

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 19th June 2022 1st Sunday after Trinity



Readings for today: Galatians 3 vs 23-end; Luke 8 vs 26-39

Dear Friends,

What an amazing couple of weeks! It was wonderful to join together with Bishop Saju last week to celebrate with our young people and candidates from elsewhere in the city as they confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ, a time of great delight and joy!

In some ways, the contrast between the busyness and fun of the past few weeks fits well with the church calendar. We now enter "Ordinary Time" when we aren't "in" any other particular season. Yet, the previous 2 Sundays have celebrated first Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and Trinity Sunday - reminding us that we worship 1 God in 3 persons, who invites us into a living relationship with Him, invites us to be a part of His living relationship.

So perhaps this time is not so "ordinary". You see, as we go about our everyday, "ordinary" lives, we can do that in an active ongoing relationship with God, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and so those ordinary, everyday moments become, through the Holy Spirit, far from ordinary.

I encourage you, this week, to consciously bring those ordinary, everyday activities (school, work, shopping, socialising with friends, quieter times at home, etc) to God and ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to be made visible to you and to others in those activities. They might be dramatic, more often it's not, but somehow you and those you meet will never quite be the same, because God is involved. Imagine how our world would be transformed if every Christian led their ordinary, everyday lives empowered by the Holy Spirit! With love, **Sian**.



COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 19th 10am Traditional Matins with hymns in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan); **3pm Informal Communion** in church

Monday 20th 2pm Monday Meet in the parish centre

Tuesday 21st 10am Coffee, Cake & Fellowship in parish centre

Tuesday 21st 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group church and parish centre

Wednesday 22nd 10am Evington Family History Group in parish centre

Friday 24th 10am Musical Toddler Group in parish centre

Friday 24th 6.30pm Youth Group in 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.*

All welcome, Refreshments provided

Evington Faith and Friendship Tent As you will be aware, the Jubilee celebrations at St. Denys saw the launch of the brand new 'Faith and Friendship' tent that many people from the church and wider Evington community have been working so hard to create. Diomail has included a comprehensive article on this project. Please click on the following link to read the report:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/evington-faith-and-friendship-tent.php>

Confirmation of Grace, Hilary, Liam, Luke and Dean

Sunday's Confirmation service with Bishop Saju was a wonderful joyful occasion when we were joined by friends from Christ Church, Thurnby Lodge and the Community of the Tree of Life supporting their own candidates too. We had five young people being confirmed from St Denys who Sarah has been working with on Friday nights. Dean made brownies for everyone and the Bishop got us all to sing Happy Birthday to Grace who turned 15 the same day. Sarah is also acting as sponsor for our five young people as they continue to grow in their faith.



Hilary said, "Sunday was a really good day for me. Bishop Saju made me feel more comfortable with everything in the service because he wasn't super serious. When he put the oil on my head, it felt very special. Even though there were a lot of us, it didn't feel rushed. I really liked what he said about punctuation in his sermon. It helped me think about my confirmation as a comma not a full stop! I'm looking forward to using my new Bible and I love the picture frame Sarah gave me with the lyrics from the 'Oceans' song I sang in the service. Lots of church people were really pleased for me and spoke to me afterwards which really helped me feel part of the church family again."

Dear lovely **One Roof Leicester** volunteers and supporters; I'm very excited to finally be advertising our upcoming fundraising event featuring the [N'Ukes](#), a local ukulele band. Some of you may remember them from previous events, including the celebration evening in early 2020, just before the onset of the pandemic. Two of the members are volunteers, but we are not biased - the N'Ukes are enormously talented, and their gigs are really fun! The fundraiser will be held on Saturday 25th June at: St Philip's Church, Evington Road, Leicester LE2 1HN. Tickets are £10, and include refreshments (samosas, pizza, etc) which will be available from 7 pm and during the interval, with the first set beginning at 7:30 pm. To book your ticket(s) please click [here](#). We look forward to seeing you on the 25th. Kind regards, **Karyn**

COFFEE, CAKE & FELLOWSHIP on the third Tuesday each month. The group will meet next on 21st June in the parish centre, from 10am — 12 noon. £2.50 for as much coffee as you can drink and a slice of homemade cake, All are welcome!

Collect for 1st Sunday after Trinity God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in the ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Pray for the sick, in mind, body and spirit, including: Brenda Bedingfield, Mick Clay, Nadine Heaphy, John Nightingale, David Pearson, Kimberley Tyler. **Pray for those who mourn**, including the family and friends of David Morris, Valerie Wright and those who have died due to Covid 19.



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St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and Youth Work:
www.stdenys.org.uk