

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 27th July 2025, 6th Sunday after Trinity



Readings for today: Colossians 2 vs 6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11 vs 1-13

Friends, our gospel reading this week on Sunday, Luke 11:1-13, is about Jesus teaching his disciples of the power and importance of persistent prayer. He encourages them, and us, to ask, seek, and knock with unwavering faith, reminding us that our Heavenly Father delights in giving good gifts, even the Holy Spirit, to those who ask.

The passage begins with one of Jesus' disciples asking Jesus to teach them how to pray, as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus responds by teaching what is now known as the Lord's Prayer, a model for approaching God with reverence, acknowledging His holiness, and requesting His provision and forgiveness. This prayer emphasizes our dependence on God and our desire for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Beyond the specific words, Jesus emphasizes the attitude of prayer. He uses the analogy of a friend asking another for bread in the middle of the night, highlighting the persistence and boldness with which we should approach God. Even if our requests are not immediately granted, Jesus encourages us to continue asking, seeking, and knocking, trusting that God, in His wisdom and love, knows what is best.

Jesus assures his followers that God is not like the reluctant friend, but rather, a loving Father who delights in giving good things to his children. He specifically mentions the gift of the Holy Spirit, urging us to ask for this transformative gift, which empowers us to live lives pleasing to God. Therefore, let us approach God with confidence, asking, seeking, and knocking, knowing that our Father hears our prayers and will respond according to His perfect will.

Prayer can be challenging. However, if we focus our mindset totally on Jesus, our prayer lives will only grow and become effective, for his and our sake and those whom we meet day by day. **Qyan (fulfilling a 'Guest' vacancy on the rota)**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Sunday 27th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Tuesday 29th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Group in church and parish centre

Wednesday 30th 12pm Lunch Club in the parish centre

Thursday 31st 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 31st 10am—12 noon Open Church

Thursday 31st 10am Holy Communion (BCP) said in church

diary



The Revd Dr Vijay Kumar (picture 2nd from right) Pioneer Priest of The Church of the Resurrection, Belgrave, will preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion this coming Sunday 27th July at 10am. This is Vijay's first Sunday with us. Do come along to warmly welcome him and his wife **Lavina (middle of the picture)** and to chat with them

during refreshments after the service, in the parish centre. Vijay formerly served as senior priest at St. Paul's Jammu in the Diocese of Amritsar, Church of North India, and came to the UK late last year.

Revd Matthew will preside and preach at our Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service on Thursday 31st July at 10am. Refreshments will be served at the end of the service, at the back of the church.



Thank you all for all your love last Sunday. Anyone from St Denys is welcome to come to my and Zak's wedding service, at 1pm on Saturday 2nd August, which will be conducted by Rev Anthony Lees-Smith. If you are coming, please be seated by 12:45 at the latest, and, if you are able to, please park

away from the church car park, as we are expecting a large number of visiting guests! After the service there will be tea, coffee & cake, including Gluten free, and we would love as many of you as possible to stay for a St Denys group photo with us, which will take place after the family photographs, in the grounds of St Denys. **With love, Siân.**

Don't Forget! For those of you able to attend, the annual **Evington Village Fete** takes place on Saturday 9th August 12noon-5pm, on the village green. There are lots of different stalls and activities to visit/participate in and a wide range of musical and other entertainment throughout. Lunches will be served in the Village Hall as well as Afternoon teas in St. Denys parish centre. Help is needed with the afternoon teas! Please see Michael White to offer to help. It will be appreciated.



VJ Day 80th Anniversary, Civic Service 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.

Evington VJ Day 80th Anniversary Celebration is taking place on Friday 15th August 12 noon onwards on Main Street, outside the Eden Café. There will be food to share or purchase, or you can take your own picnic!

Ride and Stride 2025 is taking place on Saturday 13th September. Why not exercise those muscles by cycling or walking between the many different churches in the diocese, to raise money for the upkeep of our historic churches, including St. Denys. Look out for details coming soon.

Date for your Diary! On Sunday 5th October 2025 at 4pm, the choir of Leicester Cathedral and organists will return for a second time to St. Denys, as part of their 'Together With' scheme, to sing full Choral Evensong. Do reserve this date, and experience the Cathedral choir singing wonderful music to very high professional standards, in worship and praise of our Lord God.

Looking Ahead! The Leicester based Cantamici Choir will visit St. Denys to perform, in part, a Christmas programme of music in concert, on Saturday 6th December. This choir, who have visited us in the past more than once, is of an extremely high, professional standard and has toured the UK and Europe. Further details will be given nearer the time. Please reserve this date in your diaries. You won't be disappointed!





A big Thank You! We are very grateful to all the many volunteers who help to keep our church running smoothly including our welcomers, coffee servers, intercessors and lesson readers. I would like to particularly mention four of our menfolk who often work unseen on the outside of the church. Thank you

to Rod Dawes and Ian Palmer who have been working on the boiler house roof and helped with the repair of the boiler when it failed last winter. They have recently been researching suitable types of boilers for when ours needs replacing. Thank you also to Nigel Dearman and Chris Hossack who have been keeping the outside grounds tidy, the grass cut, the plants cut back, so that the church gives a welcoming presence in Evington. We wish Nigel all the best with his recovery from his operation. I'm sure Chris will be glad when he's able to help with the work again! **Ann Bennett**

A reminder that a hymn/worship song suggestion box is situated at the back of the church for you to submit titles of hymns and songs that you would like to sing during Sunday worship. These will be scheduled in when it is appropriate to do so. Most suggestions so far, I am pleased to say, have been included. Most people do have favourites that they love to sing, so, please do make use of this opportunity.

Collect for the 6th Sunday after Trinity Creator God, you made us in your own image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

We pray for all those who suffer with long term health conditions

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



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