

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 19th April 2026, 3rd Sunday of Easter



Readings for this Sunday **10am:** Acts 2 vs 14a, 36-41; Luke 24 vs 13-35, **4pm:** Haggai 1 vs 13– ch 2 v 9; 1 Corinthians 3 vs 10-17

Dear Friends, I have before, waxed lyrical about the beauty and spirituality of the choral tradition within our churches, and the importance of maintaining it and ensuring it's growth. I make no apologies for doing so again! Sadly, it has been watered down and even stopped completely in many churches up and down the land, but where it still exists in Cathedrals, Abbey churches, and some large and smaller parish churches, it is a wonder to behold, a great aid to spiritual growth and a massively important part of our heritage.

Last weekend, I had the privilege of singing again, with the Leicester Church Music Consort (the choir that sang at my and Kay's wedding) for all the services in the stunning setting of Winchester Cathedral, consisting of Evensong on Saturday and the Eucharist and Evensong on Sunday.

This was my second visit in such a capacity. The choir, numbering thirty-six people including Canon Anthony and Wendy Lees-Smith, performed exceptionally well and one couldn't help but be moved by the power of so many voices filling that beautiful space with such a superb acoustic, singing wonderful music. Whether in the quieter moments of tranquillity and serenity or of powerful grandeur, soaring to the heights, accompanied by the wonderful organ played so brilliantly by Leicestershire organist and my good friend Simon Headley (who also played the organ for our wedding), it was all completely, to the glory of God, as it should be.

Music has the ability to speak to our souls, nurture us and enrich our very being. For me, it is choral and classical music that I favour above any other genre, especially when it comes to worship and faith. But whatever type of music you prefer, let it move and encourage you as you walk the Christian life, following in Jesus' steps.

Of music, the English essayist and poet Joseph Addison (1672-1719) once said *"music religious hearts inspires; it wakes the soul, and lifts it high, and wings it with sublime desires, and fits it to bespeak the Deity."* and *"Music, the greatest good that mortals know and all of heaven we have below."* I couldn't put it better myself!

In common with many other Cathedrals and places of worship, the services at Winchester Cathedral last weekend can be found on You Tube until tomorrow (Friday evening) I believe. Do take a look and be inspired by what you hear and see. Praise be to God. **Qyan**

COMING UP:

Thursday 16th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 16th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 17th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 18th 12pm Interment of Ashes ceremony starting in church very briefly

Sunday 19th 10am Informal Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) refreshments in the parish centre after the service

Sunday 19th 4pm Evensong in church

Monday 20th 10am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 20th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 21st 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 21st 7.30pm Lily House Bereavement Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 23rd 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 23rd 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

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Thursday 23rd 10am –12 noon Open Church

Thursday 23rd 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said)



A Coffee Concert at St. John the Baptist Church in the lovely village of Billesdon will be held this coming Saturday 18th April. It will be given by local Baritone singer Michael Lessiter (picture left, above) and Ron Berry (who has played the organ for us on several occasions, picture left below) performing popular songs and tunes from the Richard Rodgers Songbook. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am, concert begins at 11am. FREE ENTRY, donations appreciated. All welcome.



Revd Phil White will preside and preach at our service of Informal Holy Communion this coming Sunday 19th April at 10am. Refreshments will be served in the parish centre after the service. All welcome.



Evensong will take place this coming Sunday 19th April at 4pm in church led by Revd Liz Wilson, Area Dean and a former Curate at St. Denys. This is a quiet, reflective service to end the day, with hymns and sung Psalms and Canticles. All are welcome.



Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion will be held on Thursday 23rd April at 10am. Canon Matthew Bradbury will preside and preach. Please stay if you can for refreshments at the end at the back of the church. All are very welcome!

Road Closure! Please be aware that on Monday 27th April, Church Road outside St. Denys will be closed for four weeks to enable gas works to take place, although access to the church car park should be granted.



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in the church or parish centre on Tuesday 30th April at 7pm. This is where we review the year past, discuss the accounts and look ahead to the future. Please make this a priority in your diaries! Thank you.



New PCC Members Needed! St. Denys has vacancies on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which it would be lovely to fill. PCCs carry legal status and members are trustees of the church. If you would like to help shape the life of St. Denys and vote on important matters, why not consider becoming a member? Existing members are a friendly team! To find out more, please speak to Ann Bennett (Churchwarden) or any current member of the PCC.

Some Poems for the third Sunday of Easter: 1. Recognized at Table

The road was long, their hearts were sad,
 Unsure of all the news they had.
 But in the breaking of the bread,
 "The Lord is risen!" hearts then said.
Eyes opened wide to see Him there, The Risen Saviour, bright and fair.

2. The Emmaus Walk

He walks beside us in our doubt,
 When fear is all we think about.
 He warms our hearts with words of grace,
 Until we recognize His face.

*Stay with us, Lord, as day departs,
 And pour Your peace into our hearts.*



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3. In the Breaking of the Bread

Not in the empty tomb alone,
Or in the rolled-away great stone,
But in the gathered, loving meal,
He makes His resurrection real.
*Oh, recognize the Saviour now,
With loving heart and joyful brow.*



4. The Day of Resurrection (Excerpt)

Based on a theme of John of Damascus
Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein!
*For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.*



5. A Sunday Prayer

Risen Lord, on this third day,
You met the travellers on their way.
Open our eyes, and break the bread,
By Your living presence fed.

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Ann Dixon, Revd Richard Howells, Ron Maund, Pauline Mitchell, Revd Madeline Morris, Gail Russell, Isobel Thorpe, Richard Williams.

Pray for those with long term health issues

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Christopher Wren



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