



St Nick's, Allestree & St Paul's, Quarndon Newsletter

July 2025

Living Water in the Dry Weather

We are well and truly now into the summer months of 2025. I am much more an autumn person, but I have really been enjoying the weather when walking back and forth around the parish whether I've been up at The Curzon school or running the toddler group or the youth group at St Nick's. This got me thinking. In the UK the weather is always a hot topic, and summer doesn't always guarantee lovely blue skies and the sun shining. I recently read an article that said records show that our Springtime has gone down as the driest in years—sunny skies and barely a drop of rain. Now this can have a mixture of responses, sun great or instead of praising the sun, the environmental agency stated that whilst the reservoirs are currently fairly healthy, there is a 'medium' risk of drought this summer. While it's been a joy to bask in the warmth and watch the birds sing and the beauty of nature around us, the dryness is a reminder of how much we depend on water for life, growth, and refreshment.



Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love

In John 7:38, Jesus says, “Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” What an image that is—especially in the recent dry season weather wise that we’ve been having. This drew a parallel for me, that when the ground is parched and the days are hot, our souls can sometimes feel the same. But Jesus offers something deeper than physical refreshment: a source of life and renewal that never runs dry (unlike the UK’s reservoirs, hopefully not). What a promise!

We need water for our bodies physically and we need the living water for our souls spiritually. Have you ever had a drink on a hot day and then thought, ‘I’m still thirsty!’? As not all drinks are good for rehydration, not all sources can quench our spiritual thirst either. I often listen to podcasts as I walk to work and in one, they talked about the difference between a fountain and a cistern and the different sources of water. In Jeremiah 2:13, God laments that His people have forsaken Him, “the spring of living water,” and instead dug “broken cisterns that cannot hold water.” It’s a powerful image—turning to sources that are not fresh, with that promise of satisfaction but leave us dry. This summer, as we seek to be filled and to pour out to others, may we be reminded to draw only from the true Source: Jesus who loves us and wants to give freely the fresh and wonderful living water. His water sustains, restores, and flows endlessly.



Last month, we celebrated Pentecost—that powerful moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples like a rushing wind and tongues of fire. It was the beginning of the Church’s mission to bring the message of Jesus to the world. That same Spirit is still being poured out today, refreshing hearts, renewing lives, and equipping us to be bearers of God’s love wherever we go. Pentecost reminds us that the living water Jesus promised is not a trickle, but an outpouring meant to overflow into every part of our lives—and beyond us, into our community.

So how do we experience that living water today? It might be through prayer, through Scripture, or simply pausing in stillness to reconnect with the Spirit. It might be through gathering in worship, through acts of kindness, or by noticing God’s hand in the everyday in nature. But remember, Jesus didn’t just promise water to refresh us—He said it would flow from within us. That’s our calling this summer: to be channels of living water for others and out into our community. Whether it’s a smile for a neighbour, a hand offered in help, or volunteering at a church event like our Family Fun Day on the 30th July, we have the chance to be a source of life and hope in our community—even in the hotter weather because we have our source of living water from Jesus in our lives and hearts sustaining us.

Let’s not hold back. The church is buzzing with plans and purpose this summer—not standing idly by but stepping forward in faith and service. As we embrace the sunshine let’s also embrace the amazing nourishment Jesus gives as our living water and our role as living witnesses of Christ’s love and be filled and pour out from our surplus because we are receiving from the fresh and living water. Let the living water flow from within you this season—and watch how it brings life all around.

By Rachel Kennedy, Children's and Youth Lead

St Nick's new service pattern

This month will see the new service pattern at St Nick's running. Every Sunday there will be a service at 10am and on the 4th Sunday there will also be a service at 3pm. The pattern will be:

1st Sunday — Sunday Breakfast @ 10

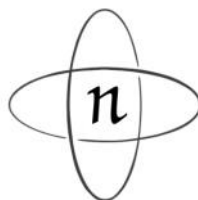
2nd Sunday — Sunday @ 10 (with Communion)

3rd Sunday — Sunday @ 10

4th Sunday — Sunday @ 10
Sunday @3pm Holy Communion

5th Sunday — 4 Church Sunday @ 10

The 5th Service will rota across all four Churches.
The next one is 31st August at St Pauls.



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Extra Worship opportunities

Fancy a mid-week communion service? Or an early evening service?

