

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN for Sunday 20th September 2026, 16th Sunday after Trinity, Harvest Festival, Back to Church Sunday



Readings for today: Deuteronomy 8 vs 7-18; Luke 17 vs 11-19

Dear Friends, it is hard to believe that this is the final bulletin letter I will write as a member of St Denys Church!

Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that there is a time for everything - it's an ancient poem that talks about God being with us through all the seasons of our lives. This gives me great comfort in the knowledge that, as I prepare to move to a new church, God is always with us.

I want to take the opportunity to say how very grateful I am for the love and support that my family and I have received in the seven years we have been at St Denys.

During last year's Harvest service, I was commissioned as your Locally Authorised Minister (LAM), and as a church you gifted me my robes; little did I know that this would be the catalyst for me finally accepting that God is calling me into ordained ministry. Over the last year I started to get a feel for what it could be like to be a priest, and I absolutely loved my time as a LAM, especially last Christmas, in amongst the busyness I felt the most fulfilled I have ever been.

I would like to remind you all that each and every single one of you have the most amazing gifts and when you come together, incredible things happen. St Denys really is a truly special place, because a church isn't the building, it's the amazing people who call St Denys their spiritual home.

I am incredibly sad to be leaving this wonderful nurturing environment, and I am very likely to be an emotional wreck on Sunday! I will be forever grateful for how you have all played such a huge part in my journey towards ordination, and I will always look back fondly on our time together.

Who knows, maybe I will be invited to preach or lead a service in the future! So, I am not going to say goodbye, instead I look forward to when we see each other next. Please hold me in your prayers. Love from **Kimberley**

COMING UP:

Thursday 17th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 17th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 19th 1pm Garden Party in St. Denys Vicarage

Sunday 20th 10am Worship for All Holy Communion & Harvest Festival in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) followed by **Harvest Lunch** in the parish centre

Sunday 20th 4pm Evensong in church

Monday 21st 10am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 21st 2pm Monday Meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 22nd 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 24th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 24th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 24th 10am—12pm Open Church

Thursday 24th 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion in church



Garden Party at The Rectory This coming Saturday 19th September from 1pm until 4pm, Revd Riffat Zamurad will be hosting a garden party for her churches at The Vicarage in Rectory Gardens behind the St. Denys car park.

All members of St. Denys are also warmly invited to attend. The car park will be unlocked from 12.30pm and will close again at 4.30/45pm. Do go along if you can, to what will prove to be a most enjoyable afternoon.



Revd Phil White will preside and **Kimberley Tyler** will preach at our Worship for All Holy Communion with Harvest Festival service this coming Sunday 20th September at 10am. Our **Harvest Lunch** will follow in the parish centre for all those who have registered to attend (see next article).

The Harvest Lunch will be a fundraiser for St. Denys, therefore we would be very grateful for monetary donations. Please give as generously as you are able. If you have registered to attend, please see the menu at the back of the church for the choices of food to eat. Many thanks.

Harvest Flowers It is not too late, if you wish to do so, to contribute towards the cost of harvest flowers. The church will be beautifully decorated for the harvest festival this coming Sunday 20th September. Please pick up an envelope from church to put your donation in, and give to Michael White (Treasurer) or our Churchwarden Ann Bennett. Thank you.



Harvest Goods For our harvest service we would appreciate items of non perishable goods—tinned or packet food, toiletries, dried goods, bottled or canned long lasting drinks etc. If you can donate, please bring any donations to church tomorrow (Thursday) morning or on Sunday 20th itself. Your generosity will be much appreciated. All donations will be given to the Wesley Hall Food Bank. With many thanks.

Back to Church Sunday will also be marked on Sunday 20th September. As part of your Christian faith and witness, why not ask a friend or relative who does not normally come to church or perhaps has never done so, to come along. It would be lovely to see new people in church and to welcome them.



A Big Thank You! This coming Sunday 20th September is the Tyler family's last Sunday with us at St. Denys. Kimberley is moving to St. Anne's Church, Western Park across the city to begin training for ordination with their Vicar and our former Curate, Revd Liz Wilson. We give thanks to them and to God for their refreshing ministry amongst us, their friendship, the gifts they have too numerous to mention, which have been of tremendous benefit to us as a church and faith community. Phil, Kimberley, Lottie and Ruby—thank you for all you have done for us. We wish you well in the next chapter of your lives and pray that God's blessing will be with you as you seek to continue to discern his will for you in ministry, to his praise and glory, in this difficult world. You will be missed by the folk of St. Denys very much.

Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (BCP, said) will be held in the South Aisle of the church by Canon Matthew Bradbury this coming Thursday 24th September at 10am. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Funeral Service for Ken Ginns will take place in Great Glen Crematorium on Monday 28th September at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend.



St. Philip's Church in Evington is holding a Pet Blessing Service on Sunday 4th October at 3pm. The congregation would love to have St. Denys folk join with them on this special occasion in celebration of, and to give thanks to God for his wonderful creation. All are invited, irrespective of whether or not you can take along a pet. Please do go along to support them. Please see the poster attached to the covering email accompanying this bulletin for more details.

Health and Safety Officer The PCC is looking to find a volunteer who would be willing to act as a Health and Safety Officer for St. Denys. This is a requirement which we are not fulfilling at the moment and need to. Though ideal, such a person does not have to attend St. Denys occasionally or regularly, it could be an outside person. No experience is required but all the better if interested parties do have some knowledge. If you or anyone you know is interested, please speak to **Ann Bennett** our Churchwarden. Thanks.

Collect for Harvest Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at the end of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Geoff Bunce, Ann Dixon, Revd Richard Howells, Sue Mitchell

Pray for those who mourn including the family and friends of Ken Ginns



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