

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 29th September 2024, 18th Sunday after Trinity

Readings for today: James 5 vs 13-end; Mark 9 vs 38-end



Dear Friends, last Saturday, we saw such torrential rain, locally; and many parts of the country have had such downpours in recent days. I think I heard all the rain referred to as being of ‘Biblical proportions’. Fewer people read or know so much about the Bible these days, but there are Bible stories of which many people still have some knowledge – such as Noah and the flood.

Thinking now about that torrential rain, I am reminded of the story of Jesus stilling the storm (Mark 4.35-41). Despite the storm, Jesus was asleep in the boat; the disciples, afraid, awoke him. Jesus commanded the wind and sea: ‘Peace! Be still!’ And immediately, there was calm. And the disciples wondered who Jesus really was, as they realised that he had control over the wind and sea.

As we go through life, there are times when we may feel as though we are going through storms. There may be various situations, or a combination of things that seem to pile up on us, causing unrest.

But God is our loving Creator. He is Faithful, unchanging, and He cares for us. We see the seasons of the year change. And as we now go into autumn, we see something of the rich, but mellow, autumnal colours beginning to form all around us. It is all part of the natural cycle, and it is in God’s hands. The cycle of nature, which each year in the spring, brings hope, new life and new beginnings; it is all in God’s hands, His care. Just as we are.

How important it is, whatever we go through in life, that we keep close to our loving Creator, our Father God. Spending time with Him, in prayer; putting into His hands those things that are concerning or worrying us. We should look on prayer as something we do in all situations, whatever they are. Prayer should not be a ‘last resort’, when everything else has failed. God cares for us.

And may we also listen, to hear Jesus saying to us: ‘Peace! Be Still!’; and allow his peace to enfold and fill us. **Geraldine**



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Friday 27th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Sunday 29th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 30th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 30th 11am Funeral service in church

Tuesday 1st Oct 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 1st 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support, church & parish centre

Thursday 3rd 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 3rd 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

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

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

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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!



I will be away from my desk Monday 29th September—Sunday 6th October inclusive. However, I will have my laptop and church phone with me for emergencies only. **Qyan**

We are delighted to welcome the Revd Andrew Quigley on Sunday 29th September, who will be presiding and preaching at our service at 10am.

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**

A Service of Lament for Homelessness in Leicester Cathedral on Wednesday 2nd October, 5.30pm. A gentle service of reflection to remember those who have died on our streets in Leicester, to lament the facts around homelessness and consider how we can work for change. Refreshments will follow this service. RSVP to rebecca.pawley@togetherleicester.org.uk



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.

Food for Harvest! We are collecting dry and tinned foods etc for our Harvest festival. If you feel able to donate, please bring items along to church in time for the 10am services this coming Sunday and on 6th October. Thank you.

Quality Prizes are needed for the raffle being held during the Hathern Band concert. If you are able to donate a prize, please contact **Qyan** who will reply on or very soon after 6th October, to arrange collection. Thank you.



A Special Baby Loss Remembrance & Support Service run by the Mariposa Trust, is being held in Derby Cathedral on Saturday 19th October, 11am. Please see the information attached to the covering e-mail with this bulletin, which gives much more detail.

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 this coming Sunday for you to record the names of loved ones you see no longer, that you wish to be read out during the service. The list will be removed a week before 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.

Our Annual Candlelit Christmas Carol Service will be held on Sunday 15th December at 6pm. I am seeking to form a choir for this special time. If you would like to take part, please e-mail me at the address below. Singers of all voice parts are needed. The music will not be difficult and rehearsals will take place on Friday evenings, starting date to be confirmed. Many thanks. **Qyan**.

Ode to Jesus by Cassidy Weaver: *You saved me with your salvation;
you're the reason for my creation.
I wouldn't be here if it weren't for you
and I'm so sorry for what you had to go through.
I could never bear all the pain;
maybe I could if I was insane.
Words cannot describe how thankful I am;
You are the shepherd, I am the lamb.*

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through 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



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St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and Youth Work:

www.stdenys.org.uk