

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

## Sunday 21st October 2024, 21st Sunday after Trinity



Readings for **10am**: Hebrews 5 vs 1-10; Mark 10 vs 35-45; **4pm**:  
Joshua 14 vs 6-14; Matthew 12 vs 1-21

Dear Friends, I wonder when you were last really aware of God providing for **your** needs? I don't mean the generic idea that God meets the needs of those who trust in him (although that is true), but those times when life or circumstances occur in such a way that either a) you urgently need a miraculous provision or b) the ways that you have previously provided for yourself, perhaps through employment, are unexpectedly no longer there to provide the things that you need, and God meets your needs very clearly and specifically.

For the past few months, the second has been true for me. Some of you know that I unfairly had a job offer withdrawn in April. Since then, I have been applying for lots of jobs but have not yet had a job offer. Very frustrating, yet, in the midst of it, I have seen how God provides for my needs: Firstly, shortly after the job offer was withdrawn, I was finally awarded Personal Independence Payment, a non means tested benefit for those with disabilities. As well as helping financially, my award also means that I am eligible for a motability vehicle - I pick it up in a couple of weeks, with all the adaptations I need to do things independently, not just the ones I currently have which just let me drive the car. I could never afford those adaptations without PIP. Secondly, I was awarded a significant amount of compensation relating to offer withdrawal. The amount is enough to both cover the advance payment for my chosen car and adaptations, and to provide enough for me to live on whilst I apply for jobs, even though I didn't expect it to take this long when we agreed the compensation amount.

I've shared these stories to remind you of your own stories of God's provision. I'd like to encourage you to share **your stories** with one another, and with other friends who don't yet know Jesus, as a witness testimony to what God has done in your life.

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

**Sunday 20th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332

(password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong** in church

**Monday 21st 2pm Monday Meet** meet in the parish centre

**Wednesday 23rd 11.30am Funeral Service** in church

**Monday -Thursday 9am Morning Prayer**

**Thursdays 9am—12noon Open Church with Holy Communion (BCP, said) 10am**

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**Thank you** to those of you who came to support the Hathern Band Concert in church last Saturday evening. A total of thirty-four people thoroughly enjoyed a relaxing and charming programme of music played by the band, under the baton of their Musical Director Chris Groome. **A big thank you** must also go to Kate and Stephen Riley and Kay Smith for investing a lot of time and effort in making and donating the truly superb refreshments, and to Kay and Vivien Robertson for administering them to all at the end of the concert, and clearing away with my brother, brother in law and two of my sisters also helping out! A wonderful team effort for which I am very grateful indeed. A lovely total of £307 was raised (before a small Sum-Up machine commission is taken off.) Many, many thanks. **Qyan**

**We are sorry** that last Sunday's service in church was not live streamed via Zoom as intended. Problems locating some of the equipment meant it wasn't possible. We extend our apologies for any disappointment and inconvenience caused. We hope that normal service will resume this week!

**Absence of Heating in Church** This will be the case for some considerable time as we are asked to research possible green alternatives to gas and investigate grants etc. Remember to come to church wrapped up warmly!

**Donations of Blankets, Throws and Hot Water Bottles!** These will be gratefully received at the back of the church whilst the lack of heating continues. If you wish to 'lend' a blanket etc rather than donate, please make sure your name is clearly attached to your item. Your help would be much appreciated.

**Please note:** The Lily House Bereavement Support Group that normally meets on a Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre and church is CLOSED until further notice.



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**I am still looking** for people to join the intercessor rota which remains critically short of people. Also, if you would like to read bible readings in services and are not currently on the rota, please do come forward. This request is especially pertinent as three members of our regular congregation who are on the rota, will be leaving us soon. Thank you. **Qyan**

**Evensong** takes place this coming Sunday 20th October at 4pm in church. All are very welcome.

**The Late Susan Johnston** A service of thanksgiving for the life of Susan will take place in church this coming Wednesday 23rd October, 11.30am.



**Ethics of Inclusion, Webinar** Tuesday 29 October, 7.30pm – Online Penny Pullan, a reader in our diocese, is sharing the results of her research into the experience of people of working age with chronic conditions or invisible illnesses in the Church of England. In this interactive and accessible webinar, you will hear the occasionally shocking results of Penny’s research, and explore ways to help people with often-neglected illnesses, including ME and Long COVID, take their place fully within your church community.

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*God is the giver of love, holding us all in his arms, filling our hearts, and feeding our souls, grace flowing down from above.* **Words: Nick Fawcett**



**All Souls Service Sunday 3rd November at 4pm**, plus refreshments in the parish centre. The list is at the back of the church for you to record the names of loved ones you see no longer, by 27th October, that you wish to be read out during the service. The list will be removed on the 27th. If you can't get to church, please e-mail me with such names by that date. There will be an opportunity during the service for you to light a candle in memory of loved ones. All are welcome to attend.

**Christmas Carol Service Sunday 15th December 6pm** in

St. Denys! If you would like to participate by singing in the choir for this service, please get in touch with me.

People of all voice parts are needed. Practises are intended to be on Friday evenings in church starting next month. It would be lovely to be able to continue this beautiful tradition. **Qyan**



**Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity** Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please continue to pray for** the horrific situations current in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Myanmar and other places across the world.

**Pray for the sick:** Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Alison Kedditly, Roy Lee, Linda Perks, Barbara Pinder, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Kimberley Tyler (recovering from a knee operation), Andy White



**Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Margaret Allen, Barbara Davies, Susan Johnston, Robert Mason, Peter Wright

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