

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN Sunday

12th July 2026, 6th Sunday after Trinity



Readings for today: Romans 8 vs 1-11; Matthew 13 vs 1-9, 18-23

Dear Friends,

As the position of the UK Prime Minister continues to come at the top of the news agenda, along with strained relations between NATO and the USA and the various wars around the world, it is good to think again about Christ's example of leadership, that of service, sacrifice and weakness.

Christ came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life in service of many. Christ sacrificed Himself once for all upon the cross, so that we could be reconciled to God. Christ bore human weakness, in order to defeat the power of death. Christ showed that the Kingdom of God is marked by service, sacrifice and powerful weakness.

Imagine - imagine if the leaders of our society; our politicians at national, regional and local level; our national and local government workers, our teachers, those who work in the statutory services, anyone with power, followed the Way of Christ.

Let us pray for our very own institution, the Church of England. That in all levels of leadership including at parish level, we would focus on, as the Kingdom of God is; service, sacrifice and powerful weakness.

Imagine if all of us, whenever we find ourselves in positions of power, paused. Paused, and ask God, "How do I use this position of power to show that the Kingdom of God, is near?" Your positions of power may seem insignificant to you, but any time or place where you get a choice of what happens - in the shops, on the bus, in the decisions you make in your job, when you care for children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, when you make a phone call to get a lower price on a bill, you have the opportunity to show that the Kingdom of God is near. Imagine how our world would be transformed by that!

With my very best wishes, **Sian Rigby, *Guest writer (adapted)***

COMING UP:

Sunday 12th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) refreshments in the parish centre after the service

Monday 13th 2.15pm Arbor House Service in Arbor House!

Thursday 16th 10am-12 noon Open Church



Thursday 16th 10am BCP Holy Communion (said)



Revd Liz Rawlings will preside and preach for the service of Holy Communion this coming Sunday 12th July at 10am. All are welcome. After the service, please do stay for refreshments in the parish centre if you can.

Arbor House monthly service takes place on Monday 13th July at 2.15pm. All welcome to join Ann Bennett and a few others for a short service with the residents which they thoroughly enjoy.

Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said) will be celebrated in the South Aisle of the church by Canon Matthew Bradbury on Thursday 16th July at 10am. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church after the service.



FREE Concert at St. John the Baptist, Billesdon on Wednesday 22nd July at 7pm. Silje Haarr (Soprano) and Dr Simon Ainge (organ) present a selection of reimagined pop songs from more recent times. From Kate Bush to Keane and lots more! Wine & soft drinks provided at the end. All welcome.

Don't Forget! The Evington Fete takes place on Saturday 8th August. Lots of stalls on the village green with interesting things to see and do, with musical entertainment and refreshments in St. Denys and much more! Do pick up a brochure from the church and invite friends and family along.

Another FREE Concert also at St. John the Baptist, Billesdon will take place on Saturday 15th August at 11am. The Ricardus Consort conducted by Simon Mold with Philip Millward (organ) will perform selected choral works by SS Wesley and Handel. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am. All welcome.

Looking Ahead: Diocesan Centenary Worship Gathering at the Athena Events Venue, Leicester on Sunday 13th September 2026, 2.30pm—5.30pm. Join in with celebrating the life of the Leicester diocese over its 100 years, in worship, prayer and liturgy, with food and drink, presentations and more. The special guest will be the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. [Book free tickets on Eventbrite](#)



The St. Jerome's Book Club, as featured in the bulletin a while back, still runs online. It is particularly suitable for those interested in reading books that stimulate the mind and spirit. The next session is on 17th September at 7.30pm via Zoom. The book being discussed is 'Faithful Presence in a Fractured World' by Helen Paynter. To learn more and to receive the Zoom link, please email Revd Liz Rawlings at: Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

Guest Bulletin Letter Writers Our former Curate, Revd Mark Batchelor when with us, began a 'guest letter' slot for the bulletin, asking those not on the regular rota for writing the letter, if they would like to do so. I have carried on this idea on an ad hoc basis. If any readers of the bulletin would like to try writing the front page letter, please have a word with me or email me at: office@stdenys.org.uk Thank you, **Qyan**

I would also still appreciate more people to come forward and join the Reader and Intercessor Rota. This would help spread the load a bit more amongst the few who currently do read or intercede. Guidance will be given if needed or wanted. Please do give this some serious thought and have a word with me if you feel this is something you want to do. **Qyan**.



Bulletin Prayer List for the Sick and those who have Died The name of any person who is ill, if you know them personally, can be added to the prayer list irrespective of whether or not they attend St. Denys or have any other connection with the church. Effective from August, to avoid names being on the list for very long periods of time, I will check the list monthly and delete any names that have been on for one month or more. *Please remember to let me know if you wish names to remain on the list for longer.* Names of those who have died are deleted one or two Sundays following the date of their funeral or Thanksgiving service. **Qyan**

INEQE Safeguarding Audit Survey – Have Your Say

The Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral are currently taking part in an independent safeguarding audit by INEQE. Please take a few minutes to complete the relevant survey(s), designed to gather valuable feedback about safeguarding practice and culture across the diocese.

There are surveys for: Diocesan workforce; Parish workforce; Parish community members; Cathedral workforce; Cathedral worshippers; Children and young people; Victims & Survivors of church related abuse.

- Your voice matters – share what is working well and what could be improved
- All responses are confidential and anonymous, and managed independently by INEQE

Thank you to everyone who has already taken part. If you have not yet completed the survey, we warmly encourage you to do so - your feedback is important and valued.

Look out for the surveys link on pink posters and postcards in church.

[Find the INEQE surveys here.](#)

[Learn more on the diocese website.](#)

Collect for 6th Sunday after Trinity Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Phoebe Achurch, Geoff Bunce, Ann Dixon, Michael Durrant, Revd Fr Peter Hibbert, Revd Richard Howells, Bill Mann, Ron Maund, Sue Mitchell, Richard Williams

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Tony Simons



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

www.stdenys.org.uk

