

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

**Sunday 22nd September 2024, 17th Sunday after
Trinity**

*Readings for today: James 3 vs 13—ch 4 v 3, 7-8a; Mark 9 vs
30-37*



Dear Friends, what is your prayer life like? I must admit that for too much of my life I used prayer as a sort of emergency hotline. If there was a crisis or a need then I would pray, and, perhaps unsurprisingly, there was often a crisis or a need, so prayer was still very regular!

However, as I discerned for ministry, I was introduced to a new way of doing prayer. It was to have regular prayer, each day, and throughout each day, regardless of whether there was need or crisis, or even cause to say thank you or not. Just regular, routine prayer. In doing this it opened up a whole new aspect to my relationship with God. Just as being careful to communicate in any relationship nourishes and develops it, so our relationship with God grows and flourishes as we examine and communicate our inmost thoughts and feelings and listen in turn. Prayer is central to faith, and if we are serious about following Jesus then we will follow his example in praying to his Father. So, for me, prayer took on a new deeply fulfilling function as I opened up in vulnerability and trust to the one who has created me, who knows me and who loves me like no other.

However, despite this there are times when I worry that I can't quite find the right words to pray with and times when I feel self-conscious that a prayer won't meet someone's needs. I look with envy at those who have a great turn of phrase and confidence in their prayer. Then I remember the words from Matthew chapter 6 where we are reminded that prayer is not a public spectacle to show off with but rather, we are reminded to 'go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret...for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.' Even if we can't find the words, God knows our hearts.

As we go through a season of change at St. Denys, prayer is more important than ever. We need people who will lead us in simple, from the heart, public prayer. But we all need to be involved in an active prayer life; by ourselves and with each other.

With Every Blessing, **Mark**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

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

Thursday 19th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 20th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 20th 7pm Youth Club meet in the parish centre

Saturday 21st 9.30am Spiritual Director's Training Day in the parish centre

Sunday 22nd 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332

(password from Qyan) **3pm Crafty Church** in the parish centre

Monday 23rd 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 24th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 24th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support in church & parish centre

Thursday 26th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 26th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

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Monda, Tuesday, Thursday 9am Morning Prayer in church

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

Ride and Stride On Saturday 14th September, five of us from St Denys took part in the Short Walk, around some of the city churches. The photograph shows us outside Leicester University Chaplaincy.

Thank you to those who sponsored us, and those who 'church sat'.



Safeguarding Cover Whilst I am on my travels to South Africa from 19th September to 4th October, Sian will be covering any Safeguarding issues within our church, and she will be backed up by the Diocese of Leicester Safeguarding Team too, should this be required. **Janette**

Deadline Please note, due to me being away, all material for the Sunday 6th October (Harvest/Patronal Festival) edition of the bulletin, must be sent to me by the evening of Wednesday 25th September at the latest. This will be much appreciated. Many thanks. **Qyan**

Our Harvest and Patronal Festival service is on Sunday 6th October at 10am, followed by a bring and share lunch in the parish centre. This will be instead of the annual St. Denys Dinner. All welcome.



HATHERN BRASS BAND IN CONCERT

Saturday 12th October 2024

7.30pm

St. Denys Church, Church Road, Evington

Leicester LE5 6FA

(Car parking opposite)

In aid of church funds

Tickets £10 on the door, or e-mail:

office@stdenys.org.uk

**(refreshments available at the end
of the performance)**



ALL WELCOME!



A Health and Wholeness Day is being held this coming Saturday 21st September 9.30am—2.30pm at St. John’s Church, 351 Coventry Road, Hinckley LE10 0NF. A time to reflect on how the church cares for the “Whole Person” is open to everyone. Speakers will be Dr Emma Hayward, Revd Tom Brown and Jonathan Jesson & Helen Smith from Active Together. *Please bring a packed lunch.* The event is free, but please email Kim.Ford@LeicesterCofE.org if you would like to attend.

Looking ahead! All Souls Service we hold our annual 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 next week for you to record the names of loved ones you see no longer, that you wish to be read out during the service. If you can’t get to church, please e-mail me with such names by 26th October. All are welcome to the service.

Christmas Carol Concert On Sunday 15th December, 6pm, we will be holding our annual traditional candlelit service of Nine Lessons and Carols. I am seeking people to form a choir for this service. The music will be simple but effective. If you enjoy singing and would like to join in, please e-mail me soon. People of all voice parts are needed. Rehearsals will be on Friday evenings, beginning at the start of November. Thank you. **Qyan**

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Alison Kedditly, Roy Lee, Linda Perks, Barbara Pinder, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Andy White
Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Margaret Allen, Barbara Davies, Peter Wright

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting. Amen.



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