

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 6th October 2024, 19th Sunday after Trinity, Harvest Festival, St. Denys Patronal



Readings for today: Joel 2 vs 21-27; Matthew 6 vs 25-33

Dear Friends, this week at St Denys we are celebrating Harvest Festival, when we give thanks for our food and for the people who grow and produce it. Nowadays we can go to the supermarket and buy food produced all over the world, and food that our parents and grandparents hardly knew existed and certainly were unable to obtain.

In country areas, particularly in years gone by, people were much more aware of the importance of the harvest. We had friends who were farming in mid Wales who were very aware of it and celebrated their Harvest Festival quite late in October when they could be sure the harvest was 'safely gathered in'.

In this country, and to a greater extent in some countries abroad, we are reliant on the weather to produce a good crop, with either too little or too much rain or sunshine causing a poorer harvest. The farmers, however, faithfully plant the seeds at the right time of year and hope for a good season. We need to respect the countryside and be thankful for all the people who work on the land both in our own country and abroad.

Harvest is also a time for sharing the good things that we have with those less fortunate. When I was a child and indeed when our own children were young, people took decorated boxes or baskets of fruit and vegetables to church for Harvest Festival, which were then distributed to people on their own or in need. Nowadays we are asked to bring tinned goods that will keep longer, but whether the food is fresh or tinned it has been grown and produced by a farmer somewhere in the world.

I recently rejoined the PCC again after about five years. When I decided I might like to be involved again and spoke to Anthony about it, we didn't know that he would be moving to Chester so soon, and now of course we are soon to be saying goodbye to Mark as well. I know that many St Denys people feel that we shall be lacking leadership by someone who knows us personally and feel a bit 'in limbo'. However, we have our Churchwarden team, Gerry, Janette, Michael and Kimberley, our Readers, Geraldine and Sian, our Youth Worker, Sarah, and lots of other people who serve St Denys in so many ways, so we are very blessed and need to be thankful, and to pray for them and for all members of St Denys at this time of change. With all good wishes, **Ann Bennett**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday 3rd Private Booking 12pm in the parish centre

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

Friday 4th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 4th 7pm Youth Club in the parish centre

Sunday 6th 10am Harvest Holy Communion & marking of St. Denys Patronal Festival in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Sunday 6th after the morning service, Bring & Share Lunch in the parish centre

Monday 7th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 7th 2pm Monday Meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 8th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 8th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support, church & parish centre

Wednesday 9th 12.30pm Funeral service in church

Wednesday 9th 2.30pm Evington History & Heritage Group meet in parish centre

Thursday 10th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 10th 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



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!



Musical Toddlers continues on Fridays 4th and 11th October at 10am. If you have pre school aged children, grandchildren or great grandchildren, why not bring them along to what is an hour of fun and songs in the parish centre. Contact Sarah at: stdenysyouth@gmail.com

Youth Club also meets in the parish centre On Friday 4th October, 7pm in the parish centre. Contact Sarah at: stdenysyouth@gmail.com for info.



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 & tinned foods for our Harvest festival. If you feel able to donate, please bring items along to church in good time for the 10am Harvest service this coming Sunday 6th October. Thanks.

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 provided with last week's bulletin or seek information online.

All Souls Service Sunday 3rd November at 4pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. A 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.

Our Candlelit Christmas Carol Service will be held on Sunday 15th December at 6pm. I wish to form a choir for this special service. Please e-mail me for more info. Singers of all voice parts are needed. Rehearsals will take place on Friday evenings, starting date to be confirmed. Many thanks. **Qyan**.

Shine On Me—Poem & Prayer by Dina Derosa, a Californian Christian Poet

God, let your love shine on me.

Creator, please keep me from falling.

God, let your peace shine on me.

My Father, please prevent me from trembling.

Jesus, let your grace shine on me.

My Rock, please keep me from worrying.

Jesus, let your mercy shine on me.

My Cornerstone, please prevent me from crumbling.

Holy Spirit, let your light shine on me.

My Comforter, please keep me from crying.

Holy Spirit, let your guidance shine on me.

My Anchor, please prevent me from drifting.



Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in 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 Margaret Allen, Barbara Davies, Peter Wright



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