

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 23rd February 2025, 2nd Sunday before Lent



Readings for today: Revelation 4; Luke 8 vs 22-25

Dear Friends. Some of you may remember that, quite a few years ago, we had a monthly magazine rather than our current weekly bulletin. In that magazine, we used to have a prayer focus, and I thought it might be good to have one again sometimes, for if you would like to use it. So, this week, you will find a prayer focus in this bulletin.

In chapter 4 and verses 4-7 of his letter to the Philippians, St Paul was encouraging them, in their prayers, that as they asked, they also gave thanks, telling them that God did not want them to worry about things, but to take them to Him, and to know His peace. And those words echo down the ages to us; words and encouragement that are just as relevant to us, today. Prayer is not just about coming to God with a 'shopping list' of requests. Rather, as well as asking God about those things that are needed, it is also important to come to Him with thanksgiving.

Prayer and thanksgiving should be about anything and everything. Nothing is too big, small or difficult for God. He longs for us to include Him in every aspect of our lives – the everyday things as well as times of great sorrow or joy. God is our loving heavenly Father. Just as human parents usually love and care a great deal about their children, so God love and cares about us – only more so; more than any human can; God's love and care for us are perfect; He is completely faithful, always with us, never lets us down. God knows everything about us, but He still likes us to talk to Him, share with Him, about things – anything, everything. Talking with God, sharing with Him, listening to Him, is all part of prayer.

May prayer, including thanksgiving, be part of our everyday lives, and may we be aware of His peace. **Geraldine.**



COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Saturday 22nd 7pm Private Family Gathering in the parish centre

Sunday 23rd 10am Holy Communion in church, also on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 24th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 24th 10.15am Funeral Service in church

Tuesday 25th 8am Private Booking in church

Tuesday 25th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support church & parish centre

Wednesday 26th 12pm Best Community Charity Lunch Club in parish centre.

Thursday 27th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 27th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 27th 10am Morning Prayer in church

Thursday 27th 10am—12noon Open Church in church

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Prayer Focus

Sunday: Thank God for our freedom to worship.
Pray for those who have to worship in secret.

Monday: Thank God for His peace.
Pray for all places torn apart by war or conflict.

Tuesday: Thank God for our homes.
Pray for the homeless.

Wednesday: Thank God and pray for the local Community.

Thursday: Thank God for the beauty of Creation.
Pray that we may all seek to care for our world.

Friday: Thank God for schools and opportunities to learn.
Pray for our local schools and our outreach to them.

Saturday: Thank God for the Church.
Pray that in all things, we will seek His wisdom and guidance.



Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy one is here.



Don't forget the Music Coffee Concert this coming Saturday 22nd February in St. Peter's Church, Oadby LE2 5QE. An informal organ recital, given by Ron Berry. 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 welcome to spend what will be a relaxing, lovely morning.



This coming Sunday 23rd February, at 10am, we warmly welcome the Honorary Assistant Bishop of Leicester, the Right Revd Christopher Boyle, who will preside at Holy Communion and preach for us, at St. Denys.

Morning Prayer will be held in church on Thursday 27th February at 10am. This quiet, reflective, relaxing service will be led by Geraldine.

Joint Choral Evensong Service on Sunday 2nd March at 4pm in St. Andrew's Church, Old Church Street, Aylestone LE2 8ND. All welcome. 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.

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with ashing, 5th March, 6pm, marking the start of Lent, the Revd Canon Philip Norwood will join us to preside and preach at Holy Communion. All welcome.



Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer, said) will be held on Thursday 6th March too, with Revd Sue Willetts presiding and preaching.

Women's World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday 7th March. 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. For further details, see last weeks bulletin.



Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we live!

Concerts and Recitals are currently being held at St. James' the Greater, London Road, LE2 1NE, 3pm, 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. Entry is free (except 13th April), refreshments provided.



**Valentine's Day
flower
creations by
our Pastoral
Warden,
Kimberley Tyler**

*For the beauty
of the earth and
of God's
creation, thanks
be to God.*



Collect for 2nd Sunday before Lent Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus 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 Kedditly, Roy Lee, Daryle Pearson, Linda Perks, Kimberley Tyler, Andy White, Richard Williams. **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Josephine Butler, and anyone we know personally.



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