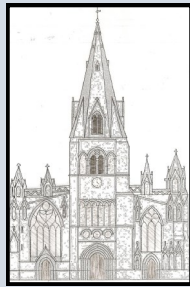


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**The church is open daily from 9.30am.
Morning prayer will be said (Mon, Tues,
Thurs and Fri) at 8.45am whenever
possible.**

Prayer

(Alternative Collect for Funerals & Memorial Services)

Father of all, by whose mercy and grace your saints remain in everlasting light and peace: we remember with thanksgiving those whom we love but see no longer; we pray that in them your perfect will may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome to the St Denys Bulletin!!

If you have an item you would like included in the St Denys Bulletin please email office.stdenys1@btconnect.com, by the Wednesday before the first Friday of every month.

Current Parish Office opening times
Mon, Weds and Fri 9-11am

NOVEMBER SERVICES IN CHURCH

Sundays at 10am
Sung Holy Communion

Wednesdays at 10am
Said Holy Communion

Sunday, 7th November
5pm Evensong

Wednesday, 11th November
10.55am - Remembrance Service on the Market Place

Sunday, 14th November
Remembrance Sunday
Service starts at 9.30am
5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday, 21st November
5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday, 28th November
5pm Advent Carols

Sunday, 5th December
8.30am BCP
5pm Evensong

REMEMBRANCE

As we move into November we begin a season of Remembrance. The centrepiece of the month is, of course, Remembrance Sunday, and I have said much about that on other occasions. This autumn has also had a Remembrance focus for me. Two events have been significant. First, I was invited (wearing my RAF hat) to dedicate a memorial in Spalding. In September 1953 Pilot Officer George Furniss, an Auxiliary Pilot with 616 Squadron was flying his Gloster Meteor near Spalding when it caught fire. He lost power but rather than ejecting and saving his own life he stayed with the aircraft gliding it away from the built up area of the town. It crashed in a field near Vernatt's Drain and George Furniss did not survive. He left a wife and twin daughters who were only 12 months old. George's daughters, who have been researching their father story, were present at the ceremony to unveil the new memorial to their father who sacrificed his life to save the lives of many. The second event was closer to home. Charles Penson had been a pupil at the William Alvey School. He had originally joined the Royal Navy but transferred to the RAF. He was part of the crew performing test flights on the R38 airship over the Humber in 1921 when the airship folded and collapsed, descending in ball of flames into the Humber. Charles Penson's funeral service took place in our Parish Church, and he was buried in the town cemetery 100 years ago. Children from the Alvey School have been learning about his story in their history lessons and we held a memorial service in the church to mark the centenary of his death. Both of these deaths occurred in peace time and are not normally remembered on Remembrance Sunday when we tend to focus on those who died time of war, but these two stories have caused me to reflect on who we remember and why we remember.

Over the past 18 months many people from this church and town have died. Some of Covid, some with Covid, and others unrelated to Covid. In the early days of the pandemic I took many funerals with only one or two people present. Many had the hope that the pandemic would soon be over and they could have a memorial service for their loved one. But the months have rolled by and they are probably at a different place in the bereavement journey that they were at the time of death. The pandemic forced us to be creative in how we marked the loss of a loved one and how we remember them. That task is far from being completed as the pandemic is not yet over.

At every funeral I commend the soul of the person who has died to the love of God ... that happens whether the church is full or whether it is just me and the undertakers ... but the way remember is very personal and the way we do it can change over time. The stories of Charles Penson and George Furniss remind us that memories can be very long and that it is important to remember because our history is our story.

