

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 16th November 2025, 2nd Sunday before Advent



Readings for today 10am: 2 Thessalonians 3 vs 6-13; Luke 21 vs 5-19, 4pm: Daniel 6; Matthew 13 vs 1-9, 18-23

How are you? When was the last time someone asked you this question?

It is a very simple question, but it can sometimes be difficult to answer; it may depend on who asked you the question, how much time you have to answer, whether you feel like talking, or dependant on how you are feeling.

I wonder if you are like me and find yourself instinctively replying “yes, I am fine, thank you”, before moving onto something else in the conversation. Some people know us well enough to know when we are not our usual selves, but many others may not notice.

In the past, people have noticed times when I don’t have my ‘usual spark’ and have then taken the time to ask a follow up question... “so how are you really?” Probing further can reveal how a person really is, as it takes us away from our default response.

As we approach this Advent season, it is easy to get caught up in how we ‘should be feeling’ during the festive season. If we look on social media, it is all full of happiness and you can be forgiven for thinking that everyone else’s lives are all rosy. The reality is that people only post what they want to be seen, which is not always a true reflection of their reality.

This time of year, is especially difficult for some of us, as we remember loved ones, have painful memories, money worries, etc. That is why we decided to organise two ‘Blue Christmas’ events to give us, and the community, an opportunity to spend some quiet time away from the busyness of Christmas and to mark the season quietly by lighting a candle and spending time in the comfort of St Denys. You are all very welcome to attend.

So, if you know of someone who finds this time of year difficult, then please invite them to our ‘Blue Christmas’ mornings and take the time to ask them how they really are. **Kimberley**

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

Thursday 13th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group

Thursday 13th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 14th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 15th 10am Evington Bowls Club AGM in the parish centre

Saturday 15th 7pm Knighton Community Choir in concert church & parish centre

Sunday 16th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong** in church

Monday 17th 10am Minster Community Meeting in church

Monday 17th 10.30am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 17th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the church and parish centre

Tuesday 18th 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 18th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Group church & parish centre

Wednesday 19th 10am Diocesan PTM meeting in the parish centre

Wednesday 19th 10.30am Krishna Avanti School Visit to church

Thursday 20th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group in the parish centre

Thursday 20th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 20th 10am—12 noon Open Church

Thursday 20th Nov 10am Holy Communion (BCP, said)



Pearl Lee (formerly Cook) wife of Ted, Mum to Julie and Jane, Nanny to her six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, passed away peacefully on 24th October 2025 at Park Riding care home, Holmfirth, aged 97. She was a regular member of St Denys Church congregation; quite a few of you may remember her.

Pearl worked for many years as a library assistant at Evington Library having been there from its opening in December 1969. On her retirement she volunteered each week at Linden Primary School mainly listening to young readers. Pearl was also very actively involved with the charity organisation Baby Gear who were based in Leicester providing much needed baby equipment to support families in need. Pearl was loving, generous and gentle and will be greatly missed.

***Written and submitted by Julie and Jane, the daughters of Pearl & Ted
(Ted remains living in Holmfirth at the present time)***

A Baby Loss Remembrance Service will be held at St. Mary de Castro church, Leicester LE2 7BY, this coming Saturday 15th November at 2pm, led by Kimberley Tyler. This is for anyone who, at any time, has been affected by the loss of a child.

The Knighton Community Choir, Lux Acappella and The Pantones will perform a concert in St. Denys this coming Saturday 15th November at 7pm. Tickets are priced at £6 and are available from our Treasurer Michael White, or at the door on the evening itself. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre. A raffle will also be held. A fundraiser for St. Denys. Do come along if you can. Thank you.

The Revd Phil White will return this Sunday 16th November, to preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion at 10am. Refreshments will follow in the parish centre. All are very welcome.



Evensong will take place this coming Sunday 16th November at 4pm. It will be led by the Revd Rob Hinsley and Revd Stuart Voce. All are welcome.



Cantamici will be in concert at St. Denys on Saturday 6th December at 7pm. They will perform a Christmas programme of music. Tickets only £10, pay at the door! All are very welcome and refreshments will be served in the parish centre after the concert. Do come along and bring your family and friends.

Christmas Tree Festival 13th and 14th December Plans for our Christmas Tree Festival are now well underway, and we are looking for offers of help for prizes and for teas. Thank you to those who have already offered help. We are planning to give a Christmas hamper as a prize for the Christmas Tree judged to be the best by the Lord Mayor, and a second hamper for the Tree judged best by a public vote. There will be a list of items required for these hampers at the back of church. Please have a look at the list and sign up to bring one of the items if you possibly can.

We are also looking for donations of cakes. If you can provide a sponge cake that can be cut into slices, please put your name on the cake list. Alternatively, if you would prefer to donate money so cakes can be bought, there will be envelopes provided for your donation.

There will also be a sheet for you to sign up on if you can help on one of the days of the Festival in church.

The Christmas Tree Festival is an important fundraising occasion for St Denys church and a great opportunity to welcome members of our local community and people from the surrounding area to St Denys. **Please put the date in your diary and offer to help if you can. Thank you. Ann Bennett**

Christmas Carol Singing will take place on Wednesday 17th December in the Cow and Plough pub at 7pm, compered by Chris Hossack. We are hoping as many people as possible from St. Denys will join him on this festive occasion.

'Come and Sing' Candlelit Christmas Carol Service This will take place on Sunday 21st December at 6pm. If you would like to be part of a choir for this service, please do contact me. It would be lovely to have church members take part in this way. You do not have to be an experienced singer and the music chosen, will be straightforward, with one rehearsal on the day itself, in the afternoon, so your time commitment is kept to a minimum. I look forward to hearing from you. **Qyan**

Pictures from Remembrance 2025, Evington War Memorial and St. Denys:



Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Advent Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray for those known to us personally, who are suffering from long term health conditions. Also pray for the sick: Joan Ackland, Ann Dixon, Val Lamont, Morag and Ron Maund, Richard Williams.

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Stephenson Blake, Vinette Jaimeson, Adalin Kiffin, Pearl Lee



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