

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN 29th June, 2nd Sunday after Trinity



Readings for today: Galatians 5 v 1, 13-25; Luke 9 vs 51-end

Dear Friends. One of my favourite hymns is: 'I heard the voice of Jesus say...' The opening words of this hymn reflect the invitation of Jesus to us, to come to him with those things that weigh us down - our burdens, worries, cares, whatever they may be – as we read at the end of chapter 11 of St Matthew's Gospel. We do not sing this hymn very often, but I do sometimes hear the piece of music that includes this hymn tune, on the radio; always a delight to hear. A while ago, going through a difficult time, so often when I was in the car, I heard this piece of music playing! God is so good.

I have heard a reminder, a few times recently, that music is good for us. Listening to music; being involved in music in some way; is good for our well-being. At the moment, that hymn, and those verses from St Matthew's Gospel, keep coming into my mind. And I think it is important that we take the words of Jesus seriously. When Jesus says to come to him and rest, we should do just that. It is a promise he made, and he told us to learn from him.

Coming to Jesus, resting in him, may all be part of drawing closer to him, allowing our relationship with him, with God, to be built up more. It may include more time in prayer – listening to, and talking with, God – it may include taking more time to walk; to enjoy the beauty of God's creation all around us. We need to be guided by Him, as to how our relationship is to grow and develop.

May we take time to be with God, with Jesus. He loves us so much.

A Haiku:

Jesus invites: 'Come'.

We may come just as we are.

Come and be refreshed.

Geraldine

COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Thursday 26th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group in the parish centre

Thursday 26th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 27th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Sunday 29th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 30th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 1st July 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 1st 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support church and parish centre

Wednesday 2nd 12pm Lunch Club in the parish centre

Wednesday 2nd 7pm District Bell Ringers Meeting in church

Thursday 3rd 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre



Thursdays 3rd 10am—12 noon Open Church

Thursdays 3rd 10am Holy Communion (BCP) said in church



Revd Matthew Bradbury will lead Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said) and preach a homily on Thursday 26th June, 10am. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church after the service.

The Revd Sunny George will return to St. Denys to pre-side and preach at Holy Communion, this coming Sunday 29th June, 10am. Refreshments will be served after this service in the parish centre. All welcome.



The funeral service for the late Mike Bull MBE will take place on Friday 4th July, 12.30pm in St. James the Greater Church, London Road, Leicester. If driving, please allow yourselves plenty of time as parking is very limited, including for blue badge holders. The nearest car park is on Granville Road, between London Road and De Montfort Hall.

A number of vacancies still exist on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St. Denys, the body which has legal responsibility for the church. We are a friendly group of people! If you would like to have a say and vote on issues raised and be a part of shaping the direction of church life, sometimes having to discuss difficult, but necessary things, please have a word with our Churchwarden Ann Bennett or any member of the PCC.

Safeguarding Officer! The PCC is looking for somebody who could fulfil the very important, and sometimes challenging role of Safeguarding Officer for St. Denys. This is soon to fall vacant when Sian, our Reader and Temporary Officer leaves us. If you think you might be suitable, or you know of anyone who might be, please have a word with Ann Bennett (Churchwarden) or any member of the PCC.

Hymns and Songs as part of Worship! Don't forget that a Suggestion Box with a pen and paper included, is at the back of the church. If you would like particular hymns or songs sung during Sunday services, please jot them down (anonymously if you wish) and they will be built into the monthly pattern of worship, when appropriate to do so. We have already sung several of the hymns and song suggestions since the idea to have this option was put forward a few months ago.



Fairtrade! St. Denys is, and has been a Fairtrade registered church for a number of years. In order that we don't become apathetic about it, and treat our membership of it unjustly, only tea, coffee and sugar marked with the official Fairtrade symbol, should be used in the church and parish centre. All other foodstuffs and drinks used should be Fairtrade as far as is possible.

I am still looking for volunteers urgently to join the Rota for preparing and delivering intercessions during Sunday worship. We are now desperately short of people. If this is a ministry you think you would like to try, please do have a word with me. It need not be an onerous task, and guidance will be given if wanted. It would be crazy to have to consider omitting intercessions during worship because not enough folk wish to do it!



Reflection for the 2nd Sunday after Trinity; Focus on Love and Service, emphasizing love as a motivation for service. AI (Artificial Intelligence) generated authorship:



Love's flame, a fire within the heart,
A gift to share, a brand new start.
Serve others, see their hidden need,
A loving act, a virtuous deed.



Two of the latest flower displays created by our Pastoral Warden, Kimberley

Lovely flowers are the smiles of God's goodness!

Reflections for the 2nd Sunday after Trinity, AI generated authorship! A concise call to discipleship:

Come, follow, says the Lord,
A path of grace, a sacred word.
Though cost may seem immense and deep,
Love's invitation, secrets keep.

Collect for the 2nd Sunday after Trinity Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Pray the sick: 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 Mike Bull MBE, June Pallett, Trevor Welch



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