

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 7th 2024, Sixth Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.' You may remember these words, from Hebrews 13.8, which we used throughout our 800th Anniversary, in 2019. So many events Anthony suggested for that year, including our production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'; events involving people in the Church and Community, people of all ages. A truly wonderful year, thanks to Anthony, for all his encouragement and hard work, enabling so many exciting things to happen. And, thanks be to God, that we were able to go ahead with all our celebrations, before Covid; the pandemic that caused so many things to change.

And we face change now; things will be different for all of us. For Anthony, as he moves on, following God's calling, taking on his new ministry, as Canon Missioner, at Chester Cathedral; and for he and Wendy, as they move and settle into their new home. And for us, at St Denys, and in the local community, as we move forward, without Anthony leading, guiding, inspiring, supporting, encouraging us. But whatever we go through, God is with us; He is faithful, unchanging; Jesus promised to be with us always.

As we all go through this time of change, wherever we are, may we seek to follow God's calling on our lives, allowing the Holy Spirit to be at work in us and through us; building on all that we have achieved together over these 12 years, with Anthony; growing as God's people, and joining in the work that God is already doing, spreading His Kingdom.

So many people's lives have been touched and enriched by Anthony; so many have been supported, encouraged, affirmed - and challenged - by him. He has always been there for us, in times of sorrow and joy. I have had the great privilege and joy of working with, ministering alongside, him since he came in 2012. I greatly appreciate and value his support, care, encouragement, love, friendship in my life and ministry. It has been a delight for me to see, and learn from, the ways in which he works and ministers; he is so gifted, full of faith, truly a man of God. There is so much that I could write, but space will not allow.

Anthony, thank you so much for being here with us, for the many ways in which you have richly blessed the lives of us all - in the St Denys family, and in the local and wider Community. May you know the abundance of God's blessing in your new ministry. Thank you also, Wendy, for all your support, and your involvement with the music in church.

We will miss you so very much, but you go with our love, prayers and grateful thanks. May you know the abundance of God's blessing in your new life and ministry. **Geraldine**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 4th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 5th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 5th 7pm Youth Club meet in the parish centre

Saturday 6th July 3pm Private Party in the parish centre

Sunday 7th July 10am Matins in church **3pm Informal Holy Communion** in church

Monday 8th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 8th 5.30pm Evington Ward Meeting in the parish centre

Tuesday 9th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 9th 10am Cleaning takes place in the church

Tuesday 9th Lily House Bereavement Support Group in church & parish centre

Thursday 11th 12pm Private Booking 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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Readings for Sunday: 2 Corinthians 12 vs 2-10; Mark 6 vs 1-13

Your Help 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 **Anthony** or **Qyan** if you can help. Thank you so much.

Cleaning the Church on Tuesday 9th July, 10am-12pm. If you can help, please come along and join the happy band! Bring a duster and basic cleaning materials if possible. Many thanks.

Anthony and Wendy's Silver Wedding Celebrations On 10th July we will be celebrating our silver wedding anniversary. On 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 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 which is located at the back of St. Denys church and add what you will bring! 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.

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 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, please do get in touch with me for further information. Thank you. **Qyan**



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.



Last Monday, in the parish centre, 25 people enjoyed slides, videos and commentary about Michael and Gerry's fantastic holiday in the Antarctic Peninsula, including stays in Buenos Aires and a visit to the Falkland Islands. Their enthusiasm was infectious. We learned about conservation in the Antarctic, and the culture of cities they visited. We were shown beautiful landscapes from stunning icebergs -

though much reduced by climate change - meeting many different breeds of penguins and seals along the way, to the Falkland Islands. This was an amazing trip combined with the luxury of a very modern, green cruise ship and the wonderful food it offered plus much, much more including the Argentinian Tango! Most discernible for me, was the clear impact that this holiday had. By far the most important lesson learned was just how precious, endangered and fragile this, and many other areas of the world are. We must do our utmost to preserve and minimise further environmental damage to God's wonderful creation. Time prevented us from seeing all 800+ photographs taken! Nevertheless, it was a lovely evening, presented with passion and humour, emotional at times, complimented by tasty nibbles and delicious wine, my favourite being the Argentinian Malbec! Thank you, Michael and Gerry, for giving us a taste of what is perhaps, a once in a lifetime experience. It was truly fascinating for us all. **Qyan**



Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Marion Heygate, Alison Keddlity, 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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