ST DENYS CHURCH BULLETIN, Sunday 4th October 2026, 18th Sunday after Trinity, marking St. Denys Day

Readings for today: Hebrews 12 vs 18-24; Matthew 21 vs 12-16

Dear Friends. Last Saturday, we went to the New Walk Museum to see the exhibition 'Popping to the shops: Evington'. The exhibition, open since March, closes this weekend. It tells something of the story of Evington village and Evington Road, over the years, even going back to Roman times, showing a road in the village from that time. There were pieces by some of the shop and business owners, those who have been in business in the area for many years – including Bennetts. There was also a piece by the St Philips Centre. It was all very interesting; it was good to go and see it. We have seen so many changes over the years in this area.

Change is part of life, even if it may seem difficult at times; at other times, it can be good.

In nature, the season has just, in the last few days, changed again, and we are now into autumn. We are beginning to see the mellow, but rich, beautiful autumn colours coming, the reds, oranges, yellows; golden colours. Each season has its own beauty, and may bring us joy, when we take a few minutes to stop, look and wonder, at all the richness of God's creation.

There is change coming here at St Denys, as we look forward and prepare for Revd Cecilia coming, to be our Vicar, at the end of the month. Whilst we have been blessed by all the priests who have been to take our Services during the time of our being in Vacancy, it will be good to have a Vicar again.

Whatever change we go through, whether in our own lives, the area where we live, at church, in nature, we may be secure in the knowledge that God, our heavenly Father, is unchanging. He is always with us; He is faithful; He always goes on loving us; and we may know His peace in our lives. **Geraldine**

COMING UP:

diary

Friday 2nd 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Sunday 4th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom, ID 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Monday 5th 10am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 5th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 6th 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 8th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 8th 10am—12pm Open Church

Thursday 8th 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion in church

Thursday 8th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Thursday 8th 7pm PCC Meeting in the parish centre

Canon Matthew Bradbury will preside and preach at Holy Communion, also marking St. Denys Day (Saint Denis), on Sunday 4th October at 10am. Refreshments served afterwards.

Pet Blessing Service at St. Philip's, Evington this coming Sunday 4th October at 3pm. Please go along and support our friends, taking a pet if you are able (but not compulsory) as they celebrate and give thanks for our favorite companions.

Harvest Choral Evensong at St. John the Baptist, Billesdon LE7 9AE will be held this Sunday 4th October at 4pm; with choir and organ. All are very welcome.

Please pray for the new Priests and Deacons being ordained in Leicester Cathedral this coming weekend. Pray that, as they begin their ministry in this diocese, God will guide and bless them and in all that they say and do in leading their flocks, that they do so in humility and prayerfulness to God's praise and glory.

Revd Jonathan Surridge will preside and preach at BCP (said) Holy Communion in church on Thursday 8th October at 10am followed by refreshments.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) will meet on Thursday 8th October at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please pray for its members as they discuss and decide on important issues in relation to the life and work of St. Denys Church.

City Deanery Special Eucharistic Service to mark the centenary of the Diocese of Leicester, led by the Right Reverend Christoper Boyle, Honorary Assistant Bishop of Leicester, is being held on Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm in St. Luke's Church, 1 Packwood Road, Stocking Farm LE4 2ER. The Preacher will be the Dean, the Very Revd Karen Rooms. As St. Denys is part of the city deanery, everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Leicester Cathedral is holding a series of lunchtime classical concerts at 12.30pm, every two weeks from 12th October. Entry by donation.

A Macmillan Coffee Morning in aid of cancer support will be held by the residents of Pilgrim Gardens, Grocot Road, Evington LE5 6AL on Thursday 15th October 10.30am – 12 noon. It would be lovely if people would pop along and support this event. Thank you.

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**

The Annual All Souls Service is on Sunday 1st November at 4pm. This is a quiet and reflective service with appropriate hymns, readings, prayers and sermon. We will also read out the names of loved ones who are no longer with us and an opportunity to light a candle in their memory will be given. All welcome, please do invite your families also.

All Souls List If you would like the name of a loved one who is no longer with us read out at the above service, please record their full names in CAPITAL LETTERS **(one name per line please)** on the list at the back of the church. The list will be removed for collation on Sunday 25th October after the morning service. If you are unable to get to church by the 25th, please email me with the names you wish to be added. Thank you. **Qyan**

We give thanks to God for all those people in churches up and down the land, including St. Denys Evington, who serve the church in quiet and simple ways, never seeking to do so for their own self-aggrandizement, but for the betterment of the family of God's people of which they are a part, to God's praise and glory.

Collect for 18th Sunday after Trinity God, our judge and Saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day in the confidence which has been given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for St. Denys Day (Friday 9th October) O God, who sent St. Denis and his companions to preach your glory to the nations and strengthened them for their mission with the virtue of constancy in suffering; grant, we pray, that we may imitate them in disdaining prosperity in this world and in being undaunted by any trial. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

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

Come to your Temple here with liberation, and overturn these tables of exchange, restore in me my lost imagination, begin in me for good the pure change. Come as you came, an infant with your mother, that innocence may cleanse and claim this ground. Come as you came, a boy who sought his father with questions asked and certain answers found.

Come as you came this day, a man in anger, unleash the lash that drives a pathway through, face down for me the fear, the shame, the danger, teach me again to whom my love is due. Break down in me the barricades of death And tear the veil in two with your last breath. ***(Malcolm Guite Poetry on Sunday's Gospel Reading)***

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