

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN
Sunday 9th November 2025,
Remembrance Sunday, 3rd Sunday before
Advent



Readings for today: Psalm 91; Matthew 5 vs 1-12

Dear Friends, Remembrance is a time of mixed feelings for many of us. It is a time when Sarah and I remember especially her Grandfather, Tom Brown, who drove an open-topped scout car all the way from Normandy to Luneburg, (via Bergen Belsen shortly after it had been liberated). I was sixteen, courting Sarah, when he told me his recollections of those days. They are too painful to relate here.

Tom would never have called himself a hero: he hated the war and all it meant for his generation. When he and 'his lads' came back home they voted for change: they hoped the grinding poverty and huge social inequalities of the 1930s would become mere history, along with the hatred, racism and extremism which those things bred.

Here is a poem written by a friend, which expresses some of those conflicted emotions. **Matthew Bradbury**

They also serve who only stand and wait. A Railway Porter's War:

They say 'they also serve who only stand and wait'

I served my country at the platform gate.

Our lads went off, their Mums and sisters wept,

While I the midnight blitzkrieg watches kept.

The trains brought back the wounded, corpses too.

I helped unload them, best as I could do.

The moaning, bandaged faces made me want to curse,

but lifting silent coffins was much worse.

The trains went off again, to whistle shrill,
With many foreign lads this time, to fill
the waiting boats and barges standing by
to take them off to Normandy, to die.¹

Canadians, Africans, Indians and Yanks,
to man the landing craft and crew the tanks.
It was a world-wide task to crush the evil snake
which grew from Satan's heart to spread his vile hate.

From doodle bugs we were now taking cover;
we prayed this horrid war would soon be over.
We paid a dreadful price to stop the killing;
if only now to strive for peace would people be more willing.

When it was done, we hoped for peace, and more;
for something good to follow that damned war.
For better housing, healthcare free at source,
for pensions and a better life—for everyone, of course.

And now we're gone they wave the flag and say
that things are 'so much worse than in Dad's Day'
it seems they blame the foreigners for all their woes,
but foreigners who fought and died for us were not our foes.

I was a simple railwayman who watched and waited,
while the war brought slaughter unabated;
what I saw then made me wish this world a kinder place
where everyone would love each other, no matter what their colour or race.

Laurence Fulmer.

Right: Coventry Cathedral and Ruins, now a symbol of peace and reconciliation: destroyed in the bombing raid of 14th November 1940



COMING UP THIS WEEK:

Thursday 6th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

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Sunday 9th 10.45am Remembrance Service in church and at the War Memorial, Zoom; ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Tuesday 11th 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 11th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Group church & parish centre

Wednesday 12th 2.30pm Evington History and Heritage Group in parish centre

Wednesday 12th 5.30pm Evington Ward Councillor's Meeting in parish centre

Thursday 13th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 13th 10am—12 noon Open Church

Thursday 13th Nov 10am Holy Communion (BCP, said)



Chantique Voices a brand new choir consisting of experienced choral singers, are giving their first ever concert, in St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston on Saturday 8th November at 7.30pm. Music for Remembrance included. Featuring soloists Roy-Anthony Birch (Baritone) and Ian Orr (Organ). FREE entry, retiring collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Remembrance Sunday Sunday 9th November The Commemoration at the War Memorial in Evington Village will begin at **10.45am**. This is the same start time as the same happening in St. Denys, for those who wish to stay there. Once all have returned to church from the Memorial, our time of worship will continue. There will not be Holy Communion on this day.

We welcome Revd Cecilia Adjadje to lead our Remembrance Day Commemoration and worship this coming Sunday 9th at 10.45am.

Arbor House November 2025 Our monthly service at Arbor House will take place on Monday 10th November at 2.15pm. There will be a short service, including hymns, readings and prayers. We always enjoy this opportunity to meet and chat with the elderly residents who are always pleased to see us and many of whom sing along with the hymns enthusiastically. The staff always make us feel very welcome, so do come along and join us for about half an hour. Looking forward to seeing you there. **Ann Bennett**

Evington History and Heritage Group meet in the parish centre on Wednesday 12th November at 2.30pm. Chris Huscroft will give a presentation on the Framework Knitting Museum and it's garden, in Wigston. FREE entry to members, £3 payable at the door to guests. All are very welcome.

The Knighton Community Choir, Lux Acappella and The Pantones will give a concert in St. Denys on 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. This is a fundraiser for St. Denys. Do come along. Thank you.

SUPPORT FOR JAMAICA Following the devastating hurricane Melissa very recently, many people have asked Kierrah Bott, baby Sinklair's grandmother, who has close relatives in the island, how they can help with the relief effort. A lot of items are desperately needed, which one can purchase from supermarkets. Kierrah is very happy to take items for you to the Afro Caribbean Centre in Leicester, telephone them on 0116 221 1973 if you would like more information. They are acting as a support hub for the 'Support Jamaica—Official Disaster Relief' portal, Kingston, Jamaica, whose link is shown below, and is where you can donate money if you wish.



[Support Jamaica – Official Disaster Relief & Recovery Portal](#)

Items needed include:

Tinned Food, Dry Food Rice/Pasta Cereal, Powdered milk, Tinned milk, Baby Food, Bottled water/drinks, Nappies of all sizes, Adult nappies, Sanitary Towels/pads, Water purifying tablets, Toothbrushes/toothpaste, Blankets, Generator, Baby mattresses, Candles, Lighters, Torches, Books for adults & children, Games, Toilet rolls, Cleaning products, Clothes for all ages, Shoes/Flip flops, First Aid Kits, Plasters/Bandages, Batteries all sizes, disposable gloves, Radios, Baby products, Paracetomol, Hand wipes and much, much more.

Thank you for any help you are able to give.



Remember! We need help with Reading and Interceding during Sunday morning worship. If you would like to try this, please get in touch with me. Guidance will be given if needed. If you have never tried this before, why not consider gaining a new skill? **Qyan**

Cantamici will be in Concert at St. Denys on Saturday 6th December at 7pm. They have visited us in the past to perform and have toured the UK and Europe too! This will be, a Christmas programme of music. Pay on 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 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 in the afternoon or early evening. 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, so your time commitment is kept to a minimum. I look forward to hearing from you. **Qyan**



They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them. Or the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Collect for the 3rd Sunday before Advent God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that the earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

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



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St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and

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The Knighton Community Choir Lux Acapella and The Pantones

present a varied programme of music in concert

Saturday 15th November 2025

7pm

**St. Denys Church, Church Road
Evington LE5 6FA**



Tickets £6 at the door, Light refreshments available

All Welcome

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Christmas Tree Festival

SATURDAY 13TH DEC 2025 11AM TILL 5PM
SUNDAY 14TH DEC 2025 12 NOON TILL 4PM

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