St Edmunds, Allestree have a Communion service 10am every Wednesday.

The Evening Service (Evensong) at 6 pm on a Sunday alternates between St Edmunds and St Matthews, Darley Abbey, and always follows the Book of Common Prayer.

This months 6pm services are:

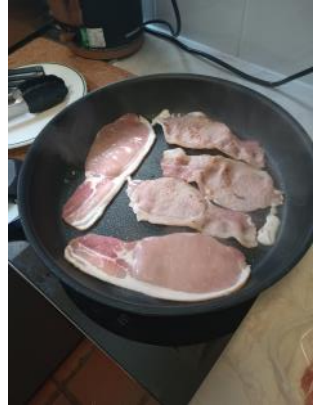
Sunday 6th July	St Matt's: Evensong led by Clive Lemmon
Sunday 13th July	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by Rev Rachael Brooks
Sunday 20th July	St Matt's: Choral Evensong led by Clive Lemmon
Sunday 27th July	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by The Choir



<https://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk/diary>—for more information on upcoming services.

Sunday Breakfast @ 10

Last month St Nicks launched a new service on the 1st Sunday of the month. A service with interactive activities for all ages. The theme of our Sunday Breakfast @10 is The Lord's Prayer and for the rest of 2025 we will be exploring different parts each month. The idea behind a service is around Gather, Respond and Send. We Gather for breakfast and in June we had bacon sandwiches and croissants, after food Sarah shared a thought on the topic and in June it was the theme of Father and heaven.



Our Response time involves then exploring our theme either through a prayer station, family activity or going to a quiet place and reflecting. Last month the children's activity involved exploring what heaven looked like to them through Lego and other building materials. The newly presented prayer station will be available during other services as a place for quiet reflection and support. Then we finished with our Send section as we came together prayed and sang a fun worship song with actions to close. This month we will come together again, (breakfast will be served from 9:45am) and we will follow the same pattern again as we look at the next part of the Lord's prayer which is 'Your kingdom come and Your will be done'. We look forward to seeing you there, at the newly launched service Sunday Breakfast @10 as we come together as a community and worship God.





Thank you to the fabulous breakfast team/ St Nicks models. Love the new aprons! God Bless.

Sew Much Fun



After finishing the covers for the music stands in church, the St Nicks sewing group was asked to make banners for The Granville School in Kent. The school was founded on VE day 1945 so was celebrating 80 years since its inception.



Each child in the school was given a 20cm square to decorate in any way they thought appropriate and these were then sewn together according to their house colour and have been hung in their school hall. The school has given St Nicks a generous donation for church funds.

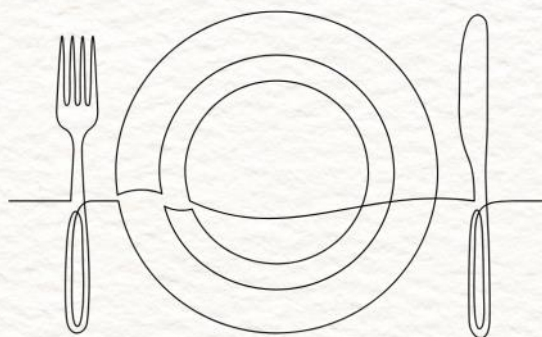
St Paul's Verger

Last month saw a special birthday for long time St Pauls' verger, Dawn Price, 80 years young!

Happy birthday Dawn from everyone at St Pauls and St Nicks.



Let's do
LUNCH



Come along and join us for a lovely time of fellowship over a tasty meal at our local Ember Inn pub - The Markeaton. For more details contact Christine on 07729371373 or read our latest newsletter for the next date (usually 3rd Sunday of the month). Everyone is welcome

St Nicks Church monthly Pub lunches
12 Noon @ The Markeaton

Upcoming dates: 20th July, 17th August and 21st September

COOP support

Coop Allestree have selected St Nicks Community Cafe as one of their community groups which their members can select to raise money for as they shop. If you are a member of Coop (Park Farm) please select St Nicks as your chosen group to support as every supporter helps. It only takes a moment if you have the app and are a member.

If you would like to become a new member of the Coop and help raise funds for St Nicks please be aware it costs £1 to join.

Please note, it is the Coop at Park Farm (Blue) not the other Coop's in Allestree (Yellow).

