

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN, Sunday 24th April 2022, Easter 2



Readings for Easter 2: Acts 5 vs 27-32; John 20 vs 19—end of chapter

Dear Friends, what a glorious Easter Day! After all the events of Holy Week, as we journeyed with Jesus, as we reflected - in many different ways – on all that Jesus went through and has done for us, because of God’s amazing love for us; and after the desolation of Good Friday - with the church stark, stripped, that day - so we came, quietly, early on Sunday morning at dawn. We lit the fire. As we sat outside, it gradually became lighter. The stone was rolled away; the tomb was empty - Jesus is risen! The Easter candle was lit. We celebrated. We had sparklers. We sang ‘Thine be the glory’. We shared in Holy Communion together. What a wonderful, powerful service, so special; a joy to be there. Afterwards, in the Parish Centre, the hot chocolate – with squirty cream and marshmallows – was delicious and very welcome, as were the other ‘goodies’ we had to share in.

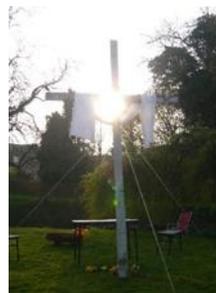
Such a special start to the day. A day that continued with another joyful Service of Holy Communion at 10.00am, which included the renewal of our Baptismal vows; and the blessing of the new altar frontal, which many people had taken part in making. Then, in the afternoon our Service of Evensong with the Cathedral choir; what wonderful singing!

Three very different Services, but all filled with joy, all celebrating Jesus, our risen Lord and Saviour.

As we continue in this Easter season, may our lives be filled with the joy of knowing Jesus and living in his Resurrection Power.

Jesus is alive!
May all God’s people rejoice;
be Easter people

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, type in the Meeting ID, and the Password (which can be obtained from Qyan): **Sunday 24th April, 10am Traditional 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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am



The Electoral Roll will be updated before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 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**. Please note that the Roll closes this coming Sunday 24th April. No more additions can be made from then until after the APCM on 11th May. Thanks.

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.

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**.



Quiet Gardens in Leicestershire

The season runs from May to September each year. Most days start at 10am with coffee and biscuits, then finish at 4pm.

We all know that Jesus would go away regularly by Himself in order to pray. When the crowds pressed in on Him, he would slip away to be on his own with God. We know, too, that he told us to do the same. But it's hard for most of us, isn't it, for one reason or another? Quiet Gardens in Leicestershire was formed over twenty years ago, with the aim of providing 'quiet spaces' where people can take a break from demands, slow down and just be with God – and themselves! A programme of Gardens is provided each year throughout the county and the aim is to make them as accessible as possible both in location and cost. There are several different venues; abbeys and retreat houses and private gardens large and small. A leader gently moves us into the quiet by giving short talks to help us in our reflections; all are experienced in helping people develop their relationship with God. Guests are then free to 'do their own thing': some draw, paint or do craftwork; others read, pray or even doze! All we ask is for people to respect the quiet. There are no guarantees, of course. Some will have a deep spiritual experience; some will find that the benefit comes later and some will just have a rest! Then a short act of Christian worship concludes what most participants find is a relaxing and rewarding day - whatever happens! To find out more and view the programme of events for 2022 [visit the Quiet Gardens website here.](#)



His Love

God sent His Son to take the punishment
For all the thoughtless, sinful things we do;
Jesus gave his life because He loves us;
His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.
On Easter morn He showed He is our Savior;
His resurrection proves He is our Lord.
That is why we tell you,
"Happy Easter!"
He secured our heavenly reward!

By Joanna Fuchs
Poemsource.com

It's impossible to find any other
who could suffer, die,
and be resurrected,
to give an eternal gift
to humankind.
That's Jesus.
That's Easter.

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Shop Assistant, Christian Resources Bookshop, St. Martin's House Leicester

A part-time position has become available within the business for a Bookshop Assistant. The work is for 12 hours per week, usually spread over 3 days with some Saturday work as needed. Flexibility is essential. The job will include all aspects of retail work including stock control, customer relations, and cash handling. [Find out more here.](#)

Open Church resumes on Thursday 28th April at 9am with Morning Prayer, then BCP (said) communion at 10am. The church and parish centre will remain open until 12 noon. Come along and enjoy refreshments and free wifi if needed! Stay for however long you wish. All welcome.

Collect for Easter Day Almighty Father, you have given your Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 May Weir and all those who have died as a result of Covid 19.



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