

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 26th January 2025, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany



Dear Friends, last Sunday Revd Sunny opened to us the deeper meaning of the miracle at Cana, by reminding us that the Holy Spirit comes to us at times of need if only we will 'watch and pray', but (and there is always a but) when the Holy Spirit arrives we are called to respond with action, just like the servants at the wedding at Cana who responded unquestioningly to Jesus' curious instructions to refill the great water jars and then distribute the miraculously transformed contents to the thirsty guests. *God provides the means; we must provide the hands.*

This Sunday the season of Epiphany continues with St Luke's account of Jesus reading the scriptures at the synagogue in Nazareth to the astonished townsfolk who had only known him as the carpenter's son. Jesus reveals himself as 'the Anointed One', prophesied by Isaiah, upon whom 'the Spirit of the Lord' rests. Our Epistle continues Paul's urgent plea to the church at Corinth to find strength through a unity of purpose which can only be achieved by every member of the 'the body of Christ' unstintingly offering their unique skills. This reinforces another important message Revd Sunny offered us. As servants of God answering God's call, we must 'leave room for His grace' by acknowledging that alone we can achieve nothing, but together, by making a space for the Holy Spirit among us, and bringing our individual gifts to the table, we can fulfil God's will for the church; God's church...our church.

St Denys Evington is now moving into a new way of 'being church' where the role of each of us in responding to the call to Godly service will become ever more significant. Last week, Ann reminded us to be thankful for 'those who use their gifts to serve us all'. This week let us all take time to ask ourselves:

- What is the Holy Spirit calling us to do at St Denys?
- What gifts has God given to me?
- How can I offer them as part of the new way of 'being church'?

*Picture right: A scroll lectern recently discovered in 1 c synagogue at Magdala, which Jesus is likely to have used. **Matthew Bradbury***



COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

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

Thursday 23rd 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 24th 10am Musical Toddlers in the parish centre

Friday 24th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 25th 2pm Evington Fete Committee Fundraiser in the parish centre

Sunday 26th 10am Holy Communion in church, also on Zoom also on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Monday 27th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 28th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 28th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support church & parish centre

Wednesday 29th 12pm Best Community Charity Lunch Club in parish centre.

Thursday 30th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 30th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

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Thursdays 23rd & 30th 10am BCP (said) Holy Communion in church

Thursday 30th 10am—12noon Open Church in church

Readings for today: 1 Corinthians 12 vs 12-31a; Luke 4 vs 14-21

The PCC apologises for any disappointment and inconvenience caused, due to the fact that the service in church last Sunday was not live-streamed as planned. We hope to resume live-streaming via Zoom, on Sunday next.

The Nicene Creed was the subject of BBC Radio 4's Morning Worship last Sunday morning. The programme was presented by the Christian poet and author Malcolm Guite and friends, whose poetry we have used in this bulletin many times before, from the village where he lives in Norfolk. It proved a fascinating insight and celebration of this very special statement of belief, which we say every Sunday, and which is the one thing which has stood the test of time in the church, through schism and division, over the last 1,700 years! If you have the facility to 'listen again' via BBC Sounds on a computer, it will be well worth doing so. **Qyan**



Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said) will take place on Thursdays 23rd & 30th January at 10am in church. We are grateful to Revd Rowena Bass, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Aylestone and Revd Jonathan Surridge, Vicar of St. Philips, Evington, respectively, for presiding and preaching for us at these services.



The Big Swap this coming Saturday 25th, 2pm—4pm, in the parish centre, is being held to raise money for this year's Evington Fete. Entry is just £2 per adult. Bring good quality clothes, toys and books to swap, or if you don't have anything to swap, why not leave a donation of items? Light refreshments will be

available. If you wish to donate items in advance, please do so by Friday 24th and leave in weatherproof bags in the porch of either number 10 or 24 Main Street, Evington LE5 6DN (opposite the Cedars pub.) Many thanks.

Evington Fete Committee.



This coming Sunday 26th January we welcome back for the second week running, the Revd Sunny George, who will preside and preach for us at our 10am service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All are welcome.

RIGHT: The latest flower creation by our Pastoral Warden, Kimberley Tyler.

Living with Loss, A Bereavement Retreat!
Friday 7th to Monday 10th February

Come and join with others who have also experienced life-changing loss through bereavement. This is a gentle retreat with a Christian perspective, sensitively led by Abi May and team, suitable for those who have lost a husband or wife, children or other close family members, or who have suffered multiple losses.

Find more information and booking details are on [the Launde Abbey website.](#)



Epiphany Thought: To be in your presence, to sit at your feet, where your love surrounds me and makes me complete. To rest in your presence, not rushing away, to cherish each moment, here I would stay. This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire. (Noel Richards b.1955)

Continued from last week, more photos of Revd Mark's travels in the Isle of Bute, exploring his new home. Thank you Mark for these stunning photos.



Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed; anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Pray for the sick: Barrie Coleman, Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Rebecca Fort & baby Penelope, Alison Kedditly, Roy Lee, Daryle Pearson, Linda Perks, Kimberley Tyler, Andy White, Richard Williams

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



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