

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 4th August 2024, 10th Sunday after Trinity



Readings for Sunday: Ephesians 4 vs 1-16; John 6 vs 24-35

Dear Friends,

On Saturday we took a coach load from Evington & Leicester to Chester to support Anthony as he was licensed and installed in his seat as Canon Missioner at Chester Cathedral. This was the final significant event in saying "goodbye" and "thank you" to Anthony for his ministry amongst us.



"Goodbye" can be difficult to say, even if it's temporary. I've always found goodbyes very difficult, perhaps because I feel emotions strongly! This time, I have been reflecting on how to see what God is doing through this season, for me and for the Church.

After a season of fruitfulness and harvest, historically farmers have left a field to lie fallow; essentially a period to rest, whilst they enjoyed the fruit the field had produced and prepared the ground for future seasons. Without a "fallow season" farmers must use much more fertiliser and chemicals to replace the nutrients that the next crop will need.

I wonder whether the start of vacancy includes an element of this for us as a church, a time to enjoy and celebrate all the fruits we have seen over the past 12 years, **rest** and prepare the ground for future seasons. As for farmer's fields, our church needs to ensure we have the right "spiritual nutrients" for the future. So how do we do this?

I suggest that we replace spiritual nutrients by drawing close to God in prayer, and through studying the word of God, the Bible. There will be new opportunities to grow in prayer, listening to God and new bible study groups, I encourage you to take these opportunities!



Love and prayers, **Sian**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 4th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Monday 5th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 6th Lily House Bereavement Support Group in church & parish centre

Thursday 8th 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.

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Sunday 4th August, 10am This service will be Holy Communion, not Matins.

A couple of pictures from Kimberley's trip to London 11th—13th July 2024.



LEFT: Buckingham Palace



RIGHT: Tea at the Ritz

THANK YOU for 13th/14th July 2024 to all those people, who in any way, helped out to ensure the smooth running of Anthony and Wendy's 25th anniversary Renewal of Vows service. In addition, a **big thank you** to those who donated food towards the parish lunch following their final service with us the following day. It is much appreciated. A lot of hard work was put in to both days by many people, and it showed. We are all indebted to you.

THANK YOU too, to all the bell ringers who rang a full quarter peal of bells after Anthony and Wendy's special service on the 13th July. It was so lovely to hear them for this wonderful occasion for a full 40 minutes approximately! They are not rung as often as they used to be, but what a fabulous sound to experience again, under the expert leadership of Chris Rudge (Elizabeth and John's son) Many thanks Chris and the whole team.

As many of you will know by now, the church has lost three dear friends in recent weeks—Marion Heygate, Jacqui Johnson and Lionel Oakley. Jacqui had last attended St. Denys as recently as 21st July and her passing was sudden and a deep shock to many. Please keep Revd Stephen Heygate (Vicar of St. Denys before Anthony) and his family and the family and friends of Jacqui and Lionel, in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

A Message from Anthony and Wendy and family, issued just after they moved to Chester on 17th July, was e-mailed to everyone on the bulletin contact list last week. This included a lovely photograph of them all outside the front door of their new home. If, for any reason you didn't receive it and would like to, or you know someone else who would like it, copies are available at the back of the church. Those of you who hand deliver hard copies of the bulletin, please could you include their message with your bulletins this week or next, if you haven't already, if possible. Many thanks.

URGENT! Your Help Is Needed! We are still looking for a temporary home to store garden tools and a lawn mower belonging to the church, which are currently stored at the Rectory. They will need to be moved because the Rectory has now been vacated and the property will soon be let. The Wardens would be very grateful if anyone with storage space would be willing to help out in this regard. Contact the **Churchwardens** if you can help. Thanks.

Everyday Faith App Did You Know that a new Prayer App for your mobile phone is available? Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week, throughout the whole year. Everyday Faith is now available to download for iOS and Android. If you already have the *Watch & Pray* app installed, you will automatically get the update. If not, download it via Google Play or the Apple App Store. If you need help with this, simply ask one of the Ministry Team and we will help or direct you to someone who can.

Date for your Diary 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 Revd 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.**

I give my hands to do your work and, Jesus Lord, I give them willingly. I give my feet to go your way and ev'ry step I shall take cheerfully.

O the joy of the Lord is my strength, my strength! O, the joy of the Lord is my help, my help! For the pow'r of his Spirit is in my soul and the joy of the Lord is my strength. Words and Music by Estelle White (b. 1925), quoted in the intercessions, inspired by Geraldine's sermon on 21st July. No. 330 in our hymn book, Anglican Hymns Old and New

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; 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, 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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