ST DENYS CHURCH BULLETIN, Sunday 1st November 2026, All Saints and All Souls

*Readings for **10am:*** 1 John 3 vs 1-3; Matthew 5 vs 1-12, ***4pm:***
Romans 8 vs 31-39; John 14 vs 1-6

Dear Friends. On Sunday 1st November we celebrate All Saints Day in the morning, but in the afternoon, at 4pm, we are holding our familiar 'All Souls' service', also called 'the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed'**.** This seems a very appropriate day to be the first Sunday for Revd Cecilia to preside as our new Vicar, because, at her Collation and Induction on Wednesday 28th October, Bishop Martyn granted Cecila '*the cure of souls, the care of God's people, which is both mine and yours.'* Cure and care mean the same thing, but the words of the service are carefully chosen so that there is no misunderstanding of the archaic term 'cure'; although we should be familiar enough with the expression because 'Curate' comes from the same root, meaning 'someone given the care of others'. The expression 'yours and mine' reminds us that ministry in the Church of England is layered and shared under God's rule. The King is of course the Supreme Head of the Church of England. Under him is the Archbishop of Canterbury from whom Bishop Martyn has received his own Episcopal responsibility. He now shares (by delegation) his 'cure of souls' with Cecilia. At the service on Wednesday those of us who were present promised on behalf of the whole congregation to *'play our part by committing ourselves to work together in partnership as we seek the kingdom of God'.*

All Saints Day is a good time for us to begin this work together because we are indeed 'all saints', since the term simply means 'those faithful to Christ'. But Cecilia's 'cure' extends to 'all souls', and beyond the people in the pews to everyone in the Parish, whatever their beliefs. She will also minister to those who are dying and will help us all to pray for those whom we love but no longer see. This is also a way of preparing us for the end of our own lives when we too will judged, together with Monarchs, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, on *our* calling as co-workers in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew

COMING UP: diary

Saturday 31st 10.30am Evington Bowls Club AGM in parish centre

Sunday 1st Nov 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **4pm All Souls service** in church

Monday 2nd 10am Private Booking in the parish centre

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Tuesday 3rd 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 3rd 11am Worship Committee meet in church

Thursday 5th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 5th 10am—12pm Open Church

Thursday 5th 10am BCP Holy Communion in church

Thursday 5th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Our new Vicar Revd Cecilia Adjadje will preside and preach at Holy Communion, on Sunday 1st November at 10am, marking the feast of All Saints. This will be Revd Cecilia's first Sunday service at St. Denys in her new role. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. All are welcome.

Our Annual All Souls Service to remember those we love but see no longer, is this coming Sunday 1st November at 4pm in church. This will be led by Canon Matthew. Refreshments will be served after the service.

BCP (said) Holy Communion will take place in church on Thursday 5th November at 10am followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Remembrance Sunday Commemoration is on Sunday 8th November starting at 10.45am by the Village Memorial, led by Revd Cecilia. Worship will conclude in church following. For those who prefer to stay in church, a short act of commemoration will take place at the same time. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please note that there will **not** be Holy Communion on this day.

We thank God for all who suffered and died for our sakes in all past and current wars. May we never forget their ultimate sacrifice.

ALL ARE WELCOME

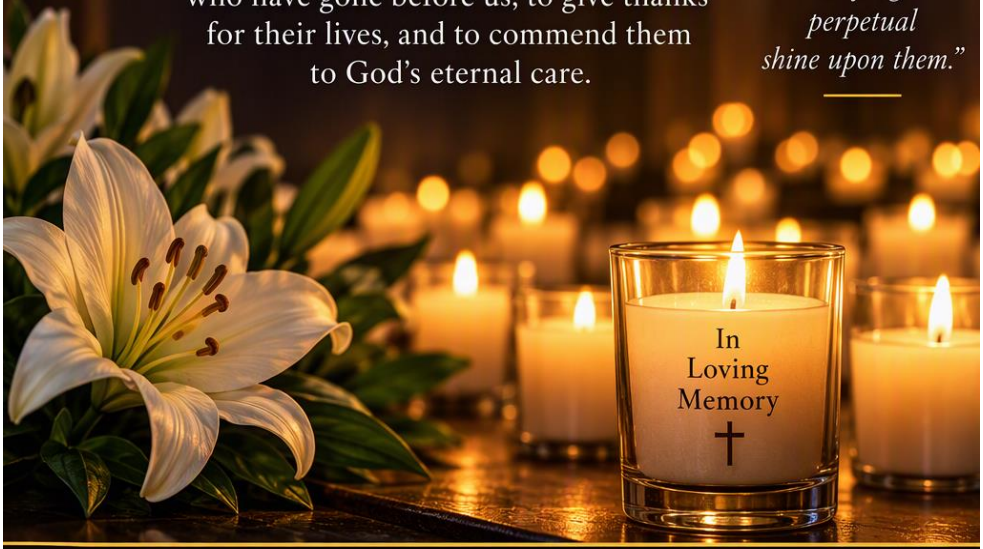
All Souls
CHURCH SERVICE

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Remembering • Praying • Trusting

A service to remember all those who have gone before us, to give thanks for their lives, and to commend them to God's eternal care.

"May light perpetual shine upon them."



SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
4:00 PM
ST. DENYS CHURCH

FAITH • REMEMBRANCE • HOPE

A Big Thank you to the staff and children at Krishna Avanti Primary School who, even after our Harvest service on 20th September, which was a month earlier than usual, wanted to contribute and subsequently collected a large amount of produce for us. This was collected by Qyan and donated to the Wesley Hall Food Pantry who do amazing work. The Pantry staff were very grateful for the two substantial sets of donated food from us. Thank you to everyone at St. Denys too who donated much needed food.

Many thanks too to Kate and Stephen Riley who provided the refreshments for Revd Cecilia's Licensing as Vicar last Wednesday evening. Their hard work and effort is much appreciated. Also, to anyone who helped out in the preparation of the service and participated in it, for which everything ran smoothly to result in a lovely service which was extremely well attended.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, his mercies are everlasting!

Collect for All Saints God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for All Souls Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when you gather all things up in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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 forever. Amen

Pray for the sick: Geoff & June Bunce, Rod Dawes, Ann Dixon, Sue Mitchell, Theo Riley

Pray for the family and friends of those who mourn including Grahame Stewart Dean, Mary Louise Parker

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