

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Sunday 20th March 2022, 3rd Sunday of Lent



*Readings for Sunday 20th March: Isaiah 55 vs 1-9; Luke 13 vs 1-9*

Dear Friends, The situation for the people of Ukraine is desperate, heart-breaking. Much of the world waits with them, in horror and anguish. And the world prays. Despite heavy bombardment of cities in Ukraine, things have not been going as the invading forces expected. The resistance and resilience of the people of Ukraine is remarkable.



God is unchanging, He is always loving and faithful, and He is there, alongside the people in their suffering. Although the situation is so desperate, with God, there is always hope.

In the natural world, we see the new life all around us and with it, there is hope. The spring flowers are beautiful and seem to be lasting so well this year. The snowdrops put on a glorious display; now the crocuses and daffodils are doing the same thing; and the blossom trees are starting to burst into flower. There seem to be more crocuses this year, with swathes of them in some of the grass verges giving a spectacular show. We went to the local Botanic Gardens about three weeks ago, on a beautiful afternoon, the sun was shining and the crocuses there were glorious. It is beautiful how their flowers open more in the sunshine, basking in the light and warmth.

We see hope in the natural world around us; the flowers, blossom, the leaf buds ready to burst into life; signs of new life; signs of hope. Signs in creation that point us to our loving Creator God.

No matter how desperate things in the world are, may we always have hope in our loving, faithful, unchanging God who is always there, with His people, in their need. **Geraldine**



**DIAL-ST-DENYS:** Call **0116 4647540** to hear parts of last Sunday's service.   
Call **0116 4647740** to hear a **Walk With Wonder**

To join us for the following Zoom service, go to [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join), type in the Meeting ID, and the Password (which can be obtained from Qyan):

**Sunday 20th March, 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom; ID: 820 0369 6332 Landline access - Call 0131 4601196 just before the time of the meeting. When asked, enter the Meeting ID followed by #. This is the 9 digit code specific to each meeting. You will then be asked for their Participant ID but just press # again. When asked, input the password.

**Lent Course** 'The Difference Course' 3rd session on Sunday 20th March, 6pm in person in church followed by **Compline** finishing at approximately 7.30pm.  
**Online Lent Course** 2nd & 3rd sessions on Thursdays 17th & 24th March respectively, 7.30pm. Sian will be leading the same course as above, online. Zoom ID is: 865 7785 1201. Please use the usual password.

**PCC** the next meeting is on Monday 28th March, 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**Morning Prayer 9am Monday—Thursday** in person, in church only.



**Thursday Drop in, 17th March and every Thursday until 12pm**, in person, in church: 9am prayers, 10am BCP Holy Communion (said), 12noon prayers - with free wifi and coffee or tea. Come at any point and stay for however long you wish! All welcome.



**Calling all gardeners, would-be gardeners, and DIYers (however unskilled!)**

We need your help on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm to 4.00pm. As you may know we are developing, with the involvement of local schools and others, a community garden at the end of the church car park. There are now certain structural things that need putting in place so that the next phase of development can happen, including putting in a path and building the structure for a good-sized bug hotel. Can you help on that Sunday afternoon? It will be a fun time of fellowship, digging and building! All you need are willing hands and possibly a spade if you have one. Plants for the garden are also needed soon, if you can donate, but we will tell you when we require them nearer the time. If you have any questions, please either come along and have a chat, or drop me an email. Many Thanks, **Mark**

**Neighbourhood Patches** Come and make friends through making art! This is our project with Vitamins and Equality Action through which we hope to build more friendships across differences of faith and culture. Our next sessions will involve PRINTMAKING with professional artists and will be on Saturdays 19th & 26<sup>th</sup> March 10am-1pm in the parish centre. Places are limited but you can book in for the session by contacting Anthony.

**Pastoral Care** We are looking for a Churchwarden with pastoral care as their main focus. Could this be you? In addition, anyone interested in being a part of the pastoral care team as prayer back-up, or visiting, please speak to Ann Bennett, Julie Paton or any member of the staff team.

If you are currently in contact with, and supporting anyone in the parish or congregation, keep on with the selfless care you give. Please also check in with Ann or Julie so that we don't double up on people or miss anyone out. Many thanks, **Ann Bennett and Julie Paton**

How am I to live out my faith?  
What could God be saying to me?  
What opportunities are there to serve God?

To explore these questions further...

# Everyday Calling

with Bishop Saju  
Saturday March 26th 10am—3pm  
*Lunch included*  
Grand Hall, St Martin's House

Day will include seminars on:

- How to set up a social action project
- Exploring ordained or lay ministry
- How do I hear from God?
- Training opportunities

Time to chat to people in a range of callings eg

- Church Army
- Street Pastors
- Spiritual Directors
- Schools projects

To book a place email:  
claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org  
(Please state any dietary needs)

We're becoming increasingly aware in the Church of the importance of every Christian discovering what their particular ministry and vocation is, and one of the signs of a healthy worshipping community is that everyone in the church family - lay or ordained - sees themselves as having a vital part to play in the life and mission of the church and wider community.

Later this month, we are holding a diocesan vocations day, as an opportunity for people to explore their sense of calling - particularly if you've become aware of God 'tapping you on the shoulder' recently.

[Read more about the content of the day and hear from some members of one of our worshipping communities who have felt God's call and find out how they have begun to answer it.](#)

**Dates for your diary - in St. Denys:**

27th March (Mothering Sunday) 10am, Holy Communion service in church

**The Crucifixion**  
Music Composed by Infa Statist

**A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer**

**Holy Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**7.30 pm**

**St Denys Church, Evington, Leicester LE5 6FA**  
**Sung by members of choirs from across the city and county**

*Tenor Soloist: Revd Anthony Lees-Smith*  
*Bass Soloist: Qyan Arnachellum*  
*Duet: Nathan Booker and James Upton*

Mark with us Holy Week, the most important period in the Christian calendar  
All welcome, refreshments provided

**Collect for 2nd Sunday of Lent** Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pray for the sick**, in mind, body and spirit, including: Helen, Brenda Bedingfield, Mick Clay, John Nightingale, David Pearson, Lucy Robinson **Pray for those who mourn**, including the family and friends of Mary Powell and all those who have died as a result of Covid 19.



**If you need to talk, please get in touch:**

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

[www.stdenys.org.uk](http://www.stdenys.org.uk)