

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

## Sunday 31st August 2025, 11th Sunday after Trinity



*Readings for today: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14*

Dear Friends, In recent history, some of our bulletin letters have sought to challenge us all to re-examine the quality of our lives, for example, can we honestly say, through our words and actions both in church and elsewhere, that we truly live a faith based Christian life that is pleasing to God, and that we know what it is to be a Christian? Of course, human nature being what it is, means that at times, we are all vulnerable and open to weakness for which we need to ask for God's help, guidance and forgiveness when we don't 'measure up.'

We all can appreciate that as an organisation, the Church of England for example, has had and, to a certain extent, still does have failings, well publicised or not. But having true faith, meeting together to worship God in St. Denys or elsewhere, isn't about rules and regulations, procedures and convention, some of which are good and proper, and some not. That is merely religion which I contend, of and in itself, God has little patience with. Instead, it is recognising that whatever one's theological or personal perspective, it is the content of one's heart and mind, which is all important to Him. *Do we really love him and want to commit our lives to his service??* The scale of living such a life is huge. *Have YOU grasped the magnitude of it all yet??*

If we say we are true Christians, we have to believe and look forward to Christ's second coming and that God will return again to judge the earth. On that dreadful day of judgement, however far away or near it is, when the secrets of all hearts will be disclosed, will *YOU* be ready??

We say that we all worship the same one, true and living God. As long as we are heartfelt in so doing, it does not matter to God, *where* we do so or *who* it is with; what church it is or what their churchmanship pertains to; that is simply religion! We are all one 'church' (Christians together) and we should be worshipping with whoever, and whenever we can, to the praise and glory of God. Anything espoused to the contrary, will prove to be divisive. **Qyan**

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

**Thursday 28th 12pm Private Booking** in the parish centre

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**Sunday 31st 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **12.30pm Burial of Ashes** in Remembrance Garden

**Monday 1st SEPTEMBER 8am Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Monday 1st 2pm Monday Meet** meet in the parish centre

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

**Tuesday 2nd 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Group** church & parish centre

**Wednesday 3rd 12pm Lunch Club** in the parish centre

**Thursday 4th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group** meet in the parish centre

**Thursday 4th 12pm—5pm Private Booking** in the parish centre

**Thursday 4th 10am—12 noon Open Church**

**Thursday 4th 10am Holy Communion (BCP) said** in church



**A reminder!** Our Christian friends in St. Aidan's Church, St. Oswald's Road, New Parks, LE3 6RJ are holding their annual Patronal Festival at 12 noon this coming Saturday 30th August, followed by a splendid buffet lunch in their church hall. All are welcome to this celebration of their birthday and God's love within the city deanery, of which St. Denys is a part.



**Canon Matthew Bradbury** will preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion at 10am, this coming Sunday 31st August. Refreshments will be served in the parish centre afterwards. There may even be some fizz and cake too, in respect of Qyan and Kay's recent wedding!

**Revd Jonathan Surridge** will lead our service of BCP (said) Holy Communion in church on Thursday 4th September at 10am. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church afterwards. All are very welcome.



**Saturday 13th September** This year, we are going to use cars, not walk or cycle. We shall visit the churches in the proposed Minster Community: St Philip's, St Peter's Highfields, St Stephen's East Park Road, St Chad's Coleman Road, St Mary's Humberstone, All Saints Scraftoft, Christ Church Thurnby Lodge and back to St Denys. If you are able to 'man' St. Denys during the day, please sign up to the list which is at the back of the church.

Please contact **Elizabeth Rudge** on 07941 233315 if you are interested. Sponsor forms are available in church. We can sort out car sharing later.

# **Quiz Night**

**...with a Ploughmans  
Supper on Saturday 6th  
September at 7pm**

**St Deny's Church  
Church Road  
Evington  
Leicester  
LE5 6FA**

**Please bring your own  
wine, soft drinks, etc...**

**To apply for tickets,  
please ring  
07806 877644**

**£20 per ticket**

**Raffle**

**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.



***Prayer to accompany the front page letter:*** Lord, we often fail you by concerning ourselves far too much with 'religion' instead of practising our true faith. When our hearts are cold and hard, and we don't truly care about you, help us back on to the right path, increase our faith and understanding, help us to recognise and appreciate difference and to love you and others in society around us, with genuine Christian love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in a rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence praise, in deeper reverence praise. John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)***

**Collect for the 11th Sunday after Trinity** God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Pray the sick:** Joan Ackland, Pat Davies, Nigel Dearman, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Morag and Ron Maund, 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 Joyce Richards and anyone we know personally.**



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