

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN

3rd April 2022, 5th Sunday of Lent, Passiontide



Readings for Sun 3rd April : Isaiah 43 vs 16-21; John 12 vs 1-8

Dear Friends, this Sunday is Passion Sunday, the start of the final two weeks of Lent, Passiontide. We mostly use the word **passion** to refer to a 'strong and barely controllable emotion', or to refer to the intensity of our feelings towards someone, something, or an area of interest, but the root of the word **passion** comes from the Latin word **pati** meaning 'to suffer'. In English, **passion** was used to refer to the suffering and death of Jesus.

These two weeks, therefore, are a particular time of reflection and meditation on Christ's suffering and death for us, and the liturgy continually reminds us of the reason why Jesus endured His Passion - His love for us, for the whole world, to heal us from our sins, to bring us who were far off near to God, to reconcile us to God through the cross. It is also a time when we recount the events leading up to Christ's Crucifixion.

As we spend time reflecting on Christ's suffering and death here in church, may you find ways to reflect on it at home and elsewhere too, through traditional hymns like 'When I survey the wondrous Cross', 'And Can it Be' and 'Before the Throne of God Above', or through Bible readings from these two weeks such as, John 11:1-45 (the story of Lazarus being raised from the dead); Luke 22 and 23 (we will be using Luke's Gospel for our Passion Play this year, but you could read sections of it before, to have more time to reflect on it). You could also reflect on artwork such as The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci, The Betrayal of Christ by Anthony van Dyck, The Crucifixion by Andrea Mantegna, or by creating something yourself, as you reflect. If you want to explore less famous pictures and paintings, or have a commentary written on them to help you reflect, take a look at:

<https://thevcs.org/themes/passiontide-and-easter//>

There is also a performance, by a choir forty-five strong, of the moving choral work 'The Crucifixion', set to music by John Stainer, taking place in St. Denys on

Wednesday 13th April at 7.30pm, to which all are welcome.



Praying you may have an enriching and reflective final two weeks of Lent. With love, **Sian**

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 3rd April, 10am Holy Communion** in church and on Zoom; ID: 820 0369 6332

Lent Course 'The Difference Course' 4th session on Sunday 3rd April, 6pm in person in church followed by **Compline** finishing at approximately 7.30pm.

Online Lent Course 4th session on Thursday 7th April 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: 9am on Monday and Tuesday, 8.30am on Wednesday and Thursday in person only. **Thursday Drop in, 7th April until 12pm**, in person, in church: 8.30am prayers, 10am BCP Holy Communion (said), 12noon prayers, with free wifi and refreshments.

Easter Flowers If anyone would like to make a contribution towards the purchase of flowers for the Easter displays in church, it would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donations in one of the specially labelled envelopes on the table at the back of the church. We are also looking for people to help with arranging the flowers, which will take place on Easter Saturday, 16th April. If you would like to help with the flower arrangements, please give your name to the Churchwarden, **Gerry Goode**.



HOLY WEEK Dates for your Diary :

Palm Sunday 10th April, 9.45am, Procession beginning outside the church, Holy Communion & Reading of The Passion

Monday 11th, Morning Prayer 9am, Compline 6pm

Tuesday 12th, Morning Prayer 9am, Compline 6pm

Weds 13th, Morning Prayer, 9am, Performance of The Crucifixion 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday 14th, Chrism Eucharist, 11am, St. James the Greater

Maundy Thursday 14th, Bring and Share Supper with Communion, 6pm

Good Friday 15th, Children's Activity Morning, 10-12noon; The Last Hour, 2pm

Easter Day 17th, Dawn Service, 5.15am; Easter Communion 10am; Festal Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, 4pm



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.

Poem: Man does not live by bread alone – by Kirby Page, sent in by Revd Anthony, chosen for the funeral service of Mary Powell held last Friday.

Man does not live by bread alone, but by beauty and harmony, truth and goodness, work and recreation, affection and friendship, aspiration and worship.

Not by bread alone, but by the splendour of the firmament at night, the glory of the heavens at dawn, the blending of colours at sunset, the loveliness of magnolia trees, the magnificence of mountains.

Not by bread alone, but by the majesty of ocean breakers, the shimmer of moonlight on a calm lake, the flashing silver of a mountain torrent, the exquisite patterns of snow crystals, the creations of artists.

Not by bread alone, but by the sweet song of a mockingbird, the rustle of the wind in the trees, the magic of a violin, the sublimity of a softly lighted cathedral.

Not by bread alone, but by the fragrance of roses, the scent of orange blossoms, the smell of new mown hay, the clasp of a friend's hand, the tenderness of a mother's kiss.

Not by bread alone, but by the lyrics of poets, the wisdom of sages, the holiness of saints, the biographies of great souls.

Not by bread alone, but by comradeship and high adventure, seeking and finding, serving and sharing, loving and being loved.

Not by bread alone, but by being faithful in prayer, responding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, finding and doing the loving will of God, now and eternally.



Platinum Jubilee Planning A further OPEN MEETING will be held in church after the 10am service this Sunday 3rd April. Come along, find out what is happening and how you can help.

Service Pattern Following Monday's PCC meeting, there will be an announcement this Sunday about significant changes to our worship after Easter.

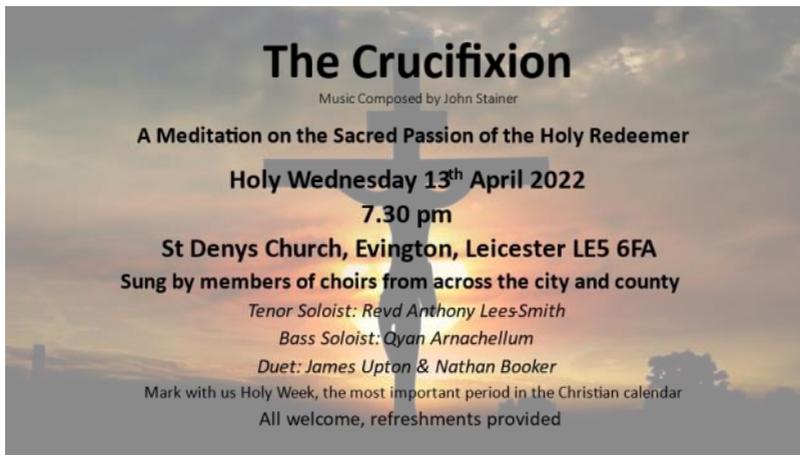
Thursdays over Easter Please note that church will not be open on Thursday 14th April or Thursday 21st April. On Thursday 14th which is Maundy Thursday you are welcome to join the clergy at St James the Greater for the annual diocesan chism eucharist at 11am.

Neighbourhood Patches The next art workshop will be using appliqué techniques with a variety of fabrics to create patches for the Faith and Friendship Tent. Come and learn new skills at the same time as making new friends of different faiths and cultures. The session will run from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 9th April in the Parish Centre. Places are limited so to book, contact Anthony.

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine in their terrible suffering.



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.

A poster for a service titled 'The Crucifixion'. The background is a silhouette of a cross against a sunset sky. The text is centered and reads: 'The Crucifixion' in large bold letters, followed by 'Music Composed by John Stainer'. Below that is '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', and 'Sung by members of choirs from across the city and county'. It lists soloists: 'Tenor Soloist: Revd Anthony Lees-Smith', 'Bass Soloist: Qyan Arnachellum', and a duet: 'Duet: James Upton & Nathan Booker'. At the bottom, it says 'Mark with us Holy Week, the most important period in the Christian calendar' and 'All welcome, refreshments provided'.

Collect for 5th Sunday of Lent Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Jean Campbell, Simon Cole QPM (recently retired Chief Constable of Leicestershire), Mary Powell and all those who have died as a result of Covid 19.



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www.stdenys.org.uk