

# ST DENYS CHURCH EVINGTON WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 3rd July 2022 3rd Sunday after Trinity *Proper 9*



*Readings for today: Galatians 6 vs 7-16; Luke 10 vs 1-11, 16-20*

Dear Friends, I like others, have very recently had Covid. One of the symptoms I experienced, I only became aware of after 2 or 3 days – I lost my sense of smell. I suddenly realised that I could not smell freshly-done toast, something I love! Thankfully, it was only a few days later, that I was able to just begin to catch the tiniest hint of gooseberry (home-grown) crumble cooking.

Smell, one of our senses, is a gift from God; and something that, at times, we may find helps bring us closer to our loving Creator; just as when, using another of our senses, we sometimes take the time to really stop, look and enjoy seeing all the beauty and intricacy in creation – perhaps on a Walk with Wonder.

In our garden, we have several roses with beautiful fragrance. Sometimes, walking past people's gardens, unexpectedly a delicate fragrance from the flowers reaches you, as it is carried gently on the breeze. Moments to enjoy, rejoice in and thank God for, as we use that gift, our sense of smell.

Sometimes, fragrance is used in worship; some churches use incense. Incense can be a reminder, symbolic, of our prayers going up to God. In chapter 5 of the book of Revelation, we read how the twenty-four elders near the throne of God, each hold a golden bowl, full of incense, the incense being the prayers of the saints.

And a Haiku, of praise and thanks:

God, for our senses,  
enhancing our lives, our world,  
we thank and praise you.

And may we rejoice in all our senses and all God's good gifts to us. **Geraldine**



## COMING UP AT ST DENYS THIS WEEK:

**Sunday 3rd 10am Matins with hymns** in church and on Zoom (ID: 820 0369 6332; password available from Qyan)

**Sunday 3rd 3pm Informal Holy Communion** in church

**Monday 4th 2pm Monday Meet** in the parish centre

**Tuesday 5th 7.30pm Cruse Bereavement Group** meet in the parish centre

**Wednesday 6th 10am Evington Family History Group** meet in parish centre

**Friday 8th 10am Musical Toddler Group** in parish centre

**Friday 8th 7pm Youth Group** meet in the parish centre

**Saturday 9th Faith and Friendship Group** meet in parish centre (Time to be confirmed...check with Anthony)

**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.

**Ordinations** Please pray for Mark and all those being ordained Deacon or Priest at this Petertide, on Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd July. Mark will be ordained on Sunday 3rd in St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray and his first service at St Denys as our curate will be at 10am on Sunday 10th July.



**Youth Work** After the disruption of Covid, it has been great to get things going regularly again over the past few months. Youth club is running every other Friday. I have been visiting a local high school running a Christian Union on a weekly basis. Monthly, it has been great to work with the cadets where I run sessions focusing on mental health and well-being. The Musical Toddler group runs every Friday with lots of lovely families from the community. I have also been meeting up with our young people as they prepared for their recent confirmation, and if you were at that service, I am sure you will agree that it was a lovely celebration to be a part of. This week we were visited by a year 7 class from The City of Leicester College, and hopefully more classes will be coming to visit us at the start of the new term in September.

This has all been a reminder of the opportunities that we have, to engage with our local community, when there isn't a pandemic, and I am excited to see how things progress as we move towards the summer and the start of a new school term. **Sarah**



**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](mailto:liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org))

**EVINGTON FETE AND SHOW, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022** We are really looking forward to playing our part in the fete and show this year after such a long gap. There will be displays in church and the Faith and Friendship Tent will be up again. At 3pm the Pheon Singers (a choir made up of alumni from the chapel choir of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge ... including some familiar faces!) will be singing beautiful music for choral evensong. In the parish centre there will be afternoon teas available ... and this is where we need your help! We would love a small team to organize the provision of cakes and the serving of teas. Please let Gerry, Chris or Anthony know as soon as possible if you could be part of that small team.

**Ratcliffe Chorale Concert** Thanks again to all those who supported the concert on 18th June in any way. After expenses, a total of £312.88 was raised plus an amount, unknown as yet, donated through the card machine. A great result.

## **Year 7 City of Leicester College Visit to St. Denys, A message from the Head, Jill Carr**

Thank you so much, Sarah and Anthony, for hosting Year 7 yesterday! The class had a fantastic time! They wrote down a few of the things they enjoyed the most.

Here are some of the comments that they made:

'One thing I enjoyed was that they were really kind, and they answered our questions in detail.'

'The thing I enjoyed about the church was the baptism bit where they baptise babies/adults'

'My favourite part about my visit to the church was learning about the stained glass windows with images'

'I most enjoyed learning about the communion and when the wafer was passed around'

'I enjoyed the bell tower the most because it was a very close thing to my religion (Islam)'

'I enjoyed everything at the church, but my favourite is the part where you showed us the organ as it was really cool!'

'The thing I enjoyed most is how Sarah explained everything so well'

'I enjoyed learning about the church itself as I have always been curious on how it looks inside. The church felt very peaceful and calm'

'I enjoyed when we sat in the choir stalls and listened to the explanation of the altar and the stained-glass windows, and we saw the wafer with Jesus on it'

**Collect for 3rd Sunday after Trinity** God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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



**If you need to talk, please get in touch:**

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St. Denys website, including the Giving Links for Church and Youth Work:

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