

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 8th May 2022, Easter 4



Readings for Easter 3: Acts 9 vs 36-end; John 10 vs 22-30

Dear Friends, would you describe yourself as "adventurous"?
Would your friends and family describe you as such?

Part of me likes to think of myself as adventurous, but I know that my friends and family wouldn't describe me that way. I am often very risk averse, considering every potential pitfall of a given action, or as my dad says, "trying to cross bridges before I get to them!"

I've recently been challenged about this in relation to living life with God. You see, God invites us to join Him on a "big adventure", and when we step out with Him into the unknown, even when it seems risky to our eyes and mind, God works in, through and around us in ways far greater than we can ask or imagine!

Part of our risk averseness is probably related to our personality. Detail-focused people perhaps spot the coming risks easier than those who focus on the big picture or grand vision, and those differences are an important part of the Body of Christ. If no one ever considered any risks, a lot of pain and harm would result for ourselves, each other and others who are not yet part of God's church. If no one ever considers the big picture or grand vision, it would be hard to see where God is calling us to, and even harder for us to be bold enough to step into that calling.

And yet... God invites each of us to join Him on a BIG ADVENTURE, and this has a crucial difference between any other adventure or risky endeavour - we do it **with** Him. The Holy Spirit "does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 Tim 1:7), and when we walk in God's Spirit, our lives and the lives of those around us are transformed for good. So, I've decided that I want to go on a big adventure with God. Would you like to join me? With love and prayers. **Siân**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 8th May 10am Traditional Holy Communion in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

Sunday 8th May 3pm Informal Worship in church

Tuesday 10th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group meet in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 11th 7pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in church

Thursday 12th 7pm Evington History & Heritage Group meet in the Centre.

Friday 13th 10am Musical Toddlers Group meet in the Parish Centre

Friday 13th 7pm Youth Group meet in the Parish Centre

Saturday 14th 2pm Wedding of Katie and Chris in church

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

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

CONNECT Women's Breakfast Connect, Equip & Release Women; What a great opportunity to come together as women to have some time to Connect with God & Connect with each other and receive some teaching from the Connect team.

Cost: £10.00 (plus booking fee) Includes breakfast.

In Leicester City centre (address on eventbrite, or talk with Sian)

8.30am-11am, Saturday 28th May.

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/connect-womens-breakfast-tickets-315399988857>

(please email connect@legacyministriesint.org with any dietary requirements)

Sian will be going, so if you are interested but not sure, or aren't confident about booking online, please contact Sian. Spaces are limited, so early booking is needed.



Sunday 8th May 10am is the first traditional Holy Communion service in our new pattern of services. It would be lovely if we could have a group of singers/choir to sing during the distribution of communion. We had singers last week at Matins to great

success! If you would like to sing, please arrive at the church at 9.30am for a short practise. Thank you. **Anthony**



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. Please send your memories of the 1950s (long or short; with or without photos) to Janette janpears13@aol.com so she can put together a display. If you don't have access to email, you can write them out and leave them in a marked envelope in church. Janette would also like help from someone with a large car to collect documents from the records office on 31st May. Please contact Janette or Anthony if you can help. Thank you.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Wednesday 11th May, 7pm in church, followed by refreshments (if you can help with this, please speak to Anthony), 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. Please note that if you cannot attend in person, you can tune in via Zoom ID 820 0369 6332 (usual passcode) to observe only, but you won't be allowed to vote on matters. If you have any questions, please submit them to Elizabeth Rudge: elizabeth@rudges.org.uk by Tuesday evening. The up to date list of those people who are on the Electoral Roll is 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 last weeks bulletin. Many thanks.



Crucifer at Sunday Morning Services 10am We would like to have someone to carry the cross at the beginning and end of Sunday morning services. If you would like to fulfil this role, please be at church by 9.45am at the latest and Anthony will guide you as to what to do.

Nigel Rostock's last service with us will be on Sunday 29th May at 10am the only service in church that day. If you would like to contribute to a parting gift for Nigel and Alison, please give it to our Treasurer Michael White, in a marked envelope. Many thanks.

THIRD TUESDAY COFFEE, CAKE & FELLOWSHIP 10—12 noon! Ladies & gentlemen that were part of the Mothers' Union and Ladies Group, will meet in the Parish Centre on the Third Tuesday of each month to maintain fellowship with friends made over the years.

EVERYONE is welcome, whether you were part of these groups before or not! If the pandemic has taught us anything, it has made us all aware of the need for friends! Please join us - partners and friends, **all are welcome!** A small charge of £2.50 each is made, for freshly made cake and as much coffee as you like!

The Ratcliffe Choral from Leicestershire will be performing a concert of music in St. Denys Church on Saturday 18th June (evening, exact time to be confirmed). Please reserve this date in your diary! All welcome.

Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, 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. **Pray for those who mourn**, including the family and friends of Edith Flewitt, Harry Houlden, The Reverend David Morris (Minister at Wycliffe Church and Community of Grace) Joyce Reece, Margaret Webb, May Weir and all those who have died as a result of Covid 19. **Pray for those to be married**, especially Katie & Chris who will marry in St. Denys on 14th May.



If you need to talk, please get in touch:

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