

## ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 15th September 2024, 16th Sunday after Trinity



Dear Friends, this coming Sunday, many people across the nation will mark 'Battle of Britain Sunday' commemorating the great victory won by the Royal Air Force, which saved Britain from invasion in 1940. The enemy's object was to eliminate the Royal Air Force, both in the air and on the ground, and to obtain air superiority for a seaborne and airborne invasion. At the beginning of the battle the Luftwaffe had no less than 2,790 aircraft to launch against England. To meet this aerial armada, Britain had less than 60 fighter squadrons, representing some 650 aircraft, and the ground staff had sometimes to work 16 hours a day to keep the machines in the air. Between 24 August and 6 September alone, Fighter Command lost 103 pilots killed and 128 seriously wounded, while 366 fighters had been put out of action.

The position was indeed grave. On Sunday 15 September came what Sir Winston Churchill called "one of the decisive battles of the war" and with it the Luftwaffe's greatest defeat. In Churchill's immortal words, "The gratitude of every home in our island, in our Empire, and indeed throughout the world, except in the abodes of the guilty, goes out to the British airmen who, undaunted by the odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, turned the tide of the world war by their prowess and their devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

In our personal prayers this Sunday, and throughout the week, may we give thanks to God for those who gave so much in the Battle of Britain, for the benefit of others, and for the freedom which was then preserved for us. With the passing of the years, let us pray that our liberties may be maintained and more widely shared; that people may be released from the tyrannies of mind and body which still enslave them: that the power and skill of the Royal Air Force may be used to safeguard justice and peace in the world: and that we ourselves lose not the vision of God's Kingdom and righteousness.

*Hymn: 1. O Ruler of the earth and sky, be with our airmen when they fly; and keep them in thy loving care, amid the perils of the air. O let our cry come unto thee for those who fly o'er land and sea. 2. Strong son of man, save those who fly swift-winged across the unchartered sky; each anxious hour and lonely flight serenely challenged, day and night. O'er land and ocean safely bear all those in peril in the air. 3. O Holy Spirit, God's own power, give peace in sudden danger's hour, bring calm of heart and be thou near, to those who watch and those who fear. To Thee will rise the grateful prayer, of those who serve thee in the air.*

(Tune: Melita, by JB Dykes, Evening Hymn, and Sunset) **Qyan**

**COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:**

**Friday 13th 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre

**Saturday 14th 10am—6pm Ride and Stride/ Open church** in the parish centre

**Sunday 15th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332  
(password from Qyan)

**Monday 16th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Monday 16th 2pm Monday Meet** meet in the parish centre

**Tuesday 17th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 17th 10am Church Cleaning** in church to include coffee and cake!

**Tuesday 17th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support** in church & parish centre

**Thursday 19th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre

**Thursday 19th 12pm Private Booking** in the parish centre



**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am Morning Prayer** in church

**Thursday 12th 9am—12noon Open Church** in church including **Holy Communion (BCP, said) 10am** in church

*Readings for today: Proverbs 1 vs 20-33; Mark 8 vs 27-end*

**We are very pleased** to welcome back the Revd Liz Wilson, a former Curate at St. Denys, who will be leading and preaching at our 10am service of worship this coming Sunday.

**Ride and Stride - Short Walk, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** please meet outside the Post Office in the village at 9.30am, or at St James the Greater, London Road at 10.00am. We aim to then visit the University Chaplaincy, Holy Cross Priory, St Stephen's URC De Montfort Street, St Peter's Highfields, before catching the bus back to the village, finishing at St Denys. The plan is to be back in time for lunch. The suggestion is to pick up fish and chips and eat them in the Parish Centre (or outside if it is fine). Otherwise, there is the Eden Cafe and The Cedars. **Elizabeth Rudge**

**Church Cleaning** due to this being cancelled last Tuesday, it will now take place on Tuesday 17th September at 10am. If you can help Gerry and be part of the team, please do go along with a duster and basic cleaning materials. Coffee and cake will be provided. Thank you.

**There will be a Bring and Share Lunch** in the parish centre, immediately after our 10am Holy Communion Harvest and Patronal Festival service on Sunday 6th October. This will be instead of the annual St. Denys Dinner.

**We are delighted that Hathern Brass Band**, featuring friend of St. Denys, Revd Canon Stephen Foster playing the trombone, will make a welcome return, to perform for us, on Saturday 12th October at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available at the end of the concert in the parish centre. Tickets will be on sale soon. To reserve yours, please e-mail me. Please do put this date in your diary and come along. All are very welcome!

**Looking ahead! All Souls Service** we hold our All Souls service in St. Denys on Sunday 3rd November at 4pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. A list will be placed at the back of the church at the end of this month, for you to record the names of loved ones you see no longer, whose names you wish to be read out during the service. All are welcome.

***Hymn, for the current season of Creationtide in the church calendar:***

*1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.*

*Refrain: Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

*2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain ]*

*3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]*

*4 For yourself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design:  
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]*

*(Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (b.1835 d.1917) written in 1863, inspired by the country view and winding Avon river, just outside Folliott's home city of Bath. "For the Beauty of the Earth" is the only hymn by Pierpont still sung today.*



## Love's Choice—Poem, about Holy Communion, by Malcolm Guite

This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,  
A little visitation on my tongue,  
A wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.  
This taste of wine is brief in flavour, flung  
A moment to the palate's roof and fled,  
Even its aftertaste a memory.  
Yet this is how He comes. Through wine and  
bread

Love chooses to be emptied into me.  
He does not come in unimagined light  
Too bright to be denied, too absolute  
For consciousness, too strong for sight,  
Leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;  
Chooses instead to seep into  
each sense,

To dye himself into experience.



**Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity** Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pray for the sick:** Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Alison Keddilty, Roy Lee, Linda Perks, Barbara Pinder, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Andy White

**Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Barbara Davies

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