

**ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday 7th June
2026, 1st Sunday after Trinity and marking Corpus Christi**



Dear Friends, Many of you will be aware that I was recently put forward by Bishop Saju to attend a 'National Selection Panel' to explore my readiness to proceed with the next stage of my call to ordained ministry. I was sent to a beautiful retreat house near Scarborough called Wydale Hall for two days of interviews and assessments. You may think that being close to the beach I could have had some time to make a sand castle or two, but there was no time unfortunately, not even for an ice cream!

As soon as I arrived, I was thrown into an assessed group exercise where we discussed how, as a church, we should respond to a particular scenario. This was followed by a written reflection on how I felt the other candidates and I performed during the assessment. Finally, I had two very in-depth 90-minute interviews, each with two advisors.

During one of the interviews, I was asked about how I see prayer and how I pray. I wonder how you would have responded to this question?

There is no set way to pray; for me, at its simplest, prayer is me having a conversation with God, whether it be through the good times or even when I need to rant at him over something! I like to have set prayer times but also pray whenever something comes to mind.

We recently celebrated Pentecost and heard how the disciples were in one room praying together. On Sundays, much like the disciples did, we gather to pray about the various needs of the world, our church and parish. I don't know about you, but there seems to be a lot of needs locally! Bearing this in mind, the Warden Team are looking to hold an extended time of prayer on Saturday 4th July. Further details will follow, but I would like to invite you to keep the morning free.

We need to remember that God does answer prayers! It's not always in the way we hope, or in our own timescales, but we should still be expectant for an answer. If you have a prayer need, please feel free to use our prayer tree - these are prayed for during our midweek communion services. **Continued overleaf.....**

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COMING UP:

Thursday 4th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Friday 5th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 6th Wine Tasting Evening in the parish centre (sold out)

Sunday 7th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) refreshments in the parish centre after the service

Monday 8th 10am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 8th 2.15pm Arbor House short service including hymns!

Tuesday 9th 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Wednesday 10th 2.30pm Evington History & Heritage Group in parish centre

Thursday 11th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 11th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre



Thursday 11th 10am-12 noon Open Church

Thursday 11th 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said)

St. John the Baptist, Billesdon will hold it's next Coffee concert, an organ recital given by Iain Harvey-Ashenhurst on Saturday 6th June, starting at 11am with refreshments served from 10.30am. Admission is FREE but donations are welcome, and will go to LOROS. All are invited to relax in the beautiful surroundings of this church, listening to high quality, easily accessible music.



Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster will return to preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion, this Sunday 7th June at 10am. All are welcome, after which refreshments will be served in the parish centre.

Arbor House Service This service will take place at 2.15pm on Monday 8th June. All are welcome to join Ann Bennett and others for this enjoyable time of worship with the residents, which includes hymn singing which all attending always enjoy. Do go along if you can.

Readings for Sunday 7th: Romans 4 vs 13-end; John 6 vs 1-15

Revd Fr Martin Court (2nd from left in photo) will return for a second time to preside and preach at our service of Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion on Thursday 11th June at 10am. All are welcome to the service and to stay for refreshments at the back of the church afterwards.



The Archdeacon's Visitation Service where all Churchwardens within the City Deanery will be 'sworn in' for their next term of office, will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street LE2 7DH (next to the Royal Infirmary) on Monday 15th June at 7.30pm. Please do attend to support Ann Bennett, our Churchwarden who will be very appreciative of your attendance. To park, either use the small car park at the church, if possible, or public car parks nearby. Thus please leave yourself plenty of time to get there.

Thank you! I would like to say a very big thank you, for the beautiful picture, roses and card, that I received last Sunday; and the cake we were able to share in and enjoy together.

It is 35½ years since I was licenced as a Reader, and 8 or 9 years since I was licenced as a Pioneer in respect of Walk with Wonder. It does not seem possible that it is that long! I have had so many opportunities, able to do so many things, in that time. It is only in God's strength and power, the power of the Holy Spirit, that I have been able to do many of these things; but, when God calls us, He equips us. And I appreciate your love, support, prayers, over the years.

My licence was due for renewal this year. I have decided it seems the right thing to do, that I do not have it renewed at the moment, but have a bit of a break for a while – a bit of a Sabbatical; some time to 'be'. Take some time to step back, and see where God may be leading me, what He wants me to be doing. It may be that I have my licence renewed another year – I have been assured that is an option; or it maybe I go along another route. My licence expired last Sunday, 31st May. With love and thanks. **Geraldine**

(Please see photographs overleaf of the presentation to Geraldine at our service last Sunday, 31st May.)



Thank you Geraldine, for all that you have done for St. Denys over the years.



Collect for Corpus Christi (Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion) Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for 1st Sunday after Trinity God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Ann Dixon, Michael Durrant, Revd Fr Michael Hibbert, Revd Richard Howells, Ron Maund, Pauline Mitchell, Revd Madeline Morris, Isobel Thorpe, Richard Williams, Revd Canon Michael and Mrs Beryl Wilson

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Michael Elsom, Steven Gasztowicz



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