Social media

For those of you who regularly use social media why not give us a follow? Our social media accounts are updated weekly with information on services. All events are highlighted and photos shared where possible.

If anyone would like to be involved/star in any videos for social media highlighting ongoing in either church please contact Emma in the office.

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QUARNDON PRESCHOOL



Quarndon Pre-School

2 YEAR OLD FUNDING PLACES AVAILABLE

Have you checked to see if your child is eligible for 2 year old funding ?

We are now accepting applications, Please contact Dawn for more information.

Please note: Additional costs for extras such as consumables and non-funded hours are chargeable. Funded only sessions will have a set consumables charge applied



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Play n Praise

Would you like to help out at the very successful Play n Praise which is for preschoolers and their adults @ St Nicks on a Tuesday morning (term time only).

We are looking to set up a team of volunteers on a rota. You would not be required every week, but every 4-6 weeks.

If you would like to know more, why not pop along on a Tuesday 9.30-11am and meet the current team and families who attend? Coffee and cake available.



Online donations @ St Nicks

We have a QR code for online giving for those tech savvy people amongst us who feel more comfortable giving in this way.

Thank you.



Church Prayer @ St Nick's

Pre-church prayer takes place in the chapel from 9.30am to 9.45am on a Sunday morning. We pray for the service to follow and anything else the Holy Spirit prompts us to bring to our Father.

Church prayer will be held in the Chapel on the 4th Wednesday or on Zoom depending on the weather. Our next gathering will be on:

23rd July 7.30 –8.30pm

Contact Graham if you are interested in joining us in prayer.



St Nick's Prayer Circle

St Nick's have a prayer circle as part of their pastoral care set up. For those unfamiliar with the practice, it is simply a group of people who are committed to Pray and pass on the needs as they arise. The prayer circle is now on WhatsApp. You can be rest assured that you are being covered in prayer when you approach someone who is in the WhatsApp group.

If you would like to be added to the prayer group please get in touch with the church office.

Pastoral Care Update.

Are you going through a difficult time at the moment and would like some emotional, spiritual or physical help? Then please let Clare Stacey know.

For various understandable reasons, many people find it difficult to reach out and ask for help but if you are aware of anyone who is struggling at the moment, please let us know. It could include for example, help with shopping, a home visit or merely a friendly chat on the phone. If we don't know, then it's difficult to help.

We are part of your church family and have been DBS checked and have completed the Diocesan Safe Guarding Training.



Prayer Requests:

Please pray for:-

- For those that are unwell and unable to get out at this time.
- Church vision and the plans for the church café.
- For Celia and family as they mourn the loss of Peter.

COFFEE & CHAT

ST NICKS CHURCH ROOM

TAKES PLACE EVERY 2ND AND 4TH
FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

10:30-12 NOON

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN
AND ENJOY THIS LOVELY SOCIAL



KNIT AND NATTER

St Nicks Church Hall

On the 1st, 3rd and where there is a 5th
Wednesday of the month, 2-3.30pm.



Membership fee £5 each quarter, then £1 per
session.

Contact Sandra on 557114.

Come and Join us for tea, biscuits and chat.

If you are looking to organise a baptism or would like to get married or celebrate a special anniversary with the renewal of wedding vows at St Nicks or St Pauls please contact: stnicksallestree@outlook.com to arrange all life event services.

Polite notice to St Nick's congregation, hall hirers and visitors.

Please could everyone be mindful when parking on the roads surrounding St Nick's and be considerate to residents. In particular ensure we are not parking across driveways and allow residents space to reverse in and out of their drives.

Thank you all as always for your support and kindness.

Newsletter Information - Deadline!

Please be aware that the deadline for any news you'd like to be included in the next Newsletter is the 20th of the month before.

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and Friday 9.00-3.00



Handy Contacts for both churches:

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or Diocesan Safeguarding Team: 01332 388678

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Upcoming Services —

Priest in Charge: Reverend Sarah Watson and Associate Priest
Reverend Rachael Brooks. Curate: Reverend Cathie Watson

Dates/Services	Readings
Sunday 6th July St Nicks: Sunday Breakfast @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Sunday 13th July St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 with Communion St Pauls: 10am Service of the Word	Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10: 25-37
Sunday 20th July St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-end
Sunday 27th July St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Sunday @3pm Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Morning Praise	Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13

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