

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN 1st June 2025, 7th Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts"

This is a passage we have been reflecting on as a family over the last couple of weeks. Phil has decided to start a business, I am now a couple of months into my new medication, and Ruby has now finished just over half of her GCSE exams.

We have a lot going on! Despite this however, we are all feeling Christ's peace - that is not to say life is all lovely, as we have our wobbles.

On the morning of Ruby's first exam, I went into her bedroom to wake her up and I found her cross necklace (see picture below) on her bedside table - it's normally put away safely - she tells me she needs some heavenly help to remain calm and often carries a holding cross to help her during exams. Throughout this intense time, Ruby has been calm and has prayed that God would guide her to the right answers. If you ask her, she will tell you God has certainly showed up!

In recent weeks I have had the privilege to journey with someone as they discovered they have a significant health concern, and to see how Christ's peace was indeed ruling their heart and mind as they found out what the medical staff plan to do. This person commented that sitting in church, in the quiet, gives them much needed peace; this is something I can relate to. I love being able to just sit in the quiet and admire the beauty of our church building, knowing so many prayers have been said there over the centuries.

I wonder if there are areas in your life that need Christ's peace? As it says in scripture, all you need to do is to ask him: *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will you guide your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4 vs 7); Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. (Colossians 3 vs 15).*

I also really appreciate the hymn 'In Christ alone', as I find that helps to draw me back to Christ. I pray that you feel an abundance of Christ's peace in whatever you are doing. **Kimberley**



## **COMING UP AT ST DENYS:**

**Sunday 1st June 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

**Monday 2nd 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

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**Tuesday 3rd 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Group** in parish centre

**Thursday 5th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** in parish centre

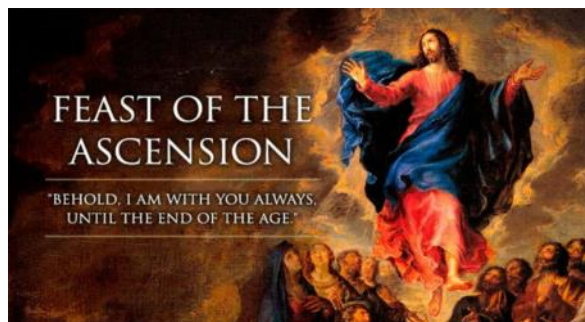
**Thursday 5th June 12pm Private Booking** in the parish centre

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**Thursdays 5th 10am—12 noon Open Church**

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*Readings for Sunday 1st June: Acts 16 vs 16-34; John 17 vs 20 –end*



**Ascension Day, Thursday 29th May 2025.** *Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia! To his throne above the skies; alleluia! Christ the Lamb, for sinners giv'n, alleluia! Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!*

**Charles Wesley (1707-1788)**

**Thy Kingdom Come** Thursday 29th May—8th June 2025 a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. You are invited to take part. Look up: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)



**We are delighted that the Revd Phil White** will be returning to preside and preach for us at the Holy Communion service this Sunday 1st June at 10am. This will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All are welcome.

**Evensong** will be held on Sunday 1st June at St. John the Baptist Church, Billesdon LE7 9AE. This quiet, reflective service to end the day, with full choir and organ, is very special every time. All are most welcome to attend.



**Revd Jonathan Surridge** will preside and preach at the service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) on Thursday 5th June at 10am. This is a said service. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church after the service.



**Our New (returning) Churchwarden Ann Bennett** will be sworn into office during the Archdeacon's Visitation service on Tuesday 10th June at 7.30pm, in St. Luke's Church, Stocking Farm Leicester. The role of churchwarden carries legal responsibility and is of great importance. Please pray for Ann as she takes on this role once again. Licensed clergy, Authorised Lay Ministers, Readers, PCC members, PCC Secretaries, other Wardens and Treasurers are invited to attend. If you don't hold such a role within any church, and wish to go, please speak to Ann.



**Mars: War and Peace** Following the success of Luke Jerram's *Museum of the Moon* and *Gaia* installations, Leicester Cathedral is currently displaying his extraordinary sculpture *Mars*, which promises to be another unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages. Experience the awe-inspiring seven-metre sculpture of Mars during Cathedral opening hours or book on to one of several evening events, including concerts, theatre and a ceilidh. See the cathedral website for details. Display runs until Sunday 8th June.

### **Completion of the New Heritage and Learning Centre, Leicester Cathedral**

This state of the art extension is designed to share the rich heritage of the Cathedral and engage visitors in new and exciting ways. The centre will officially open to the public on Saturday 14th June 2025 marking a significant milestone in the Cathedral's history. More information can be found on the Cathedral's website.



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## **Ascension Day Poem *by the renowned Priest and Poet, Malcolm Guite***

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory  
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place  
As earth became a part of Heaven's story  
And heaven opened to his human face.  
We saw him go and yet we were not parted  
He took us with him to the heart of things  
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted  
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,  
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,  
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,  
Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness  
And sing the waning darkness into light,  
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,  
Which all creation waits to see revealed .

**Collect for the 7th Sunday of Easter** Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.,

**Continue to pray for** Ukraine, Gaza, and all places where conflict exists.

**Pray the sick:** Geoff Bunce, June Bunce, Pat Davies, Nigel Dearman, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Alison Keddlity, Sue Mitchell, Mary Smith, Andy White, Richard Williams.

**We also pray for all those we know personally,  
living with long term health conditions.**

**Pray too for those who mourn including the  
family and friends of** Hameeda Gulzar, Dick  
Herrington



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