

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 12th January 2025, 1st Sunday of Epiphany/Baptism of Christ



Dear Friends, this Friday, 10th January, as you may know, we are having a Quiet Day at The Stable House. Depending on when you are reading this bulletin, that day may already have happened; as I write, it is still in the future. The Stable House is a delightful place, a Retreat House set in beautiful countryside. A place to relax, rest, enjoy. A place to 'Be'; to Be Still in God's presence; time and space to draw closer to Him.

We all need time and space, opportunity, to be still in God's presence; to draw closer to Him; to seek His will for our lives. Perhaps especially at the moment, as a Church, as we move into this new year, not knowing how things will look, as Anthony, our Vicar, left 6 months ago, and Mark, our Curate, left at the end of December. (Elsewhere in this bulletin, you will see some photos of Mark's Leaving Service and the Bring & Share Lunch.) Discussions regarding the Minster Communities are ongoing. In the meantime, we have help and support from various clergy, which is much appreciated.

With all the uncertainty, it can seem very daunting and unsettling. I know that many people do not like change. But it is important for us to remember that everything is in God's hands; He cares for us; His plans and purposes for us are good. His love and faithfulness are unchanging. We do not need to fear. Remember that 'Do not fear', 'Do not be afraid', and similar words, come many times in the Bible – I have heard that it is 366 times, so one for every day of the year, even if it is a leap year!



As we go forward in this year of 2025, may we be determined to keep close to our loving heavenly Father God, seeking His will and ways for us, and taking time to 'Be Still' in His presence.

I took this photo at The Stable House a few years ago. You might like to spend a few minutes reflecting on it, and what God might be saying to you through it.

Geraldine

COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Friday 10th 10am Musical Toddlers in the parish centre

Friday 10th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Sunday 12th 10am Holy Communion in church, also on Zoom also on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Monday 13th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 14th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 14th 7.30pm Lilly House Bereavement Support church & parish centre

Wednesday 15th 12pm Best Community Charity Lunch Club in parish centre.

Thursday 16th 10am Morning Prayer in church

Thursday 16th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 16th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 16th 10am—12noon Open Church

Thursday 16th 7pm PCC meeting in the parish centre

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Readings for today: Acts 8 vs 14-17; Luke 3 vs 15-17, 21-22

Reading & Intercessing! Would you like to try either of these ministries? Please do have a word with me. Guidance will be given if wanted. I urgently need more people to fulfil these tasks. Thanks. **Qyan**

Hymn or Worship Song Suggestions! A box with pen and paper has been put at the back of the church, for you to submit hymns or worship songs that you would like to be sung during worship on Sunday mornings in St. Denys. This will be regularly checked and any choices fitted in wherever in a service it is suitable, over the long term. **Worship Committee**



Help with Coffee! A big 'Thank You' to those who faithfully serve us with coffee and tea etc, and do the washing up! - after our Sunday morning services, and on various other occasions. It is much appreciated. However, the small group who carry out this important ministry on Sunday mornings, would love other people to join them – all are welcome. The photo shows a volunteer helping out after the 'Bring and Share' lunch, on 29th December. If you are able to help, please do have a word with a member of that regular team; they will be delighted to hear from you. Thank you.

Kimberley Tyler would like to thank all those people from the St. Denys church family who sent cards and good wishes on the occasion of her 40th birthday on 3rd January. It is very much appreciated. Thank you so much.

Thank You!

Pictures, courtesy of Geraldine, of Revd Mark's Last service at St. Denys and the lunch that followed in the parish centre, on 29th December 2024.



This coming Sunday 12th January we welcome the Revd Canon Emma Davies, Precentor at Leicester Cathedral, who will preside and preach for us at our 10am service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All are welcome.



The Next PCC Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th January at 7pm in the parish centre. Please pray for it's members and the sometimes difficult decisions it has to make. Thank you.

Epiphany Thought: *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.* **John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811—1875)**



Collect for the 1st Sunday of Epiphany/Baptism of Christ Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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

Pray for the sick: Barrie Coleman, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Rebecca Fort & baby Penelope (Analiese's daughter & granddaughter respectively), Alison Keddilty, Roy Lee, Daryle Pearson, Linda Perks, Andy White, Richard Williams

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of anyone we know personally.

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