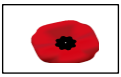
ST DENYS CHURCH BULLETIN, Sunday 8th November 2026, Remembrance Sunday



Readings for today: Hebrews 9 vs 24-end; Mark 1 vs 14-20

A New Chapter at St Denys! Last Wednesday, I was installed as your vicar. I had been warned about nerves, but not about logistics. Transferring from my wheelchair into the vicar's stall in front of a packed church was my first act of ministry here, and I am happy to report that grace, and a good set of brakes, got me there. If you were wondering whether this vicar can make an entrance, the answer is yes. A dignified one? That is between me and God.

Four years as a curate at St Mary's and St Guthlac's taught me patience, listening and the faithfulness of God in ordinary lives. Also, that a congregation could feed you better than any cookery book, and I expect St Denys to continue that fine tradition! (Consider this a gentle hint.)

Evington is a place where people of many faiths are neighbours, and I believe God put St Denys at the heart of it on purpose. We are here to be a light and a welcome. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12 that there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and in Galatians 5 he lists the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and more. I already see those gifts among you. I will bring the enthusiasm; you bring the fruit, and we will leave the baking to those who can.

But the humour pauses here, because this Sunday, 8 November, is Remembrance Sunday, and it deserves our full hearts.

At the eleventh hour we will fall silent. That silence is not empty. It holds the names of those who gave their lives in war, the families who waited for news that never came, and the servicemen and women who still carry what they saw. Jesus said that no one has greater love than to lay down their life for their friends. Remembrance is our way of honouring that love and refusing to let it be forgotten.

It also carries a message. We remember not because we love war, we remember because we long for peace. The prophet Micah dreamed of a day when swords are beaten into ploughshares, and every Remembrance Sunday asks us what we are doing to bring that day nearer. In a community as diverse as Evington, where people of every faith and background served, grieved and hoped together, our remembering is richer for being shared.
So please join us on Sunday. Wear your poppy and bring your neighbour. Come ready to be quiet, to give thanks and to pray for peace.
God has begun something here, I can't wait to see it. We will laugh together, pray together and serve Evington together. **Your vicar and fellow pilgrim, Cecilia Adjadje.**

COMING UP

Friday 6th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Saturday 7th 11am Family Gathering in the parish centre

Sunday 8th 10.45am Remembrance Commemoration at War Memorial & in church, followed by **conclusion of worship** in church & on Zoom, ID: 820 0369 6332 (password from Qyan)

Monday 9th 10am Private Booking in the parish centre

Monday 9th 2.15pm Arbor House service at Arbor House

Tuesday 10th 9am Private Booking in the parish centre

Tuesday 10th 2pm Minster Community Meeting in the parish centre

Weds 11th 2.30pm Evington & History Heritage Group meet in parish centre

Thursday 12th 10am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion in church

Thursday 12th 10.30am Gentle Exercise Group meet in the parish centre

Thursday 12th 12pm Private Booking in the parish centre

Remembrance Sunday Commemoration Sunday 8th November starting at 10.45am by the Village Memorial, led by Revd Cecilia and in church led by Ann Bennett for those who do not wish to go to the Memorial. Worship will conclude in church following. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please note that there will **not** be Holy Communion on this day.

Community Remembrance Day Commemoration Wednesday 11th November at 10.45am. The Friends of Evington invite all to mark Remembrance Day with them and Evington Ward councillors at Evington War Memorial. This will last approximately three quarters of an hour with local school children involved in laying wreaths. Afterwards, refreshments will be served in The Cedars pub in the village centre.

Evington History & Heritage Group meet in the parish centre on Wednesday 11th November at 2.30pm. Three members will share their memories of growing up in Evington. All welcome. A small charge may be made for non members.

The Arbor House monthly service will take place on Monday 9th November at 2.15pm. Do join Revd Cecilia and others there for this informal time of worship which is always welcomed and enjoyed by the residents.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP said) Holy Communion will take place in church on Thursday 12th November at 10am followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

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

Advent Ring! Is there anyone who could provide or make an Advent Ring in time for Advent Sunday on the 29th of this month? This is the holder for the candles that are lit each Sunday during Advent Sunday worship. If you can help, please speak to Canon Matthew or Ann Bennett in his absence.

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.

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.

Orders of Service (Licensing) Spare copies of the Order of Service that was produced for Revd Cecilia's licensing, are in a box in church. If you haven't got one and would like one as a momento, please help yourself. If you are unable to get to church, please email me and I will arrange for you to receive one. On Sunday 8th they will be removed and recycled soon after.

The War Dead: 'They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them or the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, ***we will remember them.'***

Pictures from the joyful occasion of the Revd Cecilia's Licensing at St. Denys on Wednesday 28th October 2026:







Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart…for what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. ***2 Corinthians 4 vs 1-7***

Collect for 3rd Sunday before Advent God our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through 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 and all those who died in both World Wars and other conflicts.



We will remember them





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