

**ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday
18th January 2026, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany, Week of
Prayer for Christian Unity**



*Readings for 10am: 1 Corinthians 1 vs 1-9; John 1 vs 29-42, 4pm:
Ezekiel 2 v 1—ch 3 v 4; Galatians 1 vs 11—end*

Happy New Year! As a family we have never really taken much notice of New Years Eve, the girls love to watch the fireworks on TV, but for me, New Year is just another day. Have you set any New Years resolutions, and if so, are you still sticking to them? I tend not to set any for the year ahead, but I do take the time to reflect on the previous year. It is helpful to be reminded of the good things and give thanks, but also to acknowledge the times that haven't been as good.

Over the last year I have felt God asking me to take stock, to spend time in his presence and be intent on watching, listening and noticing what's happening. I used to find it difficult to be still and rest, but since having knee replacements I have learned to slow down; this is particularly important during this time of Epiphany as we have just had the extremely busy and rewarding time of Advent and Christmas.

Whilst having some quiet moments in my garden this week, I noticed that one of the tulip bulbs I planted last year was starting to come up - a sign of new life! This made me reflect further on Advent and Christmas, and in particular our Crib and Christingle service which had over 90 people attend! It was our most attended service and is really something to celebrate and give thanks for!

Whilst talking to one of the mothers over coffee after the service, she spoke fondly of how her son was baptised at St Denys and how St Denys is "her church"; however, she also spoke about not feeling as though there were any regular services she felt comfortable bringing her children to.

This made me pray and reflect further, and wonder how we could nurture the seeds we have been given? I would encourage you to take time to reflect, notice the spring bulbs and, as you do so, pray for the children and families in our parish.

Finally, if you feel God has shared something with you - it could be a word, bible passage or image etc, we as a ministry team would be very grateful if you would share these with us, as they will help us as we continue to seek God's direction for St Denys. Thank you. **Kimberley**

COMING UP:

Thursday 15th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 15th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 15th 7pm PCC Meeting in the parish centre

Friday 16th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Sunday 18th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) followed by refreshments in the parish centre.

Sunday 18th 4pm Evensong in church

Monday 19th 10am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 19th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 20th 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 20th 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Support in church & parish centre

Wednesday 21st 12.30pm Funeral Service in church and parish centre

Thursday 22nd 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 22nd 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre



Thursday 22nd 10am –12 noon Open Church

Thursday 22nd 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said)

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) will meet on Thursday 15th January at 7pm in the parish centre. Please pray for it as it's members seek to discern the will of God for St. Denys, and often have to make tricky decisions in so doing. Your prayers will be much appreciated. Thank you.



Revd Phil White (picture left) will return to preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion on Sunday 18th January at 10am, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All are welcome.



Revd Liz Wilson (picture right) Area Dean, will lead and preach at Evensong on Sunday 18th January at 4pm. All are very welcome.

The Late Barrie Coleman The funeral service for Barrie will take place on Wednesday 21st January in St. Denys Church, at 12.30pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All who knew Barrie are warmly invited to attend. Please continue to keep Marjorie and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) takes place Sunday 18th—25th January. This year's theme is 'One Body, One Spirit.' The call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people, everywhere. This ecumenical celebration provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity and to know that we are joining with international siblings in Christ. This year WPCU takes Ephesians 4 v 1-13 as its central text which includes the words "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4). The [World Council of Churches prayers and reflections for WPCU 2026](#) have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic (Orthodox) Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

Each year, our partners [Christian Aid](#) provide the [Go and Do action points](#) for each of the daily reflections – linking into the important work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to reflect on our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide. To find out more, Google 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' where you will find a fascinating You Tube video and further information.

Canon Matthew Bradbury will preside and preach at our said service of Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at 10am on [Thursday 22nd January](#) followed by refreshments at the back of the church.



Bishop's Chaplaincy Lecture, given by Lord Alan Beith, former Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, Wednesday 28th January, 5.30pm—8pm at St. Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street Law lies at the heart of Christian and Jewish traditions, and underpins the British constitution itself. Yet today, critics call it 'rule by judges' and others argue that unjust laws need not be obeyed. In a world of shifting values and contested authority, does law still matter? Join us for the Bishop's Chaplaincy lecture, delivered by Lord Alan Beith, who will explore the place of law in public life, the tensions it now faces and why it continues to matter. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer session. [Book a free spot here.](#)

Diocesan Prayer Diary Every four months, the diocese issues a prayer diary with daily prayer requests. Why not try using this as part of your everyday prayer cycle? January—April is available now, accessible online, by using the following link: <https://leicester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/prayer-diary/>

Friends, don't forget! I welcome contributions for the bulletin at any time, from anyone, which I will include when possible. Do you have a short poem, anecdote, christian message, story, event etc that you would like to share? Material will only be edited for reasons of space and spelling, if necessary. Do get in touch! Thank you. **Qyan**

Plus! I still need people to join the Reader and Intercessor rota. We are in particular, critically short of people to do the intercessions but need more readers too. Guidance will be given if necessary. Please contact me if you feel that you can be part of this ministry. **Qyan**

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Epiphany, Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Also pray for the sick: Joan Ackland, Ann Dixon, Revd Richard Howells, Morag and Ron Maund, Isobel Thorpe, Richard Williams.

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of
Barrie Coleman



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