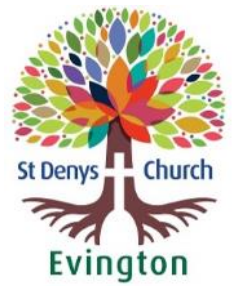


ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN
Sunday 21st September 2025, 14th
Sunday after Trinity



Readings for today: 1 Timothy 2 vs 1-7; Luke 16 vs 1-13

Dear Friends

Let there be love shared among us

Let there be love in our eyes.

These are the first two lines of a hymn that we sometimes sing in church, asking God to enable us to spread love and that love may 'sweep this nation'.

Indeed, our nation and our world need God's love, as do we in our daily lives at home, at work, in our leisure time and in our church.

Last Sunday we celebrated the baptism of baby Sinklair, a wonderful joyful occasion, with the church full of his family and friends. The Rev Cecilia Adjadje led our service with joy and enthusiasm and baby Sinklair seemed to be enjoying it too. He was happy to be held by Rev Cecilia, trying to share her service sheet with her, and Rev Cecilia seemed very happy to be holding him. He is a lovely child whom we have got to know along with his grandmother, who have both been worshipping at St Denys for some time. If you were unable to be at St Denys last Sunday, you missed a treat!

We have some interesting services in the near future, including a visit from the Intercultural Worship Team and then a service led by Bishop Martyn, followed the next week on 12th October, by our celebration of Harvest, with a shared lunch in the Parish Centre. Kimberley will also be licensed as a 'Locally Authorised Minister' on the 12th. Do come along to as many of these occasions as you are able. I am sure you won't regret it!

Returning to the words of the hymn quoted at the start of this letter, I pray that St Denys church will continue to be full of love; love for God, love for each other and love for our neighbours.

With all good wishes, **Ann Bennett**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS:

Thursday 18th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 18th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 18th 7pm PCC Meeting in the parish centre

Friday 19th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Sunday 21st 10am Informal (Family) Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong** in church

Tuesday 23rd 8am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 23rd 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Group church & parish centre

Wednesday 24th 12pm Lunch Club in the parish centre

Wednesday 24th 2.30pm Funeral Service in church, with parish centre usage

Thursday 25th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 25th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 25th 10am—12 noon Open Church

Thursday 25th 10am Holy Communion (BCP, said)



Dr Carole Cox It is with sadness, that I record the passing of Carole in the Leicester Royal Infirmary on Monday 11th August. Many of you will remember Carole well. She regularly attended St. Denys, including on Thursdays, for a great many years. She and her husband moved away from Evington to Lutterworth to be nearer to family last October. Her funeral service took place on Wednesday 17th September in Lutterworth Parish Church. Please keep her husband Nick and son Joe in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



The PCC meet again on Thursday 18th September. Please pray for it's members as they discuss a range of issues for St. Denys, often challenging and difficult, and have to make decisions about them. Your prayers are welcomed.

We welcome the Revd John Taylor this coming Sunday 21st September to preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion. For the first time in at least a year I think, we will use the 'Holy Communion for All Ages' booklet. This is a slightly more informal liturgy. Please do invite your family and friends to join us. Refreshments will be served after the service. **Qyan**

Evensong will take place at 4pm this coming Sunday 21st September. We are grateful to **Revd Canon (Fr) Chris Oxley** for coming to lead and preach. All are very welcome.

The Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for the late Joyce Richards will be held in St. Denys Church on Wednesday 24th September at 2.30pm. Many older members of the congregation will have known Joyce very well indeed. She had worshipped with us for a substantial number of years, including attending Evensong. The family would be delighted if all those who knew Joyce could attend if possible. Refreshments will be served in the parish centre following the service.



Jessie Tang the diocesan Intercultural Ministry Director, and her colleagues, will lead us in Intercultural Worship on Sunday 28th September, 10am. They joined us back in March for the first time, and what a wonderful and refreshing time of worship it proved to be. Please note that there will not be Holy Communion on that Sunday.

St. Luke's Church, Thurnby will host an informal concert by Ron Berry (Organ) and Mike Lessiter (Bass/Baritone singer) on Saturday 4th October at 11am. Refreshments served from 10.30am. FREE! All welcome.

Bishop Martyn, Bishop of Leicester will join us to preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion on Sunday 5th October at 10am.

Choral Evensong! Dairy Date! On Sunday 5th October at 4pm, the choir and organists of Leicester Cathedral will return for a second time to St. Denys, as part of their 'Together With' scheme, to sing Choral Evensong. This is a relaxing service, held, as it was first designed hundreds of years ago, with the choir singing the Psalm, Canticles, Responses and an anthem and the congregation joining in with the hymns. Do reserve this date in your diary to experience a rich, spiritual time of worship with the choir singing wonderful music in worship and praise of our Lord God.



Safeguarding Update As most of you know we don't at present have a named Safeguarding Officer at St Denys. The PCC is working on this and some of us had a meeting recently with Peter Holloway who is one of the Diocesan Safeguarding Officers. *Continued overleaf.....*

Safeguarding update continued from the previous page: If you have any concerns for yourself or someone else, please speak in confidence to a member of the Warden Team - Michael, Kimberley or me. The Safeguarding Officers at the Diocese can also be consulted if appropriate. Also, please speak to us if you have any suggestions that would help the services run more smoothly, or if you would like any information about St Denys Church. We will help you if we can. **Ann Bennett, Churchwarden**

The Knighton Community Choir will give a concert in St. Denys on Saturday 15th November at 7pm. Further details will be made available in due course. Do come along if you can and spread the word!

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 will not be disappointed! All are very welcome.

A Christmas Tree Festival is being organised for St. Denys, to take place on Saturday 13th December, 11am—5pm. Further details will be made available soon. Please do mark this in your diary.

Collect for the 14th Sunday after Trinity Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for all those you know, with long term health issues.

Pray for the long term sick: Joan Ackland, Pat Davies, Nigel Dearman, Ann Dixon, Zak Gardner, Morag and Ron Maund, Mary Smith, Richard Williams.

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Dr Carole Cox, Penny Judge, Joyce Richards and anyone we know personally.



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