

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 8th September 2024, 15th Sunday after Trinity



*Readings for 10am: James 2 vs 1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7 vs 24-end ;  
4pm: Exodus 18 vs 13-26; Matthew 7 vs 1-14*

Dear Friends, a month ago, I was incredibly fortunate to spend two weeks on a cruise; what can I say other than wow! As a family we have never been away from home for anything longer than a week, so this was a real treat. We had the most amazing time away filled with lots of special memories, although there was one thing that happened which really made me to turn to prayer.

As our cruise was sailing between Africa and Spain, we came across a stranded small boat filled with nine migrants. The temperature was in the high thirty degrees and we couldn't see land in any direction – they were in trouble! A message came from the bridge; the captain announced we would be assisting in a rescue. It was absolutely heartbreaking to think these individuals had decided to leave their homes and risk everything to try and find a better life. This incident stuck with me throughout my holiday and made me reflect on what I would be prepared to do for my faith. I wonder how much risk you would be prepared to take.

Speaking to an officer a few days later, he told me it is unusual to rescue migrants on a cruise, and that we did so because it was likely that every other vessel had decided to ignore them; we were in a shipping lane surrounding by other boats, but they seemed to be more concerned with delivering their cargo on time.

The story of the Good Samaritan comes to mind, and I wonder today how much we are noticing the needs of others, whether they be within our church or those in our community? This week I'd like to encourage you to be like the people on the bridge; watch, and see what you notice. Are you prepared to take a risk because in doing so you could change someone's life? **Kimberley**

*When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?*

*I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?*

*I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?*

*When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?*

*When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?*

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, **were you there?***

*(Words & Music by Sydney Carter, b.1915 d.2004)*

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

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

**Thursday 5th 12pm Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Friday 6th 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre

**Friday 6th 7pm Youth Club** meet in the parish centre

**Saturday 7th 10am Faith and Friendship Group** meet in the parish centre

**Sunday 8th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom; ID

820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong** in church

**Monday 9th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 10th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 10th 10am Cleaning party** cleaning the church

**Tuesday 10th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support** in church & parish centre

**Wednesday 11th 2.30pm Evington History and Heritage** Group in parish centre

**Thursday 12th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre

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

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

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

**Faith and Friendship Group** The next meeting will take place 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.



**Congratulations** to Revd Canon Stephen Foster, a friend of St. Denys, who will marry Rose this coming Saturday at St. Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street. Stephen has often presided and preached at our services. We wish both of them many years of happiness and send them our love on this wonderful occasion.

**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.

**Church Cleaning** will take place on Tuesday 10th September, 10am—12noon. Please do help and bring duster and basic materials if you can.



**Evington History and Heritage Group** next meet at 2.30pm on Wednesday 11th September in the parish centre. Colin Chapman will give a slide show and talk about his mother's extensive collection of old photos and information about old Evington. All are welcome.

*Photo above shows Old Evington Village circa 1900*

**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, 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**



**We are delighted that the 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 provided 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!

**Pictures from the Tyler family's recent Cruise holiday:**



**Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity** Lord God, defend your church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Bim Kholi, and the migrants who have lost their lives in the English Channel this week, and anyone we know personally



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