

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN for Sunday 9th August 2026, 10th Sunday after Trinity



Readings for today: Romans 10 vs 5-15; Matthew 14 vs 22-33

Dear Friends

Michael and I have been asked to share with you some of our experiences from our recent visit to Iceland, 'The Land of Ice and Fire'.

Our trip lasted for ten days, the first three days of which were spent exploring Reykjavik, the capital city.

The day after we arrived was Pentecost Sunday and we decided to find an English-speaking church service to attend. Through Google we found and planned to go to the afternoon service at Filadelfia Church, the Pentecostal Church of Iceland. However, what we plan for ourselves doesn't always coincide with what God has planned for us.

As we set off in the morning to explore the city, we heard church bells ringing in the distance. As if drawn there by the bells, we found ourselves standing outside Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral, just as the morning service was about to begin. Despite the service being in Icelandic we both illogically decided to go in.

What a blessing we received. We didn't understand a spoken word, but we knew what was being said. The story of Pentecost is so familiar throughout the world that we happily sat and listened to the prayers, readings and sermon and felt fully part of the congregation. After all, we were in God's house, with our brothers and sisters in Christ surrounding us. The final hymn was even one that we knew and were able to join in singing, 'Love divine all loves excelling'. ***Continued on next page.....***



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We felt blessed by the beautiful music too. The service was a special one and they had a fifty plus strong fabulous choir, accompanied by a 5000 pipe, pipe organ. The setting was magnificent too. The Cathedral is relatively modern, the vaulted roof reminiscent of the grand cathedrals of England, only made of concrete rather than of stone, with tall columns supporting a vast roof, way above our heads. A truly wonderful experience.

In St Denys tradition we were invited in to their 'Parish Centre' for coffee and cake. In another St Denys tradition Gerry found herself in the kitchen washing up cups and saucers.

Following the service, we spent the rest of the day continuing our exploration of the city. Part 2 of our adventures will be continued next week.

Michael and Gerry.

COMING UP:

Thursday 6th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Saturday 8th 12pm Afternoon Teas (Evington Fete) in parish centre

Sunday 9th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) followed by refreshments in parish centre

Thursday 13th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 13th 10am—12pm Open Church

Thursday 13th 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion





News of our New Vicar Last Sunday, I was delighted to be able to announce the appointment of our new vicar. The official notice came from the Bishop of Leicester, The Rt Rev Martyn Snow and read:

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Cecilia Adjadje, currently Curate in the Benefice of Knighton, as Vicar in the Benefice of Evington. Details of Cecilia's service of Collation and Induction will be announced in due course."

Cecilia has taken services for us on a few occasions whilst we have been 'in vacancy.' As Cecilia uses a wheelchair there is some work to be done to make the church accessible to her, as well as preparations for the service. The Archdeacon of Leicester, the Venerable Richard Trethewey, indicated that the service to welcome Cecilia will probably be around the end of October. As soon as we know the date we will let you know. This is an exciting time for St Denys, having been in vacancy for two years. Please pray for her and her move to St Denys and for everyone involved in her appointment. Thank you.

Ann Bennett, Churchwarden



Evington Fete, Afternoon Teas in Parish Centre All cakes baked should be brought to church on Saturday 8th between 11am and 12 noon. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me on 07590 817733 and leave a message. Thank you. **Janette Pearson.**

Canon Matthew Bradbury will preside and preach at our Holy Communion service this coming Sunday 9th August at 10am. All are welcome. After the service, please do stay for tea, coffee and chat in the parish centre if you can.



Arbor House The next service will be on Monday 10th August at 2.15pm. All are welcome to join Ann Bennett and others in this short time of informal, relaxing worship. Simply turn up!

Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (BCP, said) will be held in the South Aisle of the church by Father Alan Hawker on Thursday 13th August at 10am. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church afterwards.

The Late Phoebe Achurch The Celebration of Life service for Phoebe will take place in church on Tuesday 18th August at 11.15am. If you knew Phoebe, you are warmly welcome to attend. The family request, please, **do not wear black** but more colourful attire to reflect Phoebe's joyful personality. All are welcome back to her home afterwards for refreshments (please ask for the address and it will be announced on the day.)

A Date for Your Diary There will be another Open Morning for Prayer in church on Saturday 5th September from 10am to 12 noon.

The Late Bill Mann It is with much sadness that I report the passing of Bill Mann, a longstanding member of our Evensong congregation until moving to Welford Court Care Home seven years ago. Please pray for his family and friends at this difficult time. Thank you.

Urgent Help Needed! We urgently need people to help by **setting up the Zoom on a Sunday morning**. At the moment we are very grateful to Ian and Phil who set this up most Sundays, but when Kimberley moves on Phil will be doing so too. Phil is very willing to train people and assures me that it is not difficult. Please consider whether this is something you could have a go at. It is very much appreciated by the two or three people who use it most weeks.

Collect for 10th Sunday after Trinity Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; 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 Phoebe Achurch, Bill Mann



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