

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 25th August 2024, 13th Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, As we come to this August Bank Holiday Weekend, it is nearly time for the schools to return, ready for their new academic year. So much change for a lot of children and young people: some starting school for the first time; some changing schools; some facing important exams this year. And then others, who have recently finished school, and are now embarking on the next stage of their lives, whatever that may look like for them, whether going to university, beginning an apprenticeship, starting work or looking for work. Again, change featuring in the lives of many. Let us keep them in our prayers, especially praying for our many local schools.

Within the church, we are approaching the season of Creationtide. And as we do so, in the natural world all around us, we are now seeing maturity in plants, crops, with the colours becoming those of late summer mellowness. Again, change all around us.

Last Sunday, at Evensong, one of our readings included the story of Moses and the burning bush (Exodus 3). As Moses saw that the bush was burning, but not being burned up, he knew that he had to turn aside, to look, to find out why the bush was not being burned up. And because he took the time to do that, he encountered God. And huge change in his life was to follow!

Many of us, in various ways, in our own lives, and in the life of the Church, are facing or undergoing change at this time, and it can be difficult. But whatever we are going through, God is unchanging, and He is always loving, faithful, and always with us. Sometimes, we may be surprised at where we meet with Him.

Especially in the season of Creationtide, as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation all around us, may we take the time to step aside, to stop, to look; and in doing so, we may find we are perhaps rediscovering something of the joy, delight, curiosity, of childhood, that may have been dulled over time. And as we take that time to turn aside and enjoy the beauty, the wonder, the intricacy, of creation, we are likely to find ourselves being drawn closer to our loving Creator, our Father God. **Geraldine.**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 25th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Tuesday 27th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support in church & parish centre

Thursday 29th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 29th 12pm Private Tuition in the parish centre

Thursday Holy Communion (BCP, said) 10am in church



Readings for Sunday: Ephesians 6 vs 10-20; John 6 vs 56-69

Revd Mark will be on annual leave and therefore uncontactable from Thursday 22nd August—Tuesday 3rd September inclusive. If you need a member of church staff urgently during this time, please contact the churchwardens. General enquiries can be made through Qyan. Thanks.

We are very grateful to Revd Jonathan Surridge who presided and preached at our 10am Holy Communion service (said) on Thursday just past.

We are very grateful to Revd John Taylor who will be presiding and preaching at our 10am Holy Communion service on Sunday 25th August this coming week.

Please note that Crafty Church will not take place this coming Sunday afternoon. It will start again on the last Sunday of next month.

Pub night (Last Orders!) will not take place this coming Sunday evening.

Morning Prayer, Open Church and Thursday Holy Communion Morning Prayer will not take place at all next week or on Monday 2nd September. It will be held next on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th September. Thursday Holy Communion will be celebrated and Open Church held next, on Thursday 5th.

Musical Toddlers re-convenes (term time only) in the parish centre at 10am on Friday 30th August following their summer break. If you have pre school aged children or grandchildren, why not take them along for an hour of fun and musical stimulation? For further information, please contact Sarah our Youth Worker by e-mail: stdenysyouth@gmail.com

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.



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.*

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, or e-mail me at: elizabeth@rudges.org.uk. Many thanks. **Elizabeth**

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.

Thought for Creationtide: *"I am drawn to those strands in our spiritual tradition which see human beings as priests of creation, gifted with consciousness and with the power of naming, but always in a relationship of dependence on the natural world."* **Angela Tilby, ³Anglican Theologian & TV Producer**

Last weekend myself and Anthony and Wendy had the privilege of singing as part of the 36 strong membership of the Leicester Church Music Consort, at three services in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, designed by Christopher Wren. It was the second time I had sung there, the first time being with a different choir, whose conductor's name, co-incidentally, was Christopher Wren! As with all the Cathedrals I have sung in over the years, this visit left me deeply moved both emotionally and spiritually. To be a part of a superb, very high standard of choral music making in such splendid and awe inspiring surroundings, with a brilliant, almost 10 second reverb soaring to the heights at the end of sung phrases, in praise of, and to the glory of God, is something immensely special and humbling at the same time. I had a lump in my throat on more than one occasion! I encourage you to look up and listen to some of the music we sang, if you can! Highlights for me personally include: Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in D major by Dyson and in A flat by Basil Harwood; the anthem 'And I saw a new heaven' by Edgar Bainton based on Revelation 21 vs 1-4 and a piece of organ music by Eugene Gigout called 'Grand Choeur Dialogue.'

I always think it is a great shame that the choral and organ tradition, with all its might, majesty, power, gentleness, reverence, dignity and spirituality has largely been lost from our parish churches. But do go along to a large parish church or Cathedral, wonder at the beauty around you and immerse yourself in the glorious worship that music is such an important and integral part of. Let it all soak in! **Qyan**

***Hymn:** Hark the sound of holy voices, chanting at the crystal sea, Alleluya, alleluia, Alleluya, Lord, to thee: Multitude, which none can number, Like the stars in glory stands, Clothed in white apparel, holding Palms of victory in their hands.
(Tune: 'Deerhurst' by James Langran; Words by Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885))*

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Kedditly, Roy Lee, Barbara Pinder, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Andy White **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Jacqui Johnson, Lionel Oakley

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