

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 1st September 2024, 14th Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, I spent last weekend camping at a Christian festival. It was wet and VERY windy! Despite this, I am so glad I went! It was wonderful to be able to worship God with 6000 other Christians.

One of the seminars I went to was called "Total Forgiveness". I found this seminar really powerful. The thing with forgiveness is that the common phrase "forgive and forget" is nonsense and is dangerous spiritually, emotionally, and sometimes physically. And yet, we know that Jesus commanded us to forgive, so we try to forgive, and very often we find it very difficult. We may manage to let go of some bitterness and anger, but it has a tendency to rear it's head when we least expect it!

RT Kendall shared his own experience of trying to forgive. Having been badly hurt, he shared this with a friend, expecting them to agree with his anger. Instead, they said "RT, you must TOTALLY FORGIVE, or you will never be free!" So RT began the lifelong process of **totally** forgiving those who had hurt him. Through Joseph's story, RT offered 6 "proofs" to help us reflect on whether we have totally forgiven those who had hurt us. They are:

1) Confide ONLY to Jesus: you don't tell anyone what *they* did, except:

- a) telling 1 person for counselling
- b) reporting a crime

When Joseph's brothers came asking for grain, he sent everyone else away, before identifying himself. No-one else knew what the brothers had done to him.

2) You don't let THEM be afraid of you. Perfect love casts out fear. Love keeps no record of wrongs!

Joseph invites the brothers to come close to him, assuring them that there is nothing to be afraid of.

3) You don't even WANT THEM to feel guilty!

4) You let THEM save face - cover for them. "God did it!"

Joseph focuses on how God "intended it for good".

5) You protect them from their darkest secret - rewrite the story

Joseph gives them the words to use, focusing on the good God brought from those events, rather than highlighting the lie.

6) You pray for them, daily, asking God to bless them. With love and prayers. **Sian**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 1st September 10am Matins in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 2nd 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 2nd 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 3rd 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support in church & parish centre

Thursday 5th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 5th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 3rd & Thursday 5th 9am Morning Prayer in church

Thursday 5th 9am—12noon Open Church in church



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Readings for Sunday: James 1 vs 17-end; Mark 7 vs 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Names in Lights at St. Denys! We are nearly there! Thanks to people's generosity, we now have sufficient funds to carry out the work of installing lights alongside the paths in the churchyard.

At the PCC meeting in June, we considered quotes from three contractors. We chose MV Installations to carry out the work. Since then, we have been working hard with the Diocese to prepare our submission to the Church of England Chancery for a Faculty - permission to carry out the work. This is a long process all churches need to complete when planning new work.

We need to consider the impact of the lights on the environment, the church buildings and our neighbours. In addition, we had to consider the possibility of needing planning permission.

I am pleased to say that last week we received notification from the Diocese that they were happy for us to continue with our submission to the Chancellor. This was done earlier this week.

We are hopeful for a positive outcome that will enable us to start work before the clocks go back in October. Further updates will be given in future bulletins.

If you would like any more details, please ask **Gerry, Sian or Michael**.

Revd Mark is on annual leave and therefore uncontactable. If you need a member of church staff urgently during this time, please contact the churchwardens. General enquiries can be made through Qyan. Thanks.

Intercessors The number of intercessors currently, to lead prayers in Sunday services in St. Denys, is now critically low. The situation is nothing short of dire! If we are to have a fair rota without the same very few people being called upon every time, then more people need to come forward. I appreciate it isn't a Ministry for everyone, but it isn't an onerous task, and as I have said before, guidance can be given. There are some Sundays on the current rota just issued, with no-one to cover this part of our worship! Please give this your most **URGENT** consideration and, if you can give it a try, do get in touch with me. It will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. **Qyan**

We are grateful to Canon Philip Norwood who presided and preached at our 10am Holy Communion service (said) on Thursday 29th August.

On Sunday 1st September Matins will take place as usual at 10am in church. However, there will not be an informal holy communion service in the afternoon. For those who would like to take communion on this day, please do consider joining one of our partner churches, e.g. St. Peter's, St. Peter's Road, Highfields LE2 1DA at 11am where a warm welcome will await you.

Christian Resources Service This will be held at Leicester Cathedral at 5.30pm on Tuesday 3rd September. This is to mark the sad, permanent closure of the shop in St. Martin's House, due to financial reasons, and to give thanks to God for it's ministry within the diocese. All welcome.

Morning Prayer will take place on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th September only next week.

Faith and Friendship Group The next meeting will take place at 10am—1pm on Saturday 7th September in the parish centre. This will, in part, be in memory of Jacqui Johnson, a much loved and well respected member.

Evensong will take place on Sunday 8th September at 4pm, not on the third Sunday in the month. This is, in part, to mark the 2nd anniversary of the Accession of King Charles III to the throne.



PCC Meeting The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7pm. Please pray for the PCC and the difficult issues they often have to analyse and decide upon. Thank you.



Ride and Stride The annual Ride and Stride event, which raises money for the Historic Churches Support Trust and individual churches, for the maintenance of our ancient buildings, will take place on Saturday 14th September. St. Denys will be open from 10am—6pm. **We need people (preferably two per shift)** to man the church throughout this time. If you can help, a list is at the back of the church for you to sign up to a slot. It would be useful if you would consider a 2 hour slot, if possible. Thanks.

Ride and Stride Short Walk It is hoped that a short walk to city churches will take place on Ride and stride day, Saturday 14th September. If you are interested in joining in with this, please speak to me after the morning service on Sunday. Many thanks. **Elizabeth Rudge**.

Pause for Prayer: Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold. Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my master, ready to do your will. (Words: Brian Doerksen b. 1965)

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Ann Bennett (recovering from hip surgery), Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Alison Keddilty, Roy Lee, Barbara Pinder, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Andy White **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** anyone we know personally

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