

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN

Sunday 23rd November 2025, Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent



Readings for today: Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

Dear Friends, I am writing this letter to say thank you to St. Denys for being supportive to me over the years since I came to live in Evington.

George and I came to Evington in October 1959 from a village in County Durham; we came for 5 years and didn't go back because he loved his work and we had made many friends.

We started to attend St. Denys at Christmas of that year and then in 1965 I had a full term still born baby son. Because of church rules, he could not be christened. Canon Michel and Revd Hughie and Beryl Jones helped us through a very difficult few months. However, in 1966 and 1967, we were blessed with two sons.

I joined St. Denys Mother's Union when I retired in 1989 and became Treasurer and still am a member. There were forty members then and we are now down to five, but we still meet in my flat from time to time.

George sadly passed away in 2021 during Covid, and we could only have thirty people at his funeral. Reverend Anthony was so supportive. I then moved into a flat in Evington, and he used to bring me Holy Communion. Sian continued this when he left, and now Kimberley does so. I am so grateful for this and for Zoom, for the Sunday morning service. Thank you to Phil (Tyler) and anyone who helps with that as it is so lovely to feel part of the service.

Blue Christmas is a great idea, and I hope to come to that. St. Denys is a lovely church, and it will be lovely to sit quietly and enjoy the peace and sense of Godliness which is there when you walk through the door.

Thank you so much to all the clergy who come, and most of all to the volunteers who give their time and effort to keep St. Denys open.

God bless you all. **Ann Dixon**

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

Thursday 20th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 21st 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 22nd 10am Wreath Making Workshop in the parish centre

Sunday 23rd 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 24th 10.30am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 25th 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 25th 1pm Wreath Making Workshop in the parish centre

Tuesday 25th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Group church & parish centre

Wednesday 26th 5.30pm Wreath Making Workshop

Thursday 27th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group in the parish centre

Thursday 27th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 27th 10am—12 noon Open Church

Thursday 27th 10am Holy Communion (BCP, said)



We are sorry for any inconvenience caused through worship last Sunday morning, not being live streamed. We hope normal service is resumed this coming Sunday. **Qyan**



Reverend Canon Dr Sarah (pronounced "Sara") Saddique-Gill, Canon Missioner, Leicester Cathedral, will preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion, this coming Sunday 23rd November at 10am, for the first time. It is her second visit for worship, having led the Leicester Cathedral Evensong at the beginning of last month. We are delighted to welcome her again. Refreshments will be served in the parish centre after the service as usual. All are welcome.

ROAD CLOSURE IN EVINGTON Leicester City Council has advised me that Church Road and the St. Denys car park will be closed to traffic all day, this coming Tuesday 25th November. This is to allow essential tree works to take place, involving the use of heavy and large machinery. If you have booked to go to the **Wreath Making Workshop**, please still do so. Limited access will be granted to the car park, though it may be worth considering walking or car sharing if you possibly can. **Qyan**

Please pray and give thanks for the several local School Visits to St. Denys taking place in the run up to Christmas, and for Kimberley and the Ministry Team, and those volunteers assisting them in running the sessions. Also, the school assemblies they will take. Pray that, our links with the schools will grow ever stronger, and that all children and teachers, may learn about this special time of year for us as Christians; and all involved, experience something of the joy and wonder of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



The Renowned Cantamici Choir 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! A raffle will be held too, for the chance to win decent prizes. All are very welcome and refreshments will be served in the parish centre after the concert. This is a fundraiser for St. Denys so do come along and bring your family and friends, and spread the word!

Global Carol Service Saturday 13 December, 5pm–6.30pm – St. Paul's Church, Hamble Road, Oadby LE2 4NX. The Diocese of Leicester Intercultural Worshipping Communities invite you to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a vibrant blend of music, language, and community. This event will feature choir singing, readings, and prayers reflecting various cultures. Experience carols sung in multiple languages as we come together to tell the Christmas story that unites hearts across all nations. Everyone is welcome, and entry is free. After the service, enjoy warm fellowship and taste global flavours.

Carol Singing will take place on Wednesday 17th December in the Cow and Plough pub at 7pm, led 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 at 3.30pm, so your time commitment is kept to a minimum. I look forward to hearing from you. **Qyan**



Christmas Services

Night Prayer (Compline) - Tuesdays throughout December on Zoom 8pm
Zoom link information to be confirmed

Blue Christmas - Saturday 6th December 10am-12pm

Christmas Tree Festival - Saturday 13th December 11am-5pm and Sunday
14th December 12pm-4pm

Carol Singing - Wednesday 17th December at Cow and Plough, 7pm

Blue Christmas - Saturday 20th December 10am-12pm

Candlelit 9 Lessons and Carol Service - Sunday 21st December 6pm

Crib & Christingle Service - Wednesday 24th December at 4pm

Midnight Holy Communion Service - Wednesday 24th December at 11.15pm

Christmas Day Family Service - Thursday 25th December at 10am

Collect for Christ the King God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose Kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

Pray for those known to us personally, who are suffering from long term health conditions.

Also pray for the sick: Joan Ackland, Karen Dawes, 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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