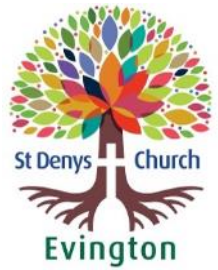


ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN
Sunday 19th January 2025, 2nd Sunday of
Epiphany



*Readings for 10am: 1 Corinthians 12 vs 1-11; John 2 vs 1-11. 4pm:
1 Samuel 3 vs 1-20; Ephesians 4 vs 1-16*

Dear Friends, as we travel through the season of Epiphany, we celebrate two important events in the early life of Jesus. First, we read about the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem and then the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan where the dove descended on him and God proclaimed to the world that Jesus was His Son, the Messiah.

The wise men, sometimes called Astrologers or Magi , brought three symbolic gifts for Jesus, which is why it is often assumed that there were three of them, but there may well have been a large group of travellers following that star. Their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, not usual gifts for a baby, made me think about the gifts we receive from other people and from God.

We are not long past the Christmas season, the time when many gifts are given and received from friends and family. For many people it is a time of celebration when families and friends enjoy time together, but it also a time when people can feel lonely or sad because they have no family, or their family are a long way away. We can spread our gifts to them, perhaps by giving to charity or by contacting someone we haven't spoken to for a time.

An unexpected phone call, card or note through the door can lift our spirits and I believe we all have the gift of being able to brighten someone's day by a kind remark or a thank you that makes someone feel valued. I was recently waiting for a friend outside a hospital when a member of staff asked if I was needing any help, which made me think she cared about me. I reassured her that I was fine, but that kind concern stayed with me.

God has given us the gift of Love. We know we are loved by Him, but we can also pass that love on to other people we meet by a smile and a greeting or a concern for their welfare. We do that in church when we share the Peace during a service, when we chat over coffee or share concerns, we may have with someone. We can also share His love with other people we meet that we don't know.

At St Denys we have many people who use their gifts to serve us all, from the Churchwardens with their many different gifts, to Welcomers greeting people with a smile, to those who serve us with coffee and tea and of course to those who lead our services, preach, provide the music or lead intercessions. Thank you to you all.

COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Thursday 16th 7pm PCC Meeting meeting in the parish centre

Friday 17th 10am Musical Toddlers in the parish centre

Friday 17th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Sunday 19th 10am Holy Communion in church, also on Zoom also on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong** in church

Monday 20th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 20th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 21st 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 21st 10am Cleaning the church!

Tuesday 21st 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support church & parish centre

Wednesday 22nd 12pm Best Community Charity Lunch Club in parish centre.

Thursday 23rd 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 23rd 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 23rd 10am Holy Communion (said BCP) in church

Thursday 23rd 10am—12noon Open Church in church

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This coming Sunday 19th January we warmly welcome the Revd Sunny George, a former Curate of St. Denys, who will preside and preach for us at our 10am service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All are welcome.

Also, this coming Sunday 19th January, Evensong will take place at 4pm in church. We are very pleased to welcome Revd Liz Wilson, another former Curate of St. Denys, who will lead and preach for us at this service. Again, all are welcome.



Cleaning of the Church will take place on Tuesday 21st January starting at 10am. If you are available to help Gerry and her small band of helpers, please do turn up with basic cleaning materials. They will be delighted to see you. The more the merrier!

As with gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold, as with joy they hailed it's light.....so most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

Day at The Stable House Seven of us enjoyed a day at The Stable House on 10th January. The temperature outside was -5°C but it was lovely and cosy in the Stable Barn. A relaxing day, in beautiful surroundings, with plenty of good food to enjoy. We had a short walk, but did not spend long outside, as it was so cold; it looked beautiful everywhere, with all the frost, blue sky and sunshine. **Geraldine**



Greetings from the Isle of Bute! I wanted to convey my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful send off you gave me at the end of last year. I have been truly blessed by you all throughout my time at St. Denys and hold many precious memories of my time with you. I have spent the past week exploring my new island home, the gifts you gave me have already proved their worth and I thank you for them! I have attached some photos from my explorations. **Revd Mark.** *More pictures will be published next week!*



Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said) will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 10am in church. We are grateful to Revd Rowena Bass, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Aylestone for presiding and preaching for us at this service.

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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