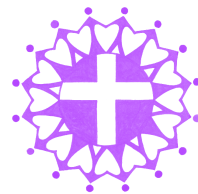
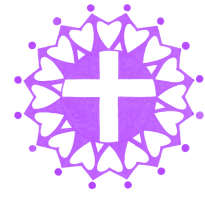


St Denys Parish Church Lisvane, Cardiff



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The Church of St Denys, Lisvane, Cardiff



PARISH PROFILE

St Denys Lisvane is a family friendly church deeply committed to the furthering of God's kingdom in our part of Wales; we are looking for a leader who, while respecting our Anglican heritage, understands the needs and challenges of the 21st century church.

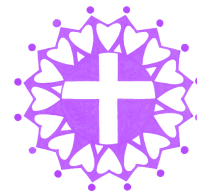
This will be someone who:-

- Relishes a challenge
- Has a strong personal faith, acknowledging that prayer is central to church life
- Is an inspirational bible teacher, able to develop the vision and communicate it
- Is a courageous leader, secure both personally and emotionally
- Is evangelical with a passion for the church to serve the changing needs of society
- Is able to reach out into and be a part of the community of Lisvane
- Will continue to build an all age church
- Understands and respects our Anglican tradition whilst encouraging diverse worship styles, and is able to manage that tension.

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St Denys Church, Lisvane



ST DENYS CHURCH

The parish of St Denys, Lisvane, is within the Diocese and Archdeaconry of Llandaff.

We are an Anglican Church that acknowledges Jesus is Lord embracing traditional, evangelical and charismatic values, with diverse worship opportunities. On a typical Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion (said) at 8.00, Sung Holy Communion with full Choir at 9.30, family worship at 11.00 supported by one of our worship groups and 6.30 Sung Evensong, all services include a sermon. At the 11.00 family service Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday and there is an All Age Service on the third Sunday in the month. Crèche and Sunday School provision is at the 11.00 service Whilst we have a real sense of unity in each of our congregations, we at times struggle to have a corporate vision across the church and are consciously seeking to interact better with one another - as a whole church, in mission, worship and social action.



Harvest Celebration

Both our previous incumbents will be remembered for their clear Bible-based preaching and for the successful encouragement of Alpha Courses which have brought many new members to Christ, and refreshment of faith to longstanding churchgoers.

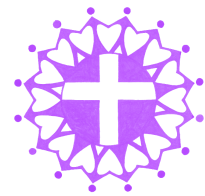
We continue to invest in Youth and Children and have strong support in this area including a full time Youth Pastor. Home groups are an important part of our church life providing a microcosm of that life in teaching, ministry and pastoral care within a more intimate setting. We have an active pastoral care group who visit the sick. We are supportive of New Wine Cymru and a large number of the congregation attend the annual conference at Builth Wells.

Space, or rather the lack of it, is an ongoing issue and we have plans for a phased development of both the Church and as funds become available Church House. We are aware of our need to develop a clearer unity of purpose, as we continue to raise funds for this building work in phases over the next few years.



Good Friday Pirate Adventure

St Denys Church, Lisvane



THE PARISH

Lisvane is located at the northern edge of the City of Cardiff. It is roughly triangular, bounded to the north by the M4 motorway, to the southeast by the B4562 Lisvane-St Mellon's Road, and to the west by the railway line. There are good local rail and bus links into Cardiff.

Lisvane families are predominantly managerial and professional, and the village is a popular residential suburb of Cardiff. Half a century ago Lisvane was a small village serving the surrounding farms, quite separate from the city. Since then it has expanded to c.3700 residents, largely due to housing development to the west of the village.

There are 253 names on the Electoral Roll of our Church.

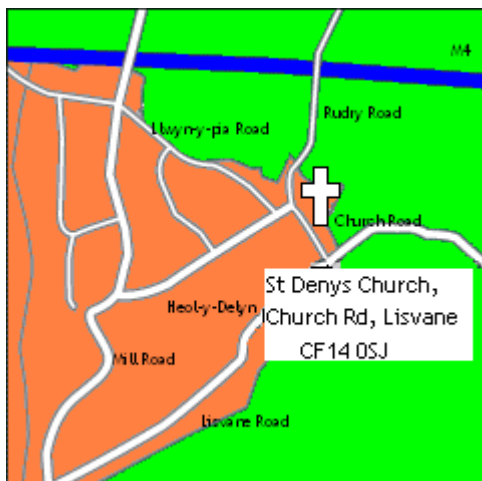
The focal point of what is still known locally as the village is the Church, opposite which is a public house, and minimarket. There are both Sainsbury's & Waitrose supermarkets a few minutes' drive from the Church.