Fr Philip

BIBLE VERSE

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8.38-39*

7th November - 3rd before Advent:

Jonah 3.1-10, Psalm 62

Hebrews 9.24-end, Mark 1.14-20

14th November - Remembrance

Daniel 12.1-3 Psalm 16

Hebrews 10.11-25, Mark 13.1-8

21st November: Christ The King

Daniel 7.9-14, Psalm 93

Revelation 1.4-8, John 18.33-37

28th November - Advent I:

Jeremiah 33.14-16 5.1-11, Psalm 25

Thessalonians 3.9-end, Luke 21.25-36

5th December - Advent II:

Malachi 3.1-4, Psalm

Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Please remember that the Holy Communion service starts at 9.30am on 14th November.

There will be no parking on the Market Place that day.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Emma will be selling Christmas Cards at the back of the Church from the **7th November** to raise funds for a trip to Borneo, part of which will be spent working on projects to help the local communities.

FESTIVAL of DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES

SLEAFORD
METHODIST CHURCH
NORTHGATE

SATURDAY Nov 27th
10am – 4pm
SUNDAY Nov 28th
11am – 5pm

FREE ADMISSION
(Donations welcome)

Refreshments served both days
Facilities for people with disabilities



Crafts by Candlelight

November 6th 2021
1.30pm – 4.30PM

To be held in St.Denis' Church,
Silk Willoughby

Tea•Coffee•Mincepies•Homebaking

A wonderful range of gifts and crafts to browse.
Bric a Brac, Plants, Books, Fantastic Raffle Prizes
Free entrance and easy access.
Off-loading only at church. Parking in School Lane
or Horseshoes car park

Proceeds to St. Denis' church, Silk Willoughby

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16th November at 2 p.m.** in the Parish Room. Our speaker, Jan, will tell us about her experience as a contestant on "Countdown".

The Guild's meetings are always open to everyone. Please come and join us.

KESWICK BIBLE MINISTRY

Friday, 12th November at 7.30pm
Riverside Church

Rev'd Dr Derek Tidball

Derek was Principal of the London School of Theology and has served as pastor of two Baptist churches. Author of 30 plus books and has been involved in theological education overseas. He is married to Dianne and they live in Leicester.

We are still taking names, so if you haven't let us know yet that you can help out with any of the following, do please contact the Parish Office.

- *Readers*
- *Intercessors*
- *Crucifers*
- *Serving Assistants*
- *Collection Counters*



Please remember them in your prayers

ST DENYS BEARS

Every Tuesday, during term-time, 9.30am in the Church Hall.



We now have 18 children on our books, and are still getting new people coming. With Covid restrictions in the Hall this would be a big problem if some of the children were not in the care of child minders as their numbers vary week by week. We love having child minders with us as well as parents.

Also, we have 10 of us, leaders and helpers, and most weeks more come than just the ones on the rota for that week.

Finally, with Fr. Philip's, Paula's and Bryan our helper's skills, we have got our Dvd player to talk to the big TV in the hall and now we can have more relaxed sessions with nursery rhyme accompaniment.

So all is going very well. Thank You God and every one who helps us and prays for us.

Alison Wickstead.

EDWARD EVANS - RN Surgeon

by Douglas Hoare

In the south-east corner of our churchyard is a grave with the following inscription: "To the memory of MR. EDWARD EVANS who died Jan 20 1780 aged 58 years. He was Surgeon to His Majesty's Ship The Egmont and after a successful voyage from America; (being a patron of the musical science) he gave an Organ to this Parish in the year 1772."

Information about Mr. Evans seems hard to discover, but there follow a few fragments about his life and work.

§ He was already surgeon's mate on HMS Lightning. [She was launched in 1740, was an '8-gun bomb vessel' and was captured off Livorno/Leghorn, NW Italy, during the War of the Austrian Succession in 1746. [On 5 June, 1744, he requested to be appointed surgeon's mate about HMS Anglesea, built by Hugh Blaydes in Hull. [During the same war, this vessel too was captured in an engagement with the 50-gun French ship of the line, Apollon, and became L'Anglesea.]

§ On 3 September, 1771, Mr. Evans probably applied for a pension. The records state: "Edward Evans, Surgeon, has served 12 years (on which ship?) and is eligible for superannuation. He has sworn that he is in the 51st year of his age."

§ HMS Egmont: various ships have borne this name, For us the relevant vessel and events in its career are described thus : "HMS Egmont was a 74-gun third rate ship of the line of the Royal Navy launched on 29 August 1768 at Deptford. She was designed by Sir Thomas Slade, and was the only ship built to her draught." [There is a model of this HMS Egmont in the National Maritime Museum.]

§ HMS Buckingham: In the 'Ship's Journal' of Edward Rye [kept in the Northamptonshire Record Office], it mentions that Mr. Evans was indeed on board HMS Egmont on 23 Jan 1771, when the journal commences. However, he "was discharged to HMS Buckingham on 18 Mar 1771".

§ The organ was built by Samuel Green, cost £300 and was used until 1891, and it was transferred to Bradshawgate Primitive Methodist Church in Leigh, Manchester. Alas, we do not know its location - a branch of Iceland now stands on the site! Research continues.

WILLIAM ALVEY SCHOOL

Bishop's Visitor update

As October draws to a close the children are enjoying their Half Term holiday. As usual it has been a busy term and with fewer restrictions in school though not totally back to "normal". Early in the term I went in to school to read a Letter from Bishop Nicholas during an assembly. These are still "virtual" so classes join on-screen – no gathering altogether in the school hall. I was with the Headteacher in his office and the classes and the Vicar joined on the screen. I also donated some books and other items belonging to my grand-daughter, and now outgrown, which were never taken home to Mexico but kept here for her visits to Sleaford. They were distributed to different age groups as appropriate.

On 30th September the Charles Penson Memorial Service was held in St Denys church and led by the Vicar. This was to commemorate the old pupil who died in the airship disaster over Hull 100 years ago. His funeral was held in the church at the time and he is buried in the Cemetery. It was a very moving event. The KS2 children (Y's 3,4,5, and 6) from the Alvey were there and a number of special guests including myself. A group of musicians from RAF Cranwell provided the music and 2 representatives of Hull Minster including a flag-bearer participated. His medals were paraded down the aisle as the school has recently raised funds to buy them. You probably saw the account in the local paper. After the service the guests walked to his grave at the Cemetery and wreaths were laid and prayers said. Then we went into school for refreshments and chat and a look at the Air Raid Museum.

Another boy who died in a tragic accident in Eastgate in 1946 whilst a pupil at the school was remembered in a ceremony in Spalding Cemetery at his grave. He was called Brian Malcolm Fowler and his friend Bob Snowden, who witnessed the accident at the time and has never forgotten, took part, with representatives from the school.

When the children return to classes in November thoughts will turn towards preparations for Christmas no doubt, so hopefully we can look forward to carols, making decorations and celebrating the Nativity.

Beryl Risdell

GROUPS MEETING IN THE CHURCH HALL

Bookings welcome through the Parish Office

For contact details please the Parish Centre noticeboard or email
office.stdenys1@btconnect.com

Group	Day	Time	Frequency
Keep Fit With Kimberley	Monday	9.30am and 10.30am	Weekly
St Denys Bears	Tuesday	9.30am	Weekly during term-time
Communicants' Guild	Tuesday	2pm	Third Tuesday of every month but not Aug or Dec
Sleaford Museum Trust	Tuesday	7.30pm	Alternate months on the 4th Tuesday.
St John Ambulance	Tuesday	6pm	Weekly
Arthritis Care	Wednesday	1.30pm	Fourth Wednesday of each
U3A: Wine Appreciation	Wednesday	7pm	Fourth Wednesday of each month
U3A: Dancing For Fun	Thursday	2pm	Weekly
WW	Friday	9.30am	Weekly
St John Ambulance	Friday	5.30pm	Weekly
St Denys Choir (Church)	Friday	7pm	Weekly
St Denys Ringers (Church)	Friday	7.30pm	Weekly

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