

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN, Sunday 17th April 2022, Easter



Readings for Easter Day: Acts 10 vs 34—43; John 20 vs 1—18

Dear Friends, Doing something new is never easy, like setting out on a journey when you don't quite know the destination. As we accompany Jesus and the disciples once again on their journey through the events of Holy Week and Easter, the ending may be all too familiar for us, but it wasn't for them.

I love sharing the Easter story with our local schools for that very reason. For many of the children, it is a new story, and it reminds me every year of the shock and disbelief those women must have felt at the empty tomb. Everything they thought about the world turned upside down by this new thing God was doing in raising the crucified Jesus from the dead.

God said through the prophet Isaiah, 'Be alert, be present. I am about to do something brand new. It's bursting out. Don't you see it? There it is! I am making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.' (Isaiah 43.19, MSG)

On Monday's Walk with Wonder, we could see the buds on the maple trees in the arboretum exploding into flower. What a wonderful image of the new thing God was doing that first Easter morning! And what a wonderful image of God's longing to do a new thing in our lives, even when we think we've seen it all before and nothing can surprise us anymore.

In Ephesians 1, St Paul tells us that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us too as his followers. God is longing to do a new thing in our lives, in our church, and in our world, so why won't we let him? This Easter let's keep praying for new roads through the desert, new rivers bubbling up to refresh us, and new growth with the blossoming of life that bursts with Easter joy.

Every blessing, **Anthony**



Happy Easter



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): **Easter Sunday 17th April, 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.

Morning Prayer will NOT take place 18th—21st April.

Thursdays over Easter Please note that church will NOT be open on Thursdays 14th and 21st April.

Dates for your Diary, Holy Week: Maundy Thursday 14th, Chrism Eucharist 11am, St. James the Greater, all welcome.

Maundy Thursday 14th, Bring and Share Supper followed by Communion, 6pm, Parish Centre

Good Friday 15th, 2pm, The Last Hour

Easter Day Sun 17th, 5.30am, 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**. Thanks.

Good Friday 15th, 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.

Good Friday 15th, The Last Hour, 2pm led by Revd Nigel, this will be a service of quiet reflection, including hymns, to mark Jesus' last hour on the cross. The service will be livestreamed via Zoom ID: 820 0369 6332, usual password as for a Sunday).



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. **This service will continue to be livestreamed via Zoom for those who need it.** 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.



Dawn service This will now begin at 5.30am on Sunday (so an extra 15 minutes in bed on the previously advertised time!) Please join us in the churchyard for this joy filled service to start Easter Sunday as we gather around a firepit in front of the cross. Please bring a folding chair and a torch if you have one, but don't worry, chairs available if not. Hot chocolate and cake to follow!

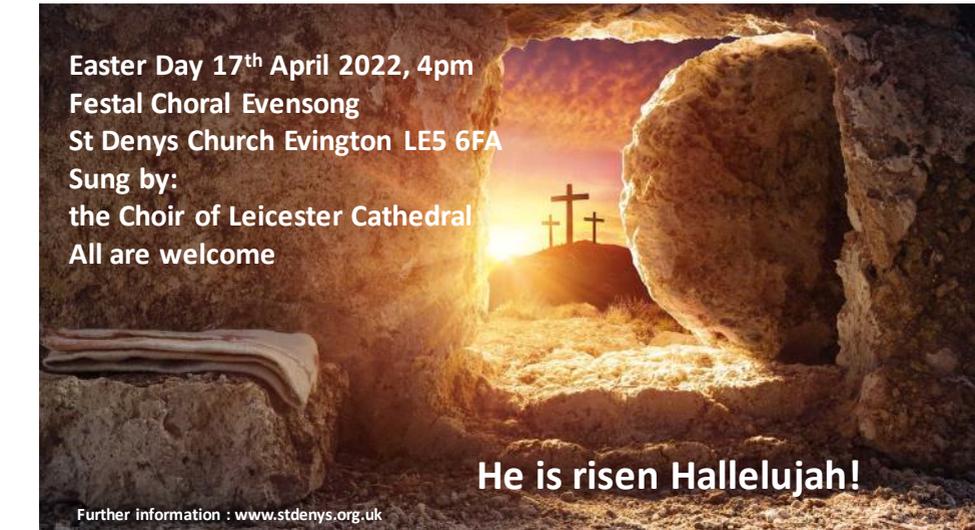
Mark's research project on 'The Parish' Thank you to all who have already returned their questionnaires to the green box. If you were away last week or still have one to return, then there is still a pile of questionnaires and the green returns box on the table at the back of church. Thank you all so much with your help with this project.

Reverend Nigel Many congratulations to Revd Nigel and Alison on his very recently announced, new appointment as Vicar and Pioneer Priest in the benefice of St. Peter, Braunstone Park. The wait for a new position following being signed off from Curacy, has been longer than anticipated, partly due to Covid but we are very pleased for them both that somewhere to settle has now been found.

The date of his licencing is unknown at present but it will be published in the bulletin when known.



Easter Day 17th April 2022, 4pm
Festal Choral Evensong
St Denys Church Evington LE5 6FA
Sung by:
the Choir of Leicester Cathedral
All are welcome



He is risen Hallelujah!

Further information : www.stdenys.org.uk

Collect for Easter Day God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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



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