

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 25th September 2022, 15th Sunday after Trinity



Readings for 25th September: 1 Timothy 6 vs 6-19; Luke 16 vs 6-end

Dear Friends,

On Friday I will be starting my day by singing with a group of toddlers and families from the community and ending it by playing worship songs with some of our very talented young people at our youth music evening. Music is a big passion of mine and it's something that seems to be filling the rooms of the church and Parish Centre a lot at the moment, even more so with the Music festival. Soon there will be the addition of Carols, and no, I'm not sorry for the Christmas reference, I can't wait!

Music is one of the gifts from God that I am personally extremely grateful for and I love that there's an entire book in the bible devoted to songs. I think we all felt the absence of music during COVID when we were not allowed to sing, especially as music connects us. It connects us with God, with each other, and it's also allowing us to connect with the local community.

One thing that I have become aware of recently is that although I spend a lot of time playing music, I haven't really picked up my guitar to worship God privately in a while. It's something that I need to do more of and make space for, especially as worship is my prayer language. It fuels my faith and connects me with God and I know that I am lacking without it. I wonder what fuels you in your faith and if you are making time for that precious one on one time with God. Whatever way you connect with God, be it music, prayer, art, or something else, I encourage you, and myself, to make time for it this week. After all, we know we will all be better off for it. **Sarah**



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Fridays 23rd and 30th 10am Musical Toddlers Group parish centre

Friday 23rd 7pm Youth Music Evening in church

Friday 30th 7pm Youth Club in parish centre

Sunday 25th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369

6332; password available from Qyan) **3pm Café Church** in parish centre

Tuesday 27th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group in church and parish centre

Wednesday 28th 10am Evington Family History Group meet in parish centre

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am in church

Open Church every Thursday: 10am Morning Prayer on 29th September, the use of free wifi, and refreshments! All welcome.

Next Music Festival Concert: Indian Vocal and Classical Sitar Recital, a variety of Indian music will be performed by Ustaad Dharambir Singh MBE, Priya Kaur and Upneet Singh. Saturday 24th September, 6.30pm, Evington Village Hall followed by samosas and drinks. No charge but donations very welcome.

Generosity Week This Sunday 25th September marks the beginning of Generosity Week, a week for thinking about God's abundant gifts and our response. There will be more information given out at the 10am service including readings and reflections for the week to aid us in our prayer and thinking around the themes of generosity and gratitude. The week will end with our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October when we have communion at 10am and our Harvest Hymns and Pimms at 3pm. Please do join us and don't forget to send Qyan your hymn choices!

Stewardship Sunday 25th September We will be celebrating the gifts God has given us and thinking about how we might respond to God's generosity. It will also mark the nearest Sunday to the 10th anniversary of my licensing as Vicar and we will be reinstating the chalice for those who wish to drink from the common cup. There will still be the option to receive the bread alone or intincted (dipped) in the wine by a priest or deacon but it is strongly advised that we should not dip our own bread into the wine. We have two new chalices gifted to the church in 2019 as part of the 800th anniversary and we will consecrate them and use them for the first time. **Anthony.**

Pub Night! Sunday 25th September, 7₂30pm, in The Cedars. All welcome.

Harvest Sunday 2nd October This year, we will be supporting the food pantries in the city which opened earlier this year at Wesley Hall Community Centre and All Saints Belgrave. These are run and organised by pantry members and enable people to choose the items they will use, like anyone would in a standard shop, returning the dignity of choice that is often taken away by charitable food provision. By using surplus and/or donated produce, the pantry can provide a shop at a far more affordable price - each member pays £4.50 per visit. It isn't a "full" weekly shop for many families, but the savings they provide enable members to buy other, often more specialist items (e.g. 'free-from' produce), or items rarely in surplus (e.g. milk) that would otherwise be too expensive.



Food pantries also provide more than food. Toiletries and household cleaning products are often items that people struggling financially sacrifice in order to prioritise food, so food pantries deliberately include non-food items such as these in the items members can choose. A food pantry is also more sustainable for an organisation to set up and finance, as they get a return on food that is bought by members - which in turn funds stock, staff and overheads. However, with the increase in inflation, this is still proving quite a challenge for both All Saints and Wesley Hall. If you would like to support the food pantries financially this week, please put your gift in an envelope marked "Leicester food Pantries".

The food pantries serve their specific local communities. The following items will be particularly appreciated by Wesley Hall: long life milk – oil - rice – lentils - cereals – toiletries. All Saints Belgrave serve a mixed community on a regular basis, so please feel free to donate whatever you are able to. Both food pantries can also receive surplus vegetables from allotments. **Sian.**

Hymns and Pimms! Sunday 2nd October, 3pm in St. Denys. As part of our Music Festival to raise funds for the church, do join us to sing your favourite hymn in a Songs of Praise service, in return for a donation. Record your choice of hymn to be sung on the list at the back of the church (or e-mail me by Friday 30th September) and put your donation into the box accompanying it. Pimms (and other drinks!) will follow in the Parish Centre! Many thanks. Qyan.

Bring and Share Lunch to celebrate St. Denys Day Sunday 9th October 12noon. Please bring your contributions of food on the day and partake in a wonderful time of fellowship together. **There will be no 10am or 3pm service**. The lunch will be preceded by a short, said Holy Communion service and followed by a concert of piano and voice given by pianist Penny Campling and friends at 3pm as part of the St. Denys Music Festival.

David Pearson On Sunday 9th October 2022 we will be interring David Pearson's ashes in the Garden of Remembrance after the short Communion Service before we all share in the St. Denys Bring and Share Lunch, afterwards to be entertained by Penny Campling with her music. This would have been David's ideal afternoon, and he would have wanted to be with all his Church Family for this occasion. Please join June, David's step-mum, and me for this day, which is of course, St. Denys Day too. **Janette**

Mildred H Kemp It is with much regret, that we record the passing of Mildred on 12th September. Mildred was a stalwart of the Monday Meet gatherings and occasionally attended St. Denys on Sunday mornings. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday 11th October, 11am, in Mayflower Methodist Church, Ethel Road. Family flowers only requested. Anyone who knew her is warmly invited to attend.

Collect for the 15th Sunday after Trinity Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit, including: Mark Bulbeck, Mick Clay **Pray for those who mourn** including the family and friends of David Boynton, Mavis Cave, Mildred H Kemp, Beryl Parker, Betty Rice, the Royal Family and all those who have died due to Covid 19.

Revd Anthony (Vicar) 0116 2155500 vicar@stdenys.org.uk (not Tues, Weds or Fri)

Revd Mark (Curate) 07534 805454 m.batchelor@hotmail.co.uk (not Fridays)

Gerry (Churchwarden) 07531 548793 geraldinegoode368@btinternet.com

Sian (Reader & Temporary Safeguarding Officer) 07538 756709

sian.rigby2@outlook.com

Geraldine (Reader) 0116 2737717

St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and Youth Work:

www.stdenys.org.uk