

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN for Sundays 19th & 26th July 2026, 7th & 8th Sundays after Trinity



Readings for 19th, 10am: Romans 8 vs 12-25; Matthew 13 vs 24-30, 36-43, **4pm:** 1 Kings 2 vs 10-12, ch 3 vs 16-end; Acts 4 vs 1-22.

Readings for 26th: Romans 8 vs 26-end; Matthew 13 vs 31-33, 44-52

Dear Friends. Recently, I have been enjoying spending a few minutes watching the various butterflies on a buddleia – or butterfly – bush. It was interesting noticing how the butterflies were choosing to be on the flowers in the sun, rather than those in the shade! It is so good to see those butterflies. How much we depend on the various small creatures, the insects, for pollination of the plants, and all that means for us.

Creation is just so amazing, when we stop to think about it. How wonderfully, amazingly, our loving Creator God planned it all, and He is still involved in the work of creation today; He did not just set it off, and leave everything to its own devices, to get on with it. The more we see, hear, learn, about the natural world all around us, and all the amazing intricacy we see in all the detail, the more I hope we find it helps draw us closer to God, and that we want to come before Him in awe, wonder and thanksgiving. We have been created to worship our God, and if that is missing in our lives, we may have something of a God-shaped hole within us. So many people today, search in so many ways, pursue many different things, to try and find fulfilment in life, but something is still missing. Whether they constantly seek more money, a better job, a new car, a bigger house, the latest fashions, drugs, drink, whatever it may be. But nothing brings fulfilment and a deep inner peace and joy, that we may know through Jesus. People do not realise that what - or who - is missing in their lives is God, and nothing else can fill that God-shaped space.

We do not have to go far to see the beauty of creation, all around us. Even if you cannot get out, I hope you are able to enjoy it from your windows; and there are quite a lot of programmes on the television, showing various aspect of the beauty and wonder of creation. So, wherever you may be, I hope that you are able to enjoy the beauty God has given us and be thankful.

And a Haiku: Butterflies, insects. Beauty of God's creation. Let us praise, thank, God. **Geraldine (Please see back page also)**

COMING UP:

Sunday 19th 10am Worship for All Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) followed by refreshments in parish centre-
Sunday 19th 4pm Evensong in church

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

Thursdays 23rd & 30th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Sunday 26th 10am Holy Communion in church (Zoom details as given above)



Thursdays 23rd & 30th 10am—12pm Open Church

Thursdays 23rd & 30th 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion



Revd Phil White will preside and preach for Worship for All Holy Communion this coming Sunday 19th July at 10am. All are welcome. After the service, please do stay for tea, coffee and chat in the parish centre if you can.

Revd Liz Wilson, will lead **Evensong** this coming Sunday 19th July at 4pm. Ron Berry will be playing the organ. All are welcome.



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.

Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said) will be celebrated in the South Aisle of the church by Father Alan Hawker on Thursday 23rd July, at 10am. This is Father Alan's first visit to us I believe. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church after the service.



Revd Arthur Deegan will preside and preach at our service of Holy Communion on Sunday 26th July at 10am. All welcome! Coffee, tea etc will be served in the parish centre after the service.

Revd Cecilia Adjadje will preside and preach at Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion on Thursday 30th July at 10am. Coffee, tea and chat afterwards at the back of the church. 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 including musical entertainment, lunches in the village hall, afternoon teas in St. Denys and much more! Do pick up a brochure from the church and invite friends and family along.



HELP NEEDED ON SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2026 FOR THE EVINGTON FETE - AFTERNOON TEAS IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

At the back of the church there will be a rota from Sunday 19th July for you to sign your name either to help serving tea, cakes and washing up or taking the cash.

I will also need a selection of homemade cakes to serve please. A list will also be provided.

Please can you give up an hour or so to help. The more people we have the more chance volunteers have of getting a break to see the Fete ourselves.

The Evington Fete is a community event. St. Denys is part of the community. Please do support us if you can.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 07590 817733 and leave a message. Thank you. **Janette Pearson.**

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. Do go along.



Pictures of Nature to accompany Geraldine's front page letter:



*"After we had spent a pleasant evening, my heart began to feel itself silenced before God and without looking at others, I felt myself under the shadow of the wing of God...my heart felt really light and as I walked home by the starlight, I looked through nature up to nature's God." **Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845, English Quaker and Prison Reformer)***

Collect for 7th Sunday after Trinity Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the 8th Sunday after Trinity Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; 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 Dr Leslie
Lewis, Tony Simons



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