



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

August 2025

We're looking at Noah and the long wait in the ark in our next All Age services at St Matthew's and St Edmund's. It's a story that's easy to dismiss as one for the children, but it has a lot to say to us about our lives today, especially about waiting.



Andrew and I were left with a lot of sweet pea seeds after the January Flourish event at Walter Evans. They'd been soaked, and most were germinating, so we decided to pot them all and see what happened. There was a lot of waiting, but one by one, most of them grew.

Then it was a case of waiting for late spring when it would be warm enough to plant them out. The ground had to be prepared and a rather Heath Robinson frame of pruned branches built first, but then the day came, they were in. Then came the next season of waiting – for them to flower. Several weeks went by, and now I can't cut them fast enough for displaying in our house, they're so swift to flower!

Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love

While there was a lot of waiting involved, we knew what we were waiting for, we could see the progress being made and we knew the timescale we were working within.

But Noah and his family had no idea what timescale was involved when the ark was closed and the rains came.

That it rained for 40 days and nights is what we remember, but the story continues with it taking another 150 days before the water started to subside.

And then several more weeks before the dove flew back with an olive branch. And in all that time there's no suggestion that God was keeping Noah

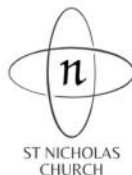
informed about when to get ready for going out and starting civilisation again.



Waiting when we've no idea how long we'll be waiting for is hard. Especially if we've no idea what to expect when the waiting is over. People across the world are waiting for wars to end, for the rains to come, for persecution to end, for authoritarian regimes to give way to democracy. And some of you reading this will be waiting in difficult circumstances too. That's so hard and so isolating. But without wishing to be trite, I encourage you to wait with Noah and take heart that the waiting will end, that God, who knows and loves you, holds you in the waiting and will bring you through, whatever happens.

By Rev. Rachael Brooks

Next Service: 3rd August



SUNDAY BREAKFAST @10

All-Age Family Service

1st Sunday of Every Month

BREAKFAST, COMMUNITY, AND A FRESH TAKE ON FAITH!

WITH A SHORT THOUGHT FOR THE DAY, FUN ACTIVITIES, AND SOMETHING
FOR ALL AGES

COME HUNGRY FOR FOOD AND FAITH!



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Church Work Experience

My name is Archie Garner; I am a year 10 student at the Ecclesbourne school. I spent a week working with the benefice of St Edmund's and St Matthew's as I wanted to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of a vicar, and honestly, I was amazed by the variety of things they get up to - even over a short time span. Within just 5 days I took part in many engaging and enlightening activities, ranging from playing with toddlers at St Nick's to repairing the floors of the beautiful St Edmund's church.

To begin with, I spent most of my first day just taking in the breathtaking architecture of both St Matthew's (even with the endless scaffolding) and St Edmund's, and getting to grips