Within a short walk from St Denys are the vicarage, the Memorial Hall – used by the whole community - and the sports field.

There is a primary school in Lisvane and the local secondary school is a 10 min drive away. The Cardiff area is also well served by Welsh medium, Church in Wales and a number of fee-paying schools

As you would expect from a Capital city there are great cultural & sports facilities, excellent shopping all within easy reach of Lisvane.

Medical centres are situated in the neighbouring areas of Llanishen and Thornhill. The University Hospital of Wales & the Spire private hospital are both two miles from the Church.



MINISTRY

Formerly the parish of St Denys was part of the benefice of 'Llanishen and Lisvane', and served by an assistant curate. In 1993 it became an independent parish, and has now a licensed lay reader and full-time employed youth pastor to assist the incumbent. We have a large Choir and active Worship groups.

For Sunday worship there are teams covering - welcome, readings, intercessions, collection, flowers and coffee-makers. A small group of people are licensed to administer the Sacrament alongside the Celebrant.

At the PCC meeting in July this year five sub-committees to the PCC were set up:

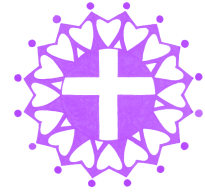
- Worship
- Outreach
- Pastoral Care
- Administration
- Youth & children

Each has at least two PCC members in support, who are the 'links' directly into the PCC. The expectation is that as these ministries begin to meet regularly fellowship across the services and our sense of being 'Body' together as church will increase.

The Parish has a part-time secretary and a gardener to care for the church grounds.



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The Choir's Annual Outing



The youth train station project

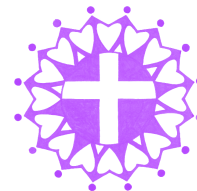


Ladies Guild Mama Mia night!



11.00 Worship

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MISSION STATEMENT

Building a community of God's people who follow Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Further priorities for action have recently included:

- Better communication within and beyond the church congregations
- Increasing the number and size of Home Groups:
- Better local community involvement, and teaching on outreach in Sunday services.
- Increasing the outreach and people involved in Prayer Ministry
- Conveying the vision for youth and children work more clearly to the congregation.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RETURNS 2008

Baptisms: 9
Parish Confirmations: 4
Weddings: 5
Funerals: 14

Church attendance in 2008

20 families attended Sunday services with their children.
133 persons over 18 years of age attended on a "normal" Sunday.
14 persons over 18 years attended on a weekday.
50 persons under 18 years attended on a "normal" Sunday.
30 children under 11 years attended Sunday school or a Sunday service.
17 children attended a toddler group.

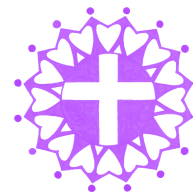
Communicants in 2008

202 communicants attended Easter services.
85 attended Pentecost services.
217 attended Christmas services.
65 attended Trinity-3 services.



St Denys Church Choir at Worcester Cathedral

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 8.00 am - said Holy Communion c.20 communicants.

Sunday 9.30 am – sung Holy Communion c.55 communicants.

Sunday 11.00 am – Morning Praise

- Worship, prayer and sermon
- An informal, modern style service with guitar and drums
- The words are projected on to screens
- Parallel to this runs the Junior Church
- Holy Communion is on the first Sunday in the month for c.65 communicants

Sunday 6.30 pm – sung Evensong, with a full choral setting on the 4th Sunday, except for the first Sunday in the month when there is a praise and prayer meeting.

Wednesday 10.15 am – said Holy Communion c. 20 communicants.



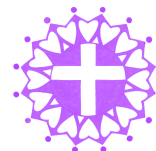
The Ladies' Guild trip to the Light Ship



The Youth Group ice-skating trip



Youth group weekend away



PARISH ORGANISATIONS

We are blessed with a number of groups complementing and supporting our worship

Sunday morning Junior Church:

Little Angels – toddlers to age 4-5 years.

Disciples – 7 to 10 years.

TGI one – 11 to 13 years.

TGI two – 14 to 16 years.

Junior clubs:

Reload – Sunday afternoons – ages 15 to 18 years.

Pathfinders – Wednesday evenings – ages 11 to 15 year

Lisvane Youth Club – Friday evenings, open to everyone.



Home Group Christmas Meal

Fellowships:

Choir, Ladies' Guild, Pastoral Care Group, Prayer Group.

Our excellent choir sing regularly at cathedrals around the country by invitation.

They also sing carols around the village and in various hospitals at Christmas.

Study groups:

8 Home Groups meet each week.

The Alpha Course is run every year; this year also in HMP Cardiff.

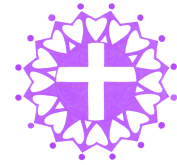
Social activities:

- Lisvane Festival
- Lisvane Festival Songs of Praise, which is well attended by Baptists and Anglicans.
- Ladies Guild coffee mornings in aid of the MacMillan Nursing Service.
- Pastoral Care Group coffee mornings and tea-parties for widows and widowers.
- Christian Aid lunch.
- New Year Dinner – food and entertainment provided by the Choir.
- Harvest Supper – organised by the Social Committee.
- The Paradise Run - every month sandwiches are distributed to the homeless
- St Denys Church supports the work of New Wine Cymru with over 50 people attending the summer conference in Mid Wales

Ecumenical links

We have a good working relationship with the Lisvane Baptist church. Members of the Baptist community attend St Denys Church occasionally for combined services. A Remembrance Sunday service is held in the Memorial hall following the Remembrance Day prayers at Lisvane War Memorial; both of these services are attended by many non-churchgoers as well as the Baptist and Anglican communities. In the past we have enjoyed good links with our two closest Anglican churches

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THE CHURCH

The first record of a church at Lisvane was in 1153 AD when the church was ordered to pay tithes to Tewkesbury Abbey.

The original church consisted of the present west aisle, seating 80 people, plus the present choir which formed the chancel and sanctuary. The transept, used as a vestry, was the medial part of our present north aisle.

The 19th Century saw the church becoming very dilapidated, and in 1878 a great deal of repair work was carried out to most parts of the building.

In 1979 the transept was extended to form a north aisle large enough to seat another 70 people, and the sanctuary relocated allowing the new stone altar facing northwest to be visible from both aisles. Choir stalls were placed across the original chancel and sanctuary, and the original south porch was converted into a small sacristy. A small hall was built across the end of the north aisle.

The church has a “saddle-back” roof, of a shape which seems to have developed in SE Wales. In the tower are three bells, housed in a wooden frame dating from about 1400 AD. The treble bell was cast in 1733 and is used for services. Another bell, cast in 1711, is badly damaged. The tenor bell, cast in 1815, is now the clock bell.

In 2000 the parishioners bought a clock, whose dial is mounted on the west wall of the tower.



THE VICARAGE



The vicarage is a modern, 4-bedroomed house, about three minutes walk from the church. It stands at the end of a row of pleasant modern houses and has a large back garden with a greenhouse.

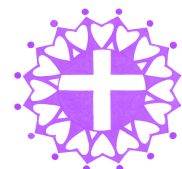


CHURCH HOUSE



Church House bequeathed to the parish 10 years ago is a medium sized detached two storey dwelling on a large plot opposite the church on the corner of Church close. The Parish Office, well furnished with desking, computer, photocopier and filing cabinets is in one of the reception rooms, whilst the rest of the building is used for meetings by groups throughout the week.

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CHURCH FINANCES:

The following details are taken from the Annual Returns for the year 2008. We have a good income, no debt and are able to finance ongoing operational costs.

Receipts:	£
Direct giving:	84,329
Other collections:	12,367
Gift Aid Tax refund:	22,083
For the World Church:	763
Exceptional income:	1,478
Other income:	1,004
Investment income:	245

Total receipts: £122,269

Payments:

Maintenance of the Ministry:	Quota	42,246
	Other	800
Maintenance of churches		2,944
Mission	Home	6,800
	World	4,298
Clergy expenses		4,993
General parish expenses including salaries		41,358
Cost of money raising		122
Maintenance of property		5,710

Total payments: £118,336

Note: Clergy expenses fully reimbursed in accordance with the Regulations of the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.



To Apply:

Nomination to the post of Vicar of Lisvane will be by the Provincial Nomination Board of the Church in Wales. A completed Application Form, including the names and contact details of three referees (at least one Lay and one Clerical), to whom reference can be made, should be sent by _____ to:

John Richfield
Church in Wales
39 Cathedral Road
CARDIFF
CF11 9XF

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to visit the parish and vicarage, prior to interview