

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 14th July 2025, 4th Sunday after Trinity



*Readings for today: Colossians 1 vs 1-14; Luke 10 vs 25-37*

Dear Friends

We have recently been to two family celebrations, the first a relative's Golden Wedding and the following weekend the marriage of our niece which was held in beautiful surroundings in the Peak District countryside near Chesterfield. Both were very enjoyable and happy occasions giving us an opportunity to meet up with family and, in the case of the wedding, to get to know people we hadn't met before. We also have members of St Denys family, Sian and Zak and Qyan and Kay, preparing to celebrate their own weddings in the near future. We wish both couples a very happy day.

In St John's gospel we read the story of the Wedding in Cana where Jesus performed His first miracle. Jesus was there, along with Mary, His mother. As the celebration was taking place the wine ran out, which would have been a disaster for the organisers. Hospitality was extremely important in that culture and the young couple getting married would have been shamed by not being able to serve their guests as would be expected. Mary told Jesus that the wine had run out, but he replied, 'Woman what has that to do with me? My time has not yet come'. Mary then told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them, and after the servants had filled the jars with water they served some to the master, who found that the water had been changed to wine, and in fact, very good wine.

This story of the wedding at Cana teaches us that God works in the ordinary events of life as well as the extraordinary and we need to trust in God's timing. We need to share His compassion and care for others as Jesus did for the people at the wedding.

With best wishes, **Ann Bennett**



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

**Thursday 10th 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group** in the parish centre

**Thursday 10th 12pm Private Booking** in the parish centre

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**Sunday 13th 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332  
(password from Qyan)

**Tuesday 15th 7.30pm Oadby Bell Ringers practise** in church

**Wednesday 16th 12pm Lunch Club** in the parish centre

**Thursday 17th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre

**Thursdays 17th 10am—12 noon Open Church**

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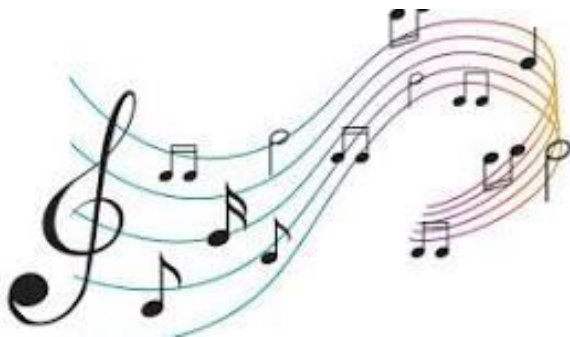
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**Revd Canon Matthew Bradbury** seen here meeting the then Prince, now His Majesty King Charles, in the Ely diocese in 2018.

Matthew (not the King!!!) will preside and preach for us in our service of Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion, on Thursday 10th July 10am, followed by refreshments at the back of the church.

**We are delighted to welcome the Right Revd Christopher Boyle** again, Honorary Assistant Bishop of Leicester, to preside and preach for us at Holy Communion, this coming Sunday 13th July at 10am, followed by refreshments in the parish centre.



**The Fosse Singers and Semper Singers** both Leicester choirs conducted by Emma Trounson, the Musical Director at St. James the Greater, are giving a concert of popular music, musical theatre numbers and light classical music at the said church, this coming Saturday

12th July at 7.30pm. Tickets only £10 at the door with refreshments, and a raffle in aid of Leicester's charity for the vulnerable, Sound Café. All are very welcome to attend what will prove to be a most enjoyable evening of entertainment.

**Arbor House** Our service at Arbor House takes place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm. This is a slightly earlier time than previously as it fits in better with Arbor House. There will be a short service, including hymns, readings and prayers. We always enjoy this opportunity to meet and chat with the elderly residents, some of whom sing along with the hymns enthusiastically. The staff always make us feel very welcome, so if you are free for about half an hour on Monday afternoon do come along and join us for this service which occurs monthly. Looking forward to seeing you there. **Ann Bennett**

**Congratulations to our Reader Sian and her fiancée Zak** who are marrying in St. Denys on Saturday 2nd August at 1pm. Revd Anthony Lees-Smith will be conducting the service. All are welcome to attend the service.

**VJ Day 80th Anniversary, Civic Service** will be held on Thursday 14th August in Leicester Cathedral. All are welcome, to remember the end of the 2nd World War. It will include music and bell ringing. The time of the service is 5.30pm—6.30pm.



**Donating to St. Denys via Gift Aid** As you may be aware, it is possible to give to St. Denys via the Gift Aid envelopes to be found in the pews in church, *if you are a tax payer*.

Simply enclose your cash donation in the envelope, making sure your details are filled out on the front, and place in the collection plate at the back of the church. St. Denys will receive 25% of your donation back, on top of the actual amount you give. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**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. There are also vacancies on the Reader rota too!

**Our parish centre** is used regularly week by week, by local community groups and private functions and activities are also held. It is available to hire during the week including Saturdays, but not on Sundays currently. If you need a venue for your event, please do get in touch with me, as the Bookings Secretary. Please tell others who may be looking for a venue. **Qyan**

**The Church of England Lectionary** on 14th July remembers [John Keble](#), a priest, scholar and poet who was part of the Oxford Movement which so enriched the church's mission and liturgy. He began a cycle of poems going through every Sunday in the Christian Year and celebrating its distinctive mysteries which was eventually published as '[The Christian Year](#)' and proved immensely popular and helpful to many Christians all over the world. **Sounding the Seasons** is a sonnet which meditates on what we hope to achieve by keeping the seasons and keeping holy and memorial days. *Provided by Malcolm Guite website*

Tangled in time, we live with hints and guesses  
Turning the wheel of each returning year,  
But in between our failures and successes  
We sometimes glimpse the Love that casts out fear,  
Sometimes the heart remembers its own reasons  
And breathes a Sanctus as we tell our story,  
Tracing the tracks of grace, sounding the seasons  
That lead at last through time to timeless glory.

From the first yearnings for a Saviours birth  
To the full joy of knowing sins forgiven  
We gather as His church on God's good earth  
To share an echo of the choirs of heaven  
I share these hints, returning what was lent,  
Turning to praise each 'moment's monument'.

**Collect for the 4th Sunday after Trinity** Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Pray the sick:** Pat Davies, Nigel Dearman, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Alison Keddily, Mary Smith, Andy White, Richard Williams.

**We pray for those with long term health conditions**

**Pray too for those who mourn including the family and friends of Mike Bull MBE,** Revd John Penny, Angela Stevenson (formerly Plowman)



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