

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 1st May 2022, Easter 3



Readings for Easter 3: Acts 9 vs 1-6 [7-20]; John 21 vs 1-19

Dear Friends,

As we continue to celebrate the new risen life of Jesus this Easter season, we are on the brink of a new adventure for us as a church as our pattern of Sunday services changes ...

Jesus said in Matthew's gospel (13.52): "every scribe who has been trained [literally 'discipled'] for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

For Jesus, the old treasures were the Jewish scriptures, the familiar imagery of fields and fishing, seeds and yeast. The new treasure was Jesus himself, the light of his risen life and the new kingdom he came to bring in. Putting the two things together in his parables, Jesus shed new light on the old and familiar ways.

On Sunday at 10am and every other week after that, we will be reinstating the old service of Matins which has died out in many parts of the church in favour of communion but is an ancient form of morning prayer, rooted in verses from the Bible.

At 3pm we will be holding our first informal contemporary worship which this week will include communion. Focussed on a Bible passage, with opportunities to interact creatively, there will be a fair amount of 'holy chaos' in these afternoon services!

Whether you choose to attend the morning or the afternoon service, or a mixture of both, and whether you prefer the old or the new ways of worshipping, let us all take note of the scribe in Jesus' parable and look forward to discovering treasures new and old in our life together as we are discipled as one church family for God's kingdom.

Every blessing, **Anthony**



Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 1st May 10am Traditional Matins with hymns in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

Sunday 1st May 3pm Informal Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion, in church

Monday 2nd May 2-4pm Monday Meet, meet in the Parish Centre

Morning Prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am in church.

Open Church every Thursday; 9am Morning Prayer, 10am BCP (said) Holy Communion, free wifi and refreshments! All welcome.

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

New Sunday services begin this week! The 10am service will be entirely traditional in format, while the 3pm will offer a taste of 'holy chaos'! Communion will alternate between the two and the 10am will still be available via Zoom for those not able to get to church. If you need books, please contact us and we will deliver some to you. Services for May will be as follows:

Sunday 1st May: 10am Matins; 3pm Communion

Sunday 8th May: 10am Communion; 3pm Informal Worship

Sunday 15th May: 10am Matins; 3pm Communion

Sunday 22nd May: 10am Communion; 3pm Informal Worship



Winchester Cathedral Anthony, Wendy and myself had the privilege of singing all the services, as members of the Leicester Church Music Consort, in the glorious splendour of Winchester Cathedral last weekend. It was truly, a spiritually nourishing and musically enriching time for all who took part. If you want to experience the wonderful choral worship that took place, please look it up on You Tube. All three services sung on the 23rd/24th are available for three weeks. **Qyan**



Art Workshop The next FREE art workshop will be on Saturday 7th May 10am-1pm with Kirsty Whitrow making fabric patches using appliqué methods. Contact Anthony to book your place. All welcome.



Jubilee Party Our final planning meeting will be on Sunday 8th May at 11am after the morning service. Please come along if you have volunteered to help with something. We still need volunteers to help with the setting up and to do a shift on the stalls. We will also need cakes and plants nearer the time.

May Day Sale 10.30am-3.30pm on Monday 2nd May at Evington Village Hall with plants, books, crafts and refreshments to raise fund for the Village Fete and community gardening projects.



Fusion! Modern slavery, hope & transformation – On Saturday 7th May, 2-4pm, at the Attenborough Arts Centre in Leicester, Roots IWC (Intercultural Worshipping Community) invite you to join in with their next Fusion event, themed around modern slavery and stories of hope. They have some fantastic facilitators from Hope for Justice, who will share some bits and lead the meeting in some guided creative response. They would love you to go along and join in if you are available! Please do pass on the message to your families, friends, colleagues and neighbours. Please click on the link below, where you will find more details and the signup:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fusion-hope-for-justice-tickets-320337737797>



Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Wednesday 11th May at 7pm in church only, followed by refreshments, then a presentation and discussion about the future for St Denys in light of the new Diocesan framework and Shape by God Together process. All are welcome to be part of the conversation. Please bring with you your copy of the Annual Report and Accounts (hard copies will be available in church this coming Sunday). The up to date list of those names on the Electoral Roll are now available for inspection on the church porch noticeboard.

Annual Sponsored Walk Saturday 14th May 2022 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**



God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Acts 2:32 [NIV]

CONFIRMATION Easter is a wonderful time to think about making a fresh commitment to following Christ. Maybe you were moved by the renewal of baptism vows on Easter morning? Or maybe you've had a time away from church and want to mark your return to faith? There are lots of options for affirming a Christian commitment from baptism itself to a renewal of baptism vows, forms of reconciliation or formal reception into the Church of England. Confirmation is another step in that journey of deeper commitment and can be done at any age. On 12th June, Bishop Saju will join us to confirm a number of our young people, but I'd love to support others too who might like to take this step or in some other way publicly reaffirm their faith. While there are several confirmation services each year, we have only had them at St Denys every few years so do take this opportunity if you feel a 'prod from God!' Come and talk to me or drop me a line. **Anthony.**



Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of Harry Houlden, May Weir 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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