

ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 26th June 2022 2nd Sunday after Trinity



Readings for today: Galations 5 vs 1, 13-25; Luke 9 vs 51—end

Dear Friends

Last week I was laid up with Covid. It was my first personal experience of the virus and, although I am deeply grateful that I've had my vaccinations and so it was not as bad as it could have been, it was not fun! While languishing in bed, with a fever and a throat that felt like sandpaper, I felt terrible for missing the things I had planned to do all week. But it was a good lesson for me!

I wonder if you have heard of the modern affliction that is FOMO, the Fear Of Missing Out... It's a well-attested condition that has been made much worse by social media. Thanks to the volume of Instagram photos and Tweets showing us how amazing and exciting everybody else's life is, many of us today are haunted by a pervasive and all-consuming fear that other people are doing something or know something that we don't. We feel left out, frustrated, jealous and resentful.

Of course, we don't need to be on social media to also find those unhelpful thoughts worming their way into our minds when we are at home on our own. It's all too easy to imagine everyone else is having a great time or receiving lots of visitors or enjoying a much deeper relationship with God.

The Bible may not have been written in a FOMO age but God clearly isn't unaware of those feelings either. The psalms are full of wrestling with envious thoughts and questions about why others seem to be prospering while the faithful suffer.

At the heart of FOMO lies a deep unhappiness and discontent with our own lives. St Paul hits the nail on the head: "In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4.12-13). As I try to take things slowly post-Covid, I know I need to learn more about the kind of gratitude and contentment that comes from a greater reliance on God's strength and not mine.

Every blessing, **Anthony**

COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

Sunday 26th 10am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

Sunday 26th 3pm Informal Worship in church

Tuesday 28th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group church and parish centre

Wednesday 29th 10am Evington Family History Group in parish centre

Friday 1st July 10am Musical Toddler 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.

PUB NIGHT It is the last Sunday of the month so all are welcome to join us for a social drink on Sunday 26th June from 7.30pm at the Cow and Plough.

Ordinations Please pray for Mark and all those being ordained Deacon or Priest at this Petertide, the beginning of July.

Ratcliffe Chorale Concert Many thanks to all of you that were able to come and support the concert last Saturday evening in church. It was a lovely, informal evening with 39 in the audience, not bad considering the poor weather and the fact that there were at least three other concerts being performed in the city and county at the same time. A big thank you to Kay for providing the refreshments and to Penny and Jacqui for helping her on the evening itself. At the time of writing, the total amount raised isn't known but it was noted just how generous people were being on the night itself. Thank you again.

The music itself was very varied, including the gorgeous 'Locus Iste' by Bruckner (I encourage you to listen to a recording of this), Ave Verum (Mozart) Gloria (Vivaldi) the White Cliffs of Dover, Is This the Way to Amarillo, Dream a Little Dream and a couple of delightful organ solos, amongst much else, truly, something for everyone.

Date for Your Diary: The next concert will be an organ recital given by the very talented former Leicester Cathedral organist, Simon Headley ARCO (Associate of the Royal College of Organists) on Saturday 10th September at 7pm.

Journey In Faith Course The Diocese is running the ever popular 'Journey in Faith Course' again this year for anyone who wishes to explore and deepen their faith further. Further details are given below:

What is the Journey in Faith Course?

A 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to:
Grow in knowledge of the Christian faith.
Deepen their relationship with God.
Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory session Saturday 24th September 10am-12.00

Course venues South Wigston Monday evening, Coalville Tuesday evening, Leicester Wednesday evening, Hinckley Thursday evening.

Who can join? It is open to anyone—there is some reading to do between sessions but you don't need to have done any studying before.

Is there a cost? £40 per term to cover venue hire and materials but speak to us if this is a barrier.

How do I join a course? For more information or to register contact Liz Rawlings (liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org)

The Light of Jesus—A Friend

*Nobody drowns in the water of life
No-one starves eating the fruit from the Tree of Life
The Light will be a candle in my darkest hour
A stream of water when I thirst for peace
Bread when I hunger for hope
The Light will be a lamp in my darkest hour
And a Friend when all seems lost*

Frank Blacharczyk



- More Genuine items seen in church newsletters, to make you smile!** 1. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..
2. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
 3. Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
 4. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
 5. This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
 6. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
 7. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.
 8. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM ... The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
 9. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
 10. And this one just about sums them all up:
The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:
'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

Collect for 2nd Sunday after Trinity Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



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