huggers stay younger longer,
Eases tension,
Fights insomnia,
Keeps arm and shoulder muscles in good condition,
Is ecologically sound,
Does not upset the environment,
Is democratic,
Anyone is eligible for a hug,
Is portable,
Affirms physical well-being,
Is energy efficient, saves heat,
Makes impossible days possible,
Makes happy days happier*

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; 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 John Rice**



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