ST DENYS CHURCH BULLETIN, Sunday 15th November 2026, 2nd Sunday before Advent, Safeguarding Sunday

*Readings for **10am:** 1 Corinthians 13; Matthew 18 vs 1-17,*
***4pm:** 1 Kings 1 vs 15-40 (or vs 1-40); Revelation 1 vs 4-18*

Dear Friends, November is a month when we have opportunities to remember people and events in the past. On All Saints' Day we remember saints of the past who lost their lives for their faith, many of whom inspire us in our journey of faith, and some of whom have strange stories about their life and death, including our own Patron saint, St Denys, who allegedly continued to preach after his beheading, carrying his head under his arm!

We also celebrate All Souls' Day this month when we remember with love those who have gone before us whom we see no more. This can be a painful day for those whose loss is recent or those still grieving a loved one, but the hymns, prayers and lighting of a candle may help us to know that our loved ones, who are no longer with us physically, are in God's safekeeping.

Only a week after All Souls' Day we have Remembrance Sunday when we remember with gratitude those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the two world wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. Many of us knew or have heard about relatives or friends who served and fought for their country, but there are not many of those brave people left to tell their story. It is important that their memories are kept alive and that the younger generation can learn about them.

Memories of the past are fascinating to many people and lots of people like to explore their family tree to learn about people and times too long ago to remember. A pleasure I enjoy is to look back at family photos often with amusement at the fashions or hair styles of the time, but also with fond memories of my childhood, and later of photos of our adult children when they were young. To some people childhood memories are painful or upsetting, but for those blessed with a happy childhood it is good to reminisce about times, events and people in the past. With best wishes, **Ann Bennett**

COMING UP

Friday 13th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Sunday 15th 10am Worship for All Holy Communion in church & on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan) **4pm Evensong** in church

Monday 16th 10am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 16th 12pm Burial of Ashes Ceremony in the Remembrance Garden

Monday 16th 2pm Monday Meet meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 17th 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 17th 7pm PCC Meeting in the parish centre

Weds 18th 7pm Evington Fete Committee AGM in the parish centre

Thursday 19th 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion in church

Thursday 19th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 19th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Worship for All Holy Communion this coming Sunday 15th November at 10am, marking Safeguarding Sunday. All welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Evensong will be held in church this Sunday 15th November at 4pm.

The Parochial Church Council will meet on Tuesday 17th November at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please pray for Revd Cecilia and all its members in their discussions where often difficult decisions must be made. Pray that God's hand of blessing and guidance be upon them in their deliberations. Thank you.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP said) Holy Communion will take place in church on Thursday 19th November at 10am followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Wreath Making Workshops in the Parish Centre! There are still places left as follows: Monday 30th November at 2pm (4 places) and at 5.30pm (1 place). An extra session has been added for St. Denys church members only on Monday 14th December at 1.30pm until 4pm (15 places.) If you would like to book a place, please ring Peter Felstead on 07305 887989.

Safeguarding Sunday, 15th November 2026

Dear Friends, as members of the church community, we are all called to share the good news of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This good news speaks of welcome for all, into a community where the value and dignity of everyone is recognised and respected.

Safeguarding represents the embodiment of these principles and as such is at the heart of our Christian faith. As participants in the ministry of the church therefore, we are all called upon to share in responsibility for safeguarding, creating an environment in which the safety and wellbeing of everyone are promoted and protected.

Here at St Denys, it is my privilege to serve as Parish Safeguarding Coordinator. The role requires me to work closely with Cecilia to ensure the pursuit of best practice in all things relating to safeguarding. In this we are guided by robust policies set out by the Church of England, all with the central aim of ensuring a safer church for everyone.

As a comparatively new member of the congregation, I still remember very well the warm and loving welcome Keith and I received when we first began to worship here. I felt straight away that St Denys offered an environment in which people are cared for and valued.

I still feel that way, but no place is immune from the possibility of unpleasant or disturbing events, so please don't hesitate to let me know of any concerns you may have both now and any time in the future. It is my job to listen, to validate and to refer on as appropriate, ensuring, with Cecilia's guidance, that all concerns are treated seriously.

I must end by thanking Elizabeth Rudge for all her work as Parish Safeguarding Administrator. Elizabeth's know-how in implementing the technical requirements of the Church of England's policies is invaluable and I am truly grateful for her support.

Finally, dear friends, as we mark Safeguarding Sunday, I ask for your prayers as I seek to meet the challenges of the Parish Safeguarding Coordinator role. I will endeavour to serve you in this capacity to the best of my ability.

Jan Vaughan

School Visits. We are very pleased to say that these begin in early December. We do need help from volunteers to help manage the sessions. Please see Revd Cecilia or Ann Bennett for further information. Thanks.

We also need help at the Crib/Christingle service on Christmas Eve at 4pm with the children who attend and dress up in appropriate costumes. Please speak to Ann Bennett if you can help.

National Trust Leicester Association Many of you may not be aware that this association exists. I know that years ago I wasn't! The rules have recently changed in that you no longer have to be a member of the 'National Trust'. Our association has a very modest subscription fee of £9. We offer afternoon lectures from September – April, lecture lunches for Christmas and winter months, coach outings in summertime and a coach holiday in May. Several of our congregation at St. Denys are already members and would make you very welcome if you decided to join. Information can be obtained by telephoning me on 0116 2433 712. Many thanks. **Anne Harcourt**

Collect for 2nd Sunday before Advent Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick: Rod Dawes, Ann Dixon, Sue Mitchell

Pray for the family and friends of those who mourn including Grahame Stewart Dean, Alan Headley, Paddy McCarron





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