

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN, Palm

Sunday 10th April 2022, Holy Week



Dear Friends, music and hymns and songs of all genres, including those that we sing during worship, can move our souls and speak to us, sometimes on a far deeper level than words alone can, especially in difficult situations. Music adds an emotional dimension which we often, can't explain.

Sunday is Palm Sunday when Jesus rode triumphally into Jerusalem, the event being recorded in all four gospels. The crowd leading and following Jesus riding on the donkey, with palms they had spread before him on the ground, kept shouting out "Hosanna to the Son of David," 'Hosanna' being a Hebrew expression meaning 'save' but later became an exclamation of praise. The hymn 'All glory, Laud and Honour' written by St. Theodulph of Orleans, fully describes this momentous and glorious occasion. Today, we too will process through the streets of Evington, holding aloft palm crosses to represent this, whilst singing this wonderful hymn.

Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the Christian calendar where we remember Jesus' death and passion, a traumatic time for the disciples, Mary Magdalene and Mary, Jesus' mother. Three hymns and songs, all in our hymnbook, come to mind that deeply move me in describing this period and what it means: 'My Song is Love Unknown' (521), 'My Lord, what Love is this' (520) and 'How deep, the Father's Love for us' (317). Of course, there is also that wonderful choral work 'The Crucifixion' which will be sung on Wednesday evening in church at 7.30pm, during a service of worship, to which all are welcome.

How will you choose this week, to be moved by and give thanks for, that tremendous and awful sacrifice that Jesus made for *you* upon the cross, to take away *your* sins? As well as events and services in church, why not spend time at home in biblical study, prayer and perhaps access recordings of the hymns and songs etc I have suggested, or some of the many others that have been written and meditate upon them? Why not listen to some classical music such as the theme to the film Schindler's List by John Williams or 'Adagio for Strings' by Samuel Barber during your quiet times or whatever music helps you to think on these things.

As well as coming to the foot of the cross in complete humility for what Jesus has done for you, please remember to pray for all those who have suffered or are suffering currently, through the loss of a loved one and going through heart wrenching times, just as the disciples and the two Marys did through the death of Jesus.

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and other war-torn countries.

A very blessed, spiritually enriching and deeply meaningful Holy Week to all. **Qyan**

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, type in the Meeting ID, and the Password (which can be obtained from Qyan): **Palm Sunday 10th April, 9.45am Procession & 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' 5th and final session on Sunday 10th April, 6pm in person in church followed by **Compline** finishing at approximately 7.30pm.

Online Lent Course 4th, and 5th and final sessions on Thursdays 7th & 14th April respectively, 7.30pm. Sian will be leading the same course as above, online. Zoom ID is: 865 7785 1201. Please use the usual password.

Morning Prayer this week: Monday - Wednesday 9am in person only.

Thursdays over Easter Please note that church will not be open on Thursday 14th April or Thursday 21st April. On Thursday 14th which is Maundy Thursday you are welcome to join the clergy at St James the Greater for the annual diocesan chrim eucharist at 11am.



Dates for your Diary, Holy Week: 10th April, Palm Sunday, 9.45am, Procession beginning outside the church, Holy Communion & Passion Reading
Monday 11th, Morning Prayer 9am, Compline 6pm
Tuesday 12th, Morning Prayer 9am, Compline 6pm
Weds 13th, Morning Prayer, 9am, Service of Devotion 'The Crucifixion' 7.30pm
Maundy Thursday 14th, Chrim Eucharist 11am, St. James the Greater
Maundy Thursday 14th, Communion 6pm, followed by Bring and Share Supper
Good Friday 15th, 2pm, The Last Hour
Easter Day Sun 17th, 5.15am, Dawn Service, 10am Holy Communion,
Easter Day Sun 17th, 4pm, Choral Evensong sung by the choir of Leicester Cathedral



The Electoral Roll will be updated before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 11th May. If you are already on the roll you **DO NOT** need to enrol again. If you are a new church member and would like more information or an application form, please speak to **Elizabeth Rudge**. Thank you.

Spring Clean for Easter Tuesday 12th April 10.30—12.30. Many hands make light work!! Do come and join a fun team of merry folk making our church beautiful for Eastertide. Bring your own dusters, polish²provided. Hoovering, dusting, tidying!

Readings for Palm Sunday 10th April: Isaiah 50 vs 4-9a; Passion Gospel (Luke)

Good Friday Activity Morning 10am—12pm, includes making Easter gardens (outside & edible ones!), Dotty the Donkey Trail, lots of crafts, refreshments and the Easter story. No charge, all children welcome. Under 5's need to bring an adult with them.

NEW SERVICE PATTERN From Sunday 1st May the PCC have agreed to trial two services each Sunday. At 10am there will be a traditional service with hymns on the organ and using books rather than screens. At 3pm there will be an informal contemporary service for all ages. Communion will alternate between the two timeslots and when it is not a communion service, the service will be lay-led. There will be occasional social events to bring everyone together and all are welcome to both services. There will be no 8am or 6pm services at least until September to give time to work on building these two new congregations. The traditional midweek communion on Thursdays at 10am will continue as it is. The hope is that both Sunday congregations will grow as those attending feel more at home and therefore more comfortable to invite others to come and join us. The situation will be reviewed at the end of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Anthony or any member of the PCC.

CALL FOR PCC MEMBERS We would love to welcome new members on to St Denys PCC. The PCC work with the Vicar to promote the mission of the church in all its forms. We are a friendly, supportive group developing an exciting vision for the future of St Denys. If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved, please speak to Elizabeth Rudge who is our PCC Secretary.

Walk with Wonder Monday 11 April 2.00-4.00pm; Take time to stop, to look, to wonder, on the Arboretum. Enjoy the beauty of God's creation all around us. Meet in the church car park at 2.00pm. Refreshments in the Parish Centre after our Walk.

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Annual Sponsored Walk This year, we will begin in Woodhouse Eaves and walk through the picturesque Charnwood Forest. We will be joined by a group from St. Anne's Church, Western Park. Please see full details in the article attached to the covering letter you received with this bulletin. Many thanks. **Roy Hammond**



13th April 7.30pm (see poster below) A service of devotion to mark Holy Week. All welcome to come along, to hear and support this moving work sung by an intergenerational choir, to include congregational hymns. No charge for entry but donations for the work of St. Denys will be gratefully appreciated on the night.

The Crucifixion
Music Composed by John Stainer
A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer
Holy Wednesday 13th April 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: James Upton & Nathan Booker
Mark with us Holy Week, the most important period in the Christian calendar
All welcome, refreshments provided

Collect for 5th Sunday of Lent True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit, including: Brenda Bedingfield, Mick Clay, John Nightingale, David Pearson, Lucy Robinson, Margaret Tait

Pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of Jean Campbell, Mary Powell and all those who have died as a result of Covid 19.



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