

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN 6th July, 3rd Sunday after Trinity



Readings for today: Galatians 6 vs [1-6] 7-16; Luke 10 vs 1-11, 16-20

Dear Friends, the churches in any Church of England diocese in the UK are grouped together in sections to form a number of different deaneries. St. Denys is part of the Leicester *city* deanery and it is a legal requirement that meetings, called 'synods', are held a minimum of twice a year. Often these can be interesting occasions.

Last Wednesday evening (2nd) in Christ Church, Thurnby Lodge, an 'open' meeting was held to include all congregations, not just the deanery synod representatives, of which I am one for St. Denys. (I did notify you all of this meeting in an e-mail a few weeks ago!!) The theme of the meeting was 'Healing Ministry' within the church particularly for clergy and lay workers!

Declining numbers of people in church services over past decades, even more so since Covid, means all the work that is necessary to run a church, falls on fewer and fewer people, mostly volunteers. Clergy and Lay Ministers are often to be found rushing around trying to ensure the many tasks are done and this becomes a habit, growing in enormity, often with little being achieved in the long run and focus on quality ministry and meeting individual needs, lost. *This can quickly lead to exhaustion and burn-out* which can take at least a year to recover from.

The meeting gave real examples of this happening. In essence, to avoid it, quite regularly, we should conduct self assessments to establish where we are at and be kind to ourselves. Ask yourself, what resources you? What drains you? Identify your areas of weakness, respect resources, notice situations and circumstances around you, discern what is right for you to be effective in ministry, don't neglect your spiritual life.

I would contend that all of us, whether working or retired, lead very busy lives. A lot of the practical advice above can apply to everyone, not just those in leadership roles within the church. We all need such 'creative repair' in our lives from time to time. In the strength of God whom we serve and worship, so be it. Amen. **Qyan**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Thursday 3rd 10.30 Gentle Exercise Group in the parish centre

Thursday 3rd 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 4th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Sunday 6th 10am Traditional Matins in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 7th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 7th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 8th 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 8th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support church and parish centre

Wednesday 9th 12pm Lunch Club in the parish centre

Thursday 10th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 10th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

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Thursdays 3rd 10am—12 noon Open Church

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



We welcome again Revd Jonathan Surridge who will lead us in our service of Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion, on Thursday 3rd July 10am, followed by refreshments at the back of the church. 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.



Traditional Matins with hymns will form our service of worship this coming Sunday 6th July at 10am. This will be led by our Reader, Geraldine Moulden and followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All welcome.

John and Sheila Fox would like to thank all who have wished them well in their move to Portishead, near Bristol. "We will miss you all, having known many of you for a long time! John has settled in well and has celebrated his 90th birthday. Peace and love to you all xx" **Sheila**



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.

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 are available to do it! There are also vacancies on the Reader rota too!

Flower Creations by Kimberley:



The Lost Sheep, a poem for 3rd Sunday after Trinity, Ai generated

A shepherd seeks, with loving eye,
The sheep astray, that wandered by.
Through brambles dark, and valleys deep,
His gentle voice, the lost one's keep.
Mercy's embrace, a warm embrace,
Finds the wanderer, time and space.

Grace Abounds, another poem for 3rd Sunday after Trinity, Ai generated

In shadowed paths, where fears reside,
God's grace extends, a boundless tide.
A gentle hand, to lift and mend,
A loving heart, that will not end.
Though burdened low, by sin and shame,
His mercy flows, a cleansing flame.



Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock, within a weary land; a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from burning heat of noontide and the burden of the day. (Elizabeth C. Clephane 1830—1869)

Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen,

Pray the sick: Pat Davies, Nigel Dearman, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Alison Keddilty, 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, Trevor Welch



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