

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON, BULLETIN for Sunday 6th September 2026, 14th Sunday after Trinity, Climate Sunday (marking Creationtide)



Readings for today: Romans 13 vs 8-end; Matthew 18 vs 15-20

Dear Friends, As I write this, we are in the period of 'Creationtide' which runs from 1st—4th September. On Sunday, many churches will mark this by observing Climate Sunday, the Sunday nearest to Creationtide.

Whenever I visit St. Denys, one always notices the churchyard that surrounds our historic building—the lovingly tendered borders that are bedecked with flowers and shrubs in the summer, the neatly cut grass, the golden coloured leaves of Autumn and much more that is so magnificent all year around. Remember too, everything that has happened naturally in our church since it was consecrated 807 years ago, not just nature's wondrous lifecycle outside, but the human stories played out through many weddings, baptisms, and funerals. It is of course, the same in many places I venture to, including where I live in North Northamptonshire, part of the Peterborough diocese.

However, the climate is changing, for the worse! We should never fall in to the trap of becoming complacent. Through human activity and greed, things will never be as we have expected before over many centuries. We have just experienced the hottest summer on record, affecting negatively our food production; we can expect much more heavy rain causing flooding and creating danger to life and property; the weather patterns are changing dramatically. The consequences are many and potentially severe wherever we are.

Why not use this Sunday to reflect upon our changing world and how we may respond to it as the Christians we proclaim we are. We cannot bury our heads in the sand; instead we must give thanks to God for His providence and believe in the hope he has offered to us, using his gift of freedom of choice wisely. We need to take ownership of our actions and live our lives in the spirit of preserving what we have left for the sake of God's creation. Pray and ask for God's forgiveness for the mistakes as a human being you have made in the activities you execute, and pray for His help to change for the better and for all. With very best wishes, **Qyan**

COMING UP:

Friday 4th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 5th 10am Open Prayer Meeting in church

Sunday 6th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332
(password from Qyan)

Monday 7th 10am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 7th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 8th 9am onwards Parish Centre in use for Funeral refreshments

Wednesday 9th 2.30pm Evington Heritage and History Group in parish centre

Thursday 10th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 10th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 10th 10am—12pm Open Church

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



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.



Revd Canon Matthew Bradbury will preside and preach at our Holy Communion service this Sunday 6th September at 10am. All are welcome. Please do stay for tea, coffee and chat afterwards, in the parish centre if you can.

St. John the Baptist, Billedson, Choral Evensong with choir and organ, will be held this coming Sunday 6th September at 4pm followed by sherry, port, and nibbles! All very welcome!



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.

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 10th September at 10am. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church afterwards.



RIDE AND STRIDE takes place on Saturday 12 September. A group will 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 in joining the group. 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. A harvest lunch in the parish centre will follow. Please see the menu at the back of the church for choices of food to eat with a list to register your name if you intend to come.

The Licensing Service for Revd Cecilia Adjadje, our new Vicar, 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.

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.

Two short poems for 14th Sunday after Trinity (Ai generated)

Bread of Mercy The table waits with quiet grace, a loaf is torn, a cup is raised; in every crumb, His tender face, in every sip, His mercy blazed.



Slow to Anger The wind is soft, the sky is wide, The Lord walks gently at our side; His hands still bless, His heart still hears, And gathers all our scattered years.

Collect for 14th Sunday after Trinity Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Continue to pray for the victims of natural disasters suffering immensely in Venezuela, Nepal, Japan etc and for the many war torn areas of the world where peace seems a distant hope; Ukraine, Myanmar, Iran, and many more.

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

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



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