ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 10th Nov 2024, Remembrance Sunday

Dear Friends, November has been being rather grey, murky, slightly misty, so far; but there is also that autumnal mellowness. Many of the leaves have already fallen off the trees, but there are still some beautiful autumn colours around, various yellows and oranges, some reds. There may be sadness, seeing the leaves down, the trees stark and bare; but you can really see their amazing shapes. And looking closely at the branches, you will be able to see tiny new buds growing, wonderful signs of new life, signs of hope.

November is a time for remembrance and reflection. Last Sunday evening we had our All Souls Service; a quiet, reflective time, remembering our loved



ones whom we see no more. There was opportunity to light candles, and they all looked so beautiful; and a reminder of the light of Jesus, shining in the world; a light that darkness cannot overcome; his light bringing hope, warmth and peace. This Sunday we have our Remembrance Service, a time to remember, and give thanks for, all those who have given so much in the service of their country.



Their giving in the hope of peace and freedom for us all.

As we remember, let us also reflect on the words of Jesus, that we read at the very end of St Matthew's gospel. Jesus was about to return to heaven, his own work on earth complete. But before returning, he commanded his



disciples to remember that he was with them always. Words that must have been so encouraging for those first disciples, and are so important and encouraging for us, today; we must remember that Jesus is with us always, wherever we are; whatever our situation or circumstances.

And in Jesus, we have hope – hope of life, in all its fullness; hope of the peace that only he can bring. **Geraldine.**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 10th 10.45am Remembrance at War Memorial, and in church with concluding worship; on Zoom also ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) 3pm Holy

Communion with prayers for healing in church

Monday 11th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 12th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 12th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support church & parish centre Wednesday 13th 2.30pm Evington History & Heritage Group in parish centre Wednesday 13th 7.30pm Evington Fete Committee meet in the parish centre

Thursday 14th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group in the parish centre

Thursday 14th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 14th 6pm Cubs Visit/Worship in church



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am Morning Prayer Thursdays 9am—12noon Open Church with Holy Communion (BCP, said) 10am

Readings for 10am: Hebrews 9 vs 11-14, Mark 12 vs 28-34; 4pm: 1 Thessalonians 4 vs 13-18, Matthew 25 vs 1-13

Coffee Morning The Old School, Church Street, Billesdon LE7 9AE on Saturday 9th November, 10.30am—12 noon. Please help Palestinian children today, the Jeel Al Amal Orphanage & School, Bethany and the Al Shuroog School for Blind Children, Bethlehem. Produce, Gifts, Books, Raffle etc will be available. To raise funds to support charities in Palestine whose income supply has dried up. Palestinian charities in the West Bank as well as Gaza have no income from visitors and no state support. Through the McCabe Educational Trust, we are able to get all money raised, directly to them. Thank you. Canon Philip Norwood.



Remembrance Sunday 10th November. There will be a short service, including 2 minutes silence at the War Memorial in Evington Village at the later time of 10.45am with the uniformed organisations. This will be followed by a parade back to church where we

will continue our worship. For those who wish to stay in St. Denys the whole time, for whatever reason, a short act of Remembrance will also be held at 10.45am in church, including a 2 minute silence.

Notorious Leicestershire Outlaws Evington History and Heritage Group meet on 13th November at 2.30pm in the parish centre. We welcome Stephen Marquis to talk about Notorious Leicestershire Outlaws. All welcome. Members free, visitors £3. Chris Hossack 2

Leading Worship, for Everyone! Saturday 16th November, 10am—3.15pm at All Saints Parish Centre, Blaby. A workshop for any church member wanting to grow in skills and confidence leading others in worship, prayer and engaging with the Bible. The session will be interactive and practical with opportunities to share experiences and grow together. *Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch.* Visit our Learning Hub to register.

The Deanery Synod will next meet on Thursday 21st November 7.30pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Clarendon Park Road with refreshments served from 7pm. This is an OPEN meeting to which you are ALL invited to attend, to learn more about the perilous state of the diocesan finances. Two members of the Diocesan Board of Finance will make a presentation, after which there will be an opportunity to ask questions. This is important! Do come along and learn more. All churches including St. Denys are facing significant change, things in the future will not remain as they are or always have been.



St. Cecelia-Tide A concert at St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas Road, South Wigston LE18 4TA on <u>Saturday 23rd November</u>, <u>2.30pm</u> to celebrate the Patron Saint of Music, with local musicians Ian Orr (Organ & Piano), Roy-Anthony Birch (Baritone) Andrew Piper (Clarinet) and the Cantamici Choir. FREE entry with a retiring collection for LOROS. All are welcome.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshops will be held in the Parish Centre, led by Peter Felstead again, on <u>Tuesday 26th November 2pm—4.30pm</u> and <u>Wednesday 27th November 2pm—4.30pm</u> and 6pm—8.30pm. The cost is £15 per person which includes all materials but please bring your own gardening gloves to wear, secateurs for handling holly and decorations if wanted for your wreath. To reserve a place, contact Gerry.

Service of 9 Lessons and Carols on Sunday 15th December 6pm in St. Denys! If you would like to join the choir being formed for this special service, please contact me by e-mailing office@stdenys.org.uk The music chosen is known and simple. It has been decided to rehearse on the afternoon of the day itself

only, so you need to be able to attend this rehearsal in order to take part. Thank you. **Qyan**



Forgotten Voices from 1914—1945:

"We always felt that someone up above was ordering things, and that they probably knew more about it than we did. We just carried on. I mean, we used to criticise them saying 'What the hell are they doing

this for?' or something of that kind. But we always took it. It was being good soldiers, I suppose. *Captain Tom Adlam, 7th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment 1916.*

"It was very dramatic, because several of the girls who were working with us had boyfriends who were pilots, so they would find themselves monitoring a battle in which their brothers and fiances were fighting, and they were writing down what the Germans were saying-things like, 'I've got him,' or 'he's down!' and sometimes you would hear the pilots screaming. **Sergeant Rosemary Horstmann, WAAF, RAF Hawkinge, 1940.**

Collect for Remembrance Sunday, 3rd Sunday before Advent God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please continue to pray for Ukraine/Russia and the increasing tensions there, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Myanmar and other places across the world.

Pray for the sick: Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Alison Keddilty, Roy

Lee, Linda Perks, Barbara Pinder, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Kimberley Tyler Andy White, Richard Williams

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Shirley Claire Smith



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