

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 11th August 2024, 11th Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, it has become almost a cliché to say that we live in a dangerous and uncertain world, but cliché or not, this is most certainly true! We pray for cessation of the wars between Israel and Hamas, where all-out war is now threatened, the Ukraine and Russia, political unrest in Bangladesh and several other parts of the world and, the racist riots that have spread quickly in the UK over the past week and a half following the deaths of the three young children in Southport. These are just a few of many current examples of the suffering that our fellow human beings are going through.

Not being in a position of power or authority and feeling helpless and worried for the future as well as for the people caught up in conflict, there is little of any significance, that we, as ordinary Christian people can do – except one thing, and it is a BIG thing - **PRAY.**

How seriously do we, as Christians, whether as private individuals or holistically as a church family, take our prayer life? It should be an integral part of our daily life if we claim to be children of God. Prayer is a powerful and effective tool if we use it properly, regularly, sincerely and genuinely believe in it. Without this channel of communication with God, our Christian lives cannot be as fulfilling, enriching, awe inspiring and effective, not only for the sake of our relationship with God, but for good in our world. Without it, the validity of our faith is weakened and our commitment to God can be legitimately questioned.

It can sometimes be hard to accept that we may not receive instant answers to prayer, or our prayers may not be answered in the way we expect or desire, but we must remember that God is faithful to us, and will not desert or abandon us, but lead us in ways that he knows is best and right for us. We just need to trust in him, wholly and completely, never forgetting that in our lives, he and his word the Bible, are our trusty shield and defence.

In Romans 15:5-6, Paul prays: “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Please continue to pray for the various situations in the world, not just what matters to you personally. If you want to be with others in prayer, Morning Prayer is offered in church on most weekdays (see the bulletin.) May your Christian lives be enhanced magnificently, by the power of **PRAYER.** Blessings, **Qyan**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Saturday 10th afternoon Evington Fete Refreshments in the parish centre

Sunday 11th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Tuesday 13th 10am Church cleaning

Tuesday 13th 3.30pm Burial of Ashes in the churchyard

Tues 13th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support in church & parish centre

Thursday 15th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

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: Ephesians 4 vs 25—ch 5 v 2; John 6 vs 35, 41-51

Part of a hymn to link to the bulletin letter 1) *O God of love, O King of peace, Make wars throughout the world to cease; The wrath of sinful man restrain: Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

3) *Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest but on thy faithful word? None ever called on thee in vain: Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

4) *Where saints and angels dwell above, All hearts are knit in holy love; O bind us in that heavenly chain: Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

(Ancient & Modern Revised, number 490; tune: Rockingham LM. Words by Sir H.W. Baker)

EVINGTON FETE this coming Saturday 10th August 12pm—5pm. Please do support this event being held on the Village Green. We will be providing refreshments in the Parish Centre in the afternoon. Do pop by and partake!

Church Cleaning will take place on Tuesday 13th August 10am—12noon. If you can help Gerry and others, please do turn up at 10am with a duster and basic cleaning materials. It will be much appreciated.

The Late Lionel Oakley Lionel's funeral service will take place in St. Denys Church on Wednesday 14th August at 12.15pm.

The Late Jacqui Johnson A memorial service for Jacqui will take place in St. Denys Church on Wednesday 21st August at 12 noon.

Parish Contribution Webinars You are invited to join one of two remaining, informative one hour webinars with Simon Wilson (Finance Director), Phil Leech (Archdeacon's Co-ordinator for Parish Engagement) and Ariel Baker (Generous Giving) to receive an update on the diocese's financial status. All are welcome to attend, regardless of whether or not you hold a financial position in the diocese. Topics will include:

- The current financial position of the diocese and the decisions based on this
- The timeline for Parish Contribution commitments for 2025
- An overview of available tools, resources and training for parish finance and giving

The remaining sessions are **Wednesday 14th August, 12pm** and **Thursday 22nd August, 5pm**. To book your place and submit any specific questions or issues that you would like addressed, please e-mail:

Parish.Contribution@LeicesterCofE.org



Community Cricket Day Friday 6th September 2024, 2.30—6pm, at Loughborough University. You are invited to a fun afternoon of cricket as Bishop Saju's team plays against the Loughborough University's Vice Chancellor's in a friendly 20/20 format game at the National Cricket Performance Centre at Loughborough University. As well as the match, there will be a range of activities for everyone, so go along and offer your support! *Pop up catering outlets will be available.*

Mental Health Wellbeing Day Saturday 21st September 2024, 9am—2pm at St. John's Church, Hinckley. This training day is for all those who want to look after their own mental health better, and the mental health of others, particularly in a church setting. The speakers will be Dr Emma Hayward and Sangita Jobanputra. *Please take a packed lunch.* The event is free but please e-mail Kim.Ford@LeicesterCofE.org if you wish to attend.

The Hathern Band who entertained us so brilliantly during last year's Music Festival, is making a welcome return visit, to perform for us in St. Denys on Saturday 12th October. Please do come and hear their brilliant music making again, featuring Canon Dr Stephen Foster, known to many of us. Further details will be made known soon. **Qyan**



PRE-CHRISTMAS EVENT After a lot of thought, the time remaining is too limited to do an Angels Festival for this year. I have decided to carry this forward to next year. We need to organise a team as soon as possible, to make this festival happen and to make it one of our main fundraising events of 2025. We need people to fulfil the following organisational roles:

1) Running of the event promoting it within the wider community—local shops and schools and inviting them to take part. 2) Stall holder Organiser inviting people in as well as organising church stalls. 3) Setting up organiser 4) Catering Organiser.

If you can fulfil one of the above roles, it would help in starting to plan for next year 2025. Please telephone me on 0116 2414051. **Janette.**

Smile Line! *to make you chuckle (hopefully!)* A little boy, playing on the beach with his father, found a dead seagull on the sand. “Daddy, what happened to him?” he asked. His father replied “He died and went to heaven.” The boy thought for a moment and then observed: “He can’t have been very good — God has thrown him out again!”

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Judith Chapman (recovering from a knee operation), Ann Bennett (recovering from hip surgery), Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Alison Keddilty, Ellen King, Roy Lee, Barbara Pinder, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Andy White

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Marion Heygate, Jacqui Johnson, Lionel Oakley



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