

ST DENYS CHURCH
EVINGTON, BULLETIN
Sunday 9th March 2025,
1st Sunday of Lent



Readings for today: Psalm 67; Revelation 21 vs 22-26

Dear Friends, it is hard to believe that Lent is upon us already, does anyone else feel like we have only just celebrated Christmas?

Lent is such an important time for us, it is an opportunity to prepare ourselves for Easter. Some people decide to stop eating chocolate or devote themselves to things like reading the bible more regularly, praying more frequently, and performing random acts of kindness. I wonder, how will you mark this period of Lent as we head towards Easter?

The last couple of weeks have been a busy time for me, with the juggle of family life and church responsibilities and I am looking forward to slowing down a bit this Lent. This year's Lent will be very different, as I will not be at St Denys for 4 weeks; instead, I will be in the Caribbean with my mum (a belated 40th birthday present). Whilst I am looking forward to the warm weather and getting the opportunity to see a completely different part of God's wonderful creation, I really am going to miss my Sundays in church, and I am going to have to be much more disciplined on my journey through Lent – how very appropriate for this season!

My hope this Lent is to have more moments of being still before God, particularly as I am about to start treatment for an autoimmune inflammatory arthritis condition.

Whatever you do during Lent, my prayer is that it draws you into a closer, deeper and more intimate relationship with Jesus. Cherish this Lent time, as Easter will be here before we know it!

Kimberley



COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Friday 7th 9.45am Funeral Service in church

Friday 7th 10am Musical Toddlers meet in the parish centre

Friday 7th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 8th 9am Diocesan Alpha Day in the parish centre

Sunday 9th 10am Informal Intercultural Worship in church, also on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Monday 10th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 11th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 11th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support church & parish centre

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

Wednesday 12th 2.30pm Evington History & Heritage Group in parish centre

Thursday 13th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group meet in parish centre

Thursday 13th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

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Thursday 13th 10am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer, said) in church

Thursday 13th 10am—12noon Open Church in church



IWC (Intercultural Worship Community) Service of Worship

This coming Sunday 9th March at 10am, Jessie Tang, Intercultural Worship Community Director, will lead our worship—an informal service with a mix of cultural songs and traditional hymns, readings etc, much to be enjoyed! This

builds on St. Denys' status as a partner church to the IWC community in the diocese. Please do come along and experience some of the richness of the variety of worship throughout our Christian community.

Arbor House March 2025 Our monthly service at Arbor House will take place on Monday 10th March at 2.15pm. We always enjoy this opportunity to meet with the elderly residents and staff who are very welcoming to us. If you are free for about half an hour on Monday afternoon do come along and join us for some hymns, readings and prayers. Have a word with Ann Bennett, Chris Hossack or Elisabeth Moore if you would like to find out more.

Evington History and Heritage Group Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday 12th March at 2.30pm in the St Denys Parish Centre when we welcome back Cynthia Brown who will be giving an illustrated talk about "The Fancy and Functional Cardboard Box Manufacturing in Leicester" Free to members, £3 to visitors. Parking available in the church car park.



Revd Cecilia Adjadje, Curate in the parish of St. Mary's and St. Guthlac's, Knighton, will preside and preach at our service of Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said) this coming Thursday 13th March at 10am. All are welcome.

Looking ahead! Evensong in St. Denys this month will be held on Sunday 23rd March at 4pm, the fourth Sunday of this month, not the week before!

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL Every six years the Church of England requires that each church carries out a complete renewal of its electoral roll, and that renewal is now taking place. This means that everyone who wishes to continue to be on the electoral roll must reapply.



Everyone on the current roll will receive a letter and an application form. The forms should be returned to Elizabeth Rudge at the church by **Thursday 3rd April at the latest**. **Please note that this is a NEW earlier deadline, a change from that published last week!**

Applications received after that date will not be entered on the new roll until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 1st May.

If you are not already on the roll, but would be interested in applying, please contact Elizabeth on elizabeth@rudges.org.uk for an application form or for more details. Thank you.



Easter School Visits to St. Denys We are hosting a number of school visits in St. Denys in the run up to Easter, during the first two weeks of April, to tell the Easter story to our local schoolchildren. This continues the excellent links we have with the schools in the parish, built up over the past few years with Revds Anthony and Mark. This is a

very important work in our Christian faith and witness. However, help is needed! If you can help with the visits, please speak to Kimberley, Geraldine or me. This will be much appreciated. The visits are booked for:

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th (at Oaklands school), 8th, 9th and 11th April. Times will be confirmed very soon. **Qyan**

Lent and Easter Services

Thursday 13th March, 10am, Holy Communion (said Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday 16th March, 10am, Holy Communion
Thursday 20th March, 10am, Holy Communion (said Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday 23rd March, 10am, Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd March, 4pm, Evensong
Thursday 27th March, 10am, Holy Communion (said Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday 30th March, 10am, Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
Thursday 3rd April, 10am, *to be announced*
Sunday 6th April, 10am, Passiontide begins, Holy Communion
Thursday 10th April, 10am, Holy Communion (said Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday 13th April, 10am, Palm Sunday with Procession and Holy Communion
Monday-Wednesday 14th—16th April, 6pm, Compline
Thursday 17th April, 10am, Holy Communion
Good Friday 18th April, 10am, Crafty Church Activity Morning
Good Friday, 18th April, 2pm, The Last Hour
Easter Sunday, 20th April, 6am DAWN service, Holy Communion
Easter Day, 20th April, 10am, Holy Communion

Collect for 1st Sunday of Lent Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love 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, Zak Gardner, Alison Keddilty, Linda Perks, Kimberley Tyler, Andy White, Richard Williams. **Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of** Margaret Mitchell and anyone we know personally.



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St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and Youth Work:

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