

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 29th May 2022, Easter 7, Sunday after Ascension Day



Readings for today: Acts 16 vs 16-34; John 17 vs 20—end

Dear Friends,

I am sure many of us will know well, Dame Vera Lynn's rendition of 'Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye' and that may well be in our minds as we say goodbye to Nigel this week; but it isn't 'luck' we should be wishing him as he goes on his way, across to the far side of the city.

Someone on social media tweeted: 'Luck is a way to try to explain things without including God in the discussion.' Luck is all about chance or accident, rather than about design or purpose. Some people make an idol out of luck, seeing everything that happens in life as about good or bad luck.

The Bible tells us about a God who is very different to 'luck'. James writes that 'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.' (James 1.17) All that is good in our life is not down to luck but down to God. We don't thank our lucky stars, we thank the one whose hands flung the stars into space, those same hands that were surrendered to cruel nails on the cross.

Last Sunday, Nigel told us something of how his new job in Braunstone came about. It had nothing to do with luck but everything to do with a God who is in control, who knows our every need and who works for our good and according to his purposes.

We shall of course miss Nigel's amazing stories, his dubious sense of humour and his deep faith, but as we wave him and Alison goodbye, let's not wish them luck but wish them more of the good and perfect gifts that our heavenly Father wants to lavish upon them and let's pray that they will continue to be as much a blessing in their new parish as they have been in Evington.

Yours in Christ, **Anthony**

Easter Thought: Paschal Lamb, thine offering finished, once for all when thou wast slain, in it's fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain. Alleluia, Alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Thursday May 26th 10am Ascension Day Communion

Thursday 26th 1pm Funeral service of the late Peter Burgess in church

Friday May 27th 10am Musical Toddler Group in the parish centre

Friday 27th 2.30pm Funeral service of the late Joyce Reece in church and parish centre

Friday 27th 7pm Youth Group in the parish centre

Sun May 29th 10am Traditional Holy Communion, Revd Nigel's last service in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

Tuesday 31st 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group in the parish centre

Wed 1st June 10am Evington Family History Group 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.

THE RATCLIFFE CHORALE

Renowned Leicestershire Choir

Present in concert

'Music for a Summer's Evening'

In St. Denys Church

Saturday 18th June 2022, 7.30pm

Entry is free but donations for the work of St. Denys will be much appreciated.

Thank you.

Refreshments provided

All welcome, please spread the word!

Revd Nigel and Alison; may God richly bless you both as you enter the next chapter of your ministry, in Braunstone. May you feel his presence and providence as you seek to serve him to the praise and glory of his name. Thank you for your ministry here. We shall miss you! With love and best wishes from all at St. Denys.

Nigel's Final Service and Pub Night On Sunday 29th May at 10am, we will say a fond farewell to Nigel and Alison. Please do come to the service, and stay for cake and fizz afterwards. There will be no 3pm service on Sunday. In the evening at 7.30pm, you are also welcome to join Nigel for his last pub night at the Cedars.

The Revd Nigel Rostock - Licensing date Further to the announcement advising that The Revd Nigel Rostock has been appointed as Vicar and Pioneer Priest in the Benefice of St Peter Braunstone Park, we can now confirm that Nigel's Institution and Induction service will be conducted by the Bishop of Leicester, The Rt Revd Martyn Snow on Monday 18 July at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Braunstone.

Confirmation Service on Sunday 12th June at 10am, welcoming Bishop Saju to confirm several of our young people. There will be no 3pm service that day. If you would like to take this opportunity to be confirmed, the 29th May is the final deadline to contact Anthony about it.

Are you someone who likes reading? I am looking for more people to join the rotas for reading the lessons and preparing and delivering the intercessions during Sunday morning services. Your 'turn' would be once every few weeks, shared amongst everyone who is on the rota. A few people have had to pull out permanently for various reasons leaving us short. If you think you could be a part of this important ministry, please do get in touch to find out more. E-mail: office@stdenys.org.uk or telephone 07803 828454 **Qyan**

Jubilee Garden Party Please do advertise the event on 4th June to all your friends and neighbours. We now have the promise of a couple of classic cars as well as all the stalls, games and teas. There will be a display of archives in the church and film footage of the Coronation. Janette would love your memories of that occasion in writing to add to the display. We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Saju to open the community garden in the car park and launch the Faith and Friendship Tent. It is all set to be a great occasion! If you can help for part of the afternoon on stalls, church sitting and with serving teas, please sign up. On the day we will be setting up from around 9am and would appreciate help from anyone able to carry tables, set up gazebos and cart equipment around. Many thanks.



From Foodbanks to Good Food for All: Responding locally to the cost of living crisis: Tuesday 21 June 7.00-8.30pm - Zoom

This upcoming online event is for those interested in hearing about emerging local responses to the cost of living crisis. Guest contributors will include Simone Connolly, CEO of Fare Share, Sian Rigby, Food Poverty Officer at Leicestershire County Council and Elaine Smith, Together Leicester Development Worker. There are so many different emerging responses, from foodbanks to food pantries, from community kitchens to cook and eat hubs, it can all be quite confusing. What might work in my community and are there any tips for setting one up in a sustainable way? We hope this evening will answer some of your questions. To register for this free event, which is organised by the diocesan social responsibility panel, please email Peter Yates pyates@talktalk.net.

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter 7 Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know 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, Kimberley Tyler. **Pray for those who mourn**, including the family and friends of Peter Burgess, Edith Flewitt, Harry Houlden, Marlene Kirk, The Reverend David Morris (Minister at Wycliffe Church and Community of Grace) Joyce Reece, Valerie Wright and those who have died due to Covid 19.



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