

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

**Sunday 17th Nov 2024, 2nd Sunday before Advent,  
Safeguarding Sunday**



Dear Friends, Safeguarding Sunday will be celebrated with deep thought of what I do silently behind the scenes either in church or at home. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team are looking to help people move out of danger, and work with their wishes of how they want the help which is needed to do so.

23 years have passed since Safeguarding started in 2001, just for child protection only. Since then, it has grown to include vulnerable adults too, and my workload involves keeping up to date with the changes that are coming too fast, but with praying and God's help, I have the guidance to continue this work.

God chose me for this position because deep down, I had a secret from my childhood which I could relate to, although this secret did not come out until 2014 when historic child abuse cases came to light, and this affected me in a number of ways; even my late husband David did not know until I came home from work on the Wednesday evening. I rarely told him to turn the television off, and when I did that night, he knew something had changed in my life.

Going on this journey, God walks with me, giving me a light to help a person within our church, and people I have helped have been grateful. All my work is confidential, and only the people know when I move the work to my Safeguarding Team in the Diocese, and Anthony gave me all the guidance that I needed to do this.

As you watch the television with programmes like Eastenders, Casualty and documentaries about domestic abuse, think about how they ask for help, it is not easy when you are not sure who to ask, and what would your answer be? The one that comes to my mind is contact the police if they are in immediate danger.

Over the time, there is a piece of the jigsaw that is missing, and until we can sort out help, it cannot be put in place. Only with God's help, guiding me to do this, can the jigsaw be completed. God Bless our Safe Church.

**Janette, Churchwarden & Safeguarding Officer**

**Loving God,** we pray that this church may be a place of welcome, security and compassion. Keep us watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question, that all who worship here may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Thursday 14th 6pm Cubs Visit/Worship** in church

**Friday 15th 10am Musical Toddlers** meet in the parish centre

**Friday 15th 7pm Youth Club** meets in the parish centre

**Sunday 17th 10am Holy Communion** on Zoom also ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong** in church

**Monday 18th 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Monday 18th 2pm Monday Meet** meet in the parish centre

**Tuesday 19th 10am Church Cleaning** c/o Gerry

**Tuesday 19th 10am Coffee, Cake and Fellowship** meet in the parish centre

**Tuesday 19th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support** church & parish centre

**Thursday 21st 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** in the parish centre

**Thursday 21st 12pm Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Monday and Tuesday only, 9am Morning Prayer**

**Thursdays 9am—12noon Open Church with Morning Prayer, 10am & coffee**

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*Readings for 10am: Hebrews 10 vs 11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13 vs 1-8, 4pm: Daniel 3 (or 3.13-end); Matthew 13 vs 24-30, 36-43*

**Church Cleaning** on Tuesday 19th November. If you can help Gerry and her helper in this task, please turn up with a duster and basic cleaning materials. They will be pleased to see you. Coffee and cake available!! Thank you.



**Revd Mark** will be away from Wed 20th to Saturday 23rd Nov inclusive.

**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 difficult 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. Cecilia-Tide** A concert at St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas Road, South Wigston LE18 4TA on Saturday 23rd November, 2.30pm 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.

**The Faith and Friendship Group** is meeting in the parish centre again at 10am on Saturday 23rd November. People of all ages, faiths and of no faith are welcome to come along and be together. For more details, contact Sian our Reader.

**Crafty Church** returns on Sunday 24th November at 3pm. Please think about whether there are any families you could invite to this. Our theme will be The Good Samaritan. **Mark**



**Christmas Wreath Making Workshops** (Left: Picture shows one of the sessions held in 2023.) These will be in the Parish Centre, led by Peter Felstead again, on Tuesday 26th November 2pm—4.30pm and Wednesday 27th November 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. Please note that the Wednesday afternoon session is now full.

**School Visits to Church** A very important thing we do at St. Denys is welcome our local schools and engage them with the life of Jesus. With Christmas approaching we have a need for a volunteer team to help with this again. The most pressing date is currently Wednesday 4th December when Linden School will be visiting at 10.00am and 1.45pm. We have four to five 'stations' planned in church, each telling a part of the Christmas story and volunteers are needed to staff each station. Everything needed is provided and it makes for a great fun day. Do let me know if you would be able to be part of this valuable work. There are further dates to be added, and it would be great if there was someone who can help me with the visits from the older children too! More dates to follow. **Mark**



*Jesu, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. J.B. Dykes (1823-1876)*



**Service of 9 Lessons and Carols on Sunday 15th December 6pm** in St. Denys! It isn't too late to join the choir being formed especially for this service! Please contact me by e-mailing [office@stdenys.org.uk](mailto:office@stdenys.org.uk) if you would like to register. The music chosen is simple and uncomplicated. It has been decided to rehearse on the afternoon of the day itself only at 4pm, so you need to be able to attend this rehearsal in order to take part. Thank you. **Qyan**

*O Jesus I have promised, to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend: I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander through the pathway if thou wilt be my guide. J.E. Bode (1816-1874)*

**Collect for 2nd Sunday before Advent** Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Safeguarding Sunday Prayer:** Dear God, we pray for all those who serve in a safeguarding role within our church. We especially pray for Janette our Safeguarding Officer. Thank you for her and their willingness and time they give to fulfil this important task. Give them your wisdom, discernment, and strength. 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 Kedditly, Roy Lee, Daryle Pearson, Linda Perks, Jessica Saul, Margaret Steel, Kimberley Tyler, Andy White, Richard Williams

**Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Barbara Pinder, Shirley Claire Smith



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