

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN for Sunday 30th August 2026, 13th Sunday after Trinity



Readings for today: Romans 12 vs 9-end; Matthew 16 vs 21-end

Dear Friends, Last week we had the pleasure of being present at our Grandson's Confirmation which took place in the local church where he and our daughter regularly worship. There were five candidates for Confirmation, two adults and three young people and the church was full. The service was led by the Bishop of Thetford who, to my disappointment, did not wear his mitre but did carry his shepherd's crook. At St Denys we describe ourselves as 'middle of the road' in terms of churchmanship, but I think I would describe St Lawrence Church, Brundall as 'lower middle'. We had some great hymns, some of which I did not know, which were sung enthusiastically, and an interesting sermon. It was a lovely service where we were made most welcome.

At the end of the service the people who had been confirmed were presented with a young hazel tree in a pot, which is a custom in the Norwich diocese. The trees had been grown in the Bishop of Norwich's garden and are a living symbol of spiritual growth and environmental stewardship. I thought this was a lovely idea and am looking forward to seeing how Edward's tree grows when we visit them in the future.

Next Saturday 5th September, we are having our second Open Morning for Prayer at St Denys. Please come along any time between 10am and 12 noon to pray, sit in the quiet church, be inspired by the resources available and just have a time of peace. We have a lot to thank God for, particularly as we look forward to a new chapter in the life of our church when Revd Cecilia will become our vicar. Please pray for this time of preparation for her and for us all as the arrangements are made for her licensing and welcome at the end of October.

With reference to the young hazel tree that Edward and the other Confirmation candidates were given, please pray for our own spiritual growth and the spiritual growth of St Denys Church as we move into a new, different and exciting time for our church and parish.

With best wishes, **Ann Bennett**

COMING UP:

Friday 28th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Sunday 30th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Tuesday 1st September 9.30am Private Booking in the parish centre

Wednesday 2nd 2pm Assistant Area Dean's Meeting in the parish centre

Wednesday 2nd 7pm PCC meeting in the parish centre

Thursday 3rd 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 3rd 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 5th 10am Open Prayer Meeting in church



Thursday 3rd 10am—12pm Open Church

Thursday 3rd 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion in church



Venerable Richard Trethewey, Archdeacon of Leicester will preside and preach at our Holy Communion service this Sunday 30th August at 10am. All are welcome. After the service, please do stay for tea, coffee and chat in the parish centre if you can.

The PCC will meet on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm. Please pray for it's members as it discusses important issues about the life of the church, it's mission and work; that God's blessing will be on them as they seek to discern God's will for St. Denys and prepare for Revd Cecilia as the new Vicar.

Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (BCP, said) will be held in the South Aisle of the church by Revd Jonathan Surridge this coming Thursday 3rd September at 10am. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church afterwards. All are welcome!



Prayer Morning on Saturday 5th September. The church will be open from 10am to 12 noon for you to come and go for as long or as short a time as you wish. Please pray for St Denys church, for Revd Cecilia who is to be our new vicar, and for anyone or any situation that is on your mind. There will be people to pray with you if you wish. **Ann Bennett**

A FREE Concert will be given on Saturday 5th September at 2.30pm in St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston. This will feature Qyan's former music teacher Ian Orr (piano/organ), Roy Anthony-Birch (Baritone) who has sung at some of our services in St. Denys in recent times, a soprano singer and young Trumpeter also. All are welcome. Donations in aid of LOROS appreciated.



The Late Bill Mann The funeral service for Bill will take place on Tuesday 8th September at 10.30am in St. Denys, led by Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster. It will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All who knew Bill are warmly welcome to attend the service and refreshments.

RIDE AND STRIDE The annual Ride & Stride takes place on the 12 September (2nd Saturday in September.) I intend to organise a group to walk round a few churches in the city centre. This will not be too onerous, and you can do as much or as little as you can manage. Please speak to **Elizabeth Rudge** if you are interested. Thank you.

Harvest Festival and Lunch The Harvest Festival Service this year, will be held on Sunday 20th September at 10am. This is to coincide with 'Back to Church Sunday' and Kimberley and Phil's last Sunday. This will be followed by a harvest lunch in the parish centre afterwards. Further details to come.

The Licensing Service for Revd Cecilia Adjadje will take place in St Denys Church on Wednesday 28th October at 7pm. The service will be led by the Bishop of Leicester, the Rt Revd Martyn Snow. Please put the date and time in your diary. It will be lovely to see lots of our congregation there to welcome Revd Cecilia at the start of her ministry at St Denys. **Ann Bennett**

We need people to be willing to set up the Zoom on a Sunday morning! Currently, we appreciate Phil Tyler's and Ian Palmer's efforts in doing this, but when Phil leaves us *in just 2 and a half week's time*, we will be short. Phil is willing to train people and assures us that it is not difficult. Please consider whether or not this is something you could do to help us. Many thanks.

More people are still needed for the Intercessions and Reader's Rota. Again, if wanted, guidance can be given. Please speak to Qyan if this might be a Ministry you wish to fulfil. Thank you.

Late Summer Poem by Robert Duncan One of the most prominent features of August is the hot, glaring sun, and haven't we had a lot of it this summer!! This is perfectly captured in this poem "August Sun". Duncan explores the impact of the sun's heat on both nature ("the green fields wilted down") and himself ("of all hidden things, I sing, waiting"). If you've ever spent a hot summer day by the fan, longing for cooler temperatures in the evening, you'll identify with Duncan's desire "for evening's grace."

"God of the idle heat, in this glaring road

you dominate all.

And over the green fields wilted down

under your blaze, these

thirsty unruly plants grow a jungle domesticity

to protect their fruit.

Of all hidden things, I sing, waiting

for evening's grace."



Collect for 13th Sunday after Trinity Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Geoff Bunce, Ann Dixon, Revd Fr Peter Hibbert, Sue Mitchell, Val Spriggs

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Bill Mann, Valerie Wheeler



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