

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 16th February 2025, 3rd Sunday before Lent



Dear Friends, getting old is interesting! I spent all morning today, Tuesday 11th February, at Swannington Victorian coal mine digging wet mud and bricks to expose the foundations of the buildings. I am just not as agile as I used to be but find it hard to convince myself that this is so!

On Monday it was a real joy to take the service at Arbor House together with John, Ann and Elisabeth. The old people were just so grateful, and although with the lift out of action, those from upstairs were not able to join us, we were still able to have a great time together. The staff were very welcoming and helpful, and really appreciated our coming in.

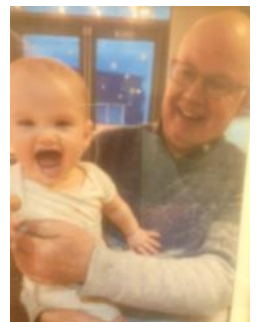
My theme was based around the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis when God spoke to a young girl, Mary, to tell her that she was going to have a son and his name would be Jesus, and when Simeon, an old man, was led by the Holy Spirit to be in the temple just when Jesus came in with his parents. His song of joy towards the end of his earthly life really showed his expectation of Jesus coming into the world.

No matter what our age, God can use each one of us to work for him and to share the good news with those we meet. Now in my eightieth year, I found that a number of those in the home were younger than me. I can only give thanks that I am still fit and well, and hope to be for some more years to come. If you are free on the second Monday of the month at 2.30pm, then you would be most welcome to join us at Arbor House just off High Street.

Chris Hossack, *Guest writer for this edition.*

PICTURE RIGHT: Chris with Cora, his granddaughter

Nunc Dimittis: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a lighten to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.



COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Thursday 13th 10am Morning Prayer in church

Thursday 13th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 13th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 14th 10am Musical Toddlers in the parish centre

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Sunday 16th 10am Holy Communion in church, also on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong** in church

Monday 17th Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 18th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support church & parish centre

Wednesday 19th 12pm Best Community Charity Lunch Club in parish centre.

Thursday 20th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 20th 10am Holy Communion (BCP said) in church

Thursday 20th 10am—12noon Open Church in church

diary

Readings for today: 1 Corinthians 15 vs 12-20; Luke 6 vs 17-26

Resources for Home Worship by Broadcast Media In addition to the service in St. Denys on a Sunday at 10am being live streamed (see 'Diary' section above,) the media broadcast regularly throughout the week as follows:

Daily Service, Monday-Friday, 9.45am, Radio 4 Extra on Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB), 708, Sky 0126, Virgin Media 910 and online at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

Sunday Worship: at 8.10am BBC Radio 4

Songs of Praise: Sundays usually at 1pm (times may vary) BBC 1 (TV)

Choral Evensong: Sunday and Wednesdays at 3pm, BBC Radio 3

Online at: www.churchofengland.org **and** www.leicestercathedral.org



This coming Sunday 16th February, at 10am, we warmly welcome the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Venerable Richard Atkinson (right hand side in the picture) who will preside and preach for us. Richard has kindly stepped in to cover for Revd Liz Rawlings who is poorly at this time. Revd Liz will be with us in a few weeks time.



The Revd Dr Vijay Kumar (4th from the left) will preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion in St. Denys on Thursday 20th February at 10am. This will be his first visit to St. Denys. He is the newly licensed Pioneer Priest of the Parish of the Resurrection. Vijay was previously Vicar at St. Paul's Church Jammu, Diocese of Amritsar, Church of North India.

Music Coffee Concert On Saturday 22nd February St. Peter's Church, Oadby LE2 5QE is inviting all to an informal organ recital, given by Ron Berry who has played for services for us here. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am and the music, lasting about 30-45 minutes will begin at 11am. Donations are encouraged and will be given to a charity specified on the day. All are welcome to spend what will prove to be a relaxing, lovely morning.

We have been invited to a Joint Choral Evensong Service on Sunday 2nd March at 4pm in St. Andrew's Church, Old Church Street, Aylestone LE2 8ND. This invitation is for everyone, including those within the proposed group of churches for the Teal Minster Community. Campanologists are welcome to ring the bells for an hour before the service, beginning at 3pm. Light refreshments and nibbles will follow after the service, which will also be a time to chat and get to know more about each other.

Women's World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday 7th March. This annual service takes place in many churches in the UK and is celebrated in over 146 countries throughout the world. The theme this year is that everyone, including women and girls are "fearfully and wonderfully" made in the image of God (Psalm 139 verse 14.) When we receive this profound truth, everything in our life changes and we begin to radiate and shine from within. We also learn how to treat every other person as made wonderful by God. Read more at: <https://worlddayofprayer.net> There are two services taking place close to us! One at St. Mary's Church, Brinsmead Road, Knighton LE2 3WG at 2pm and the other at Stoneygate Baptist Church, 315 London Road, LE2 3ND at 7.30pm. The service this year has been prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands. Everyone, including men, are most welcome to attend. 3



Owl Network, Growing Community Saturday 15 March 10am-11.30am on Zoom. Come and be inspired by a morning with Revd John White. John is the founder and leader of the Hazelnut Community, a worshipping community that has social innovation, economic inclusion, political and spiritual transformation at its heart. He is passionate about connecting with creation and addressing the reality of the climate emergency. This will be a wonderful chance to think about using our church land differently, creatively growing community and deepening our roots in God our creator and sustainer.

[Register to receive the Zoom link.](#)



Concerts and Recitals are currently being held at St. James' the Greater, London Road, LE2 1NE as follows: 9th March the University of Leicester Chamber Orchestra, 13th April Knighton Chamber Orchestra, 11th May Mark Trounson Trio (jazz, piano, double bass and drums) and 8th June Organ with Simon Headley (former Leicester Cathedral Organist.) All concerts start at 3pm and entry is free (except 13th April) with refreshments provided at the end.

Collect for 3rd Sunday before Lent Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of 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: Pat Davies, Ann Dixon, Alison Keddilty, Roy Lee, Daryle Pearson, Linda Perks, Kimberley Tyler, Andy White, Richard Williams. **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Roger Billingham, Josephine Butler, and anyone we know personally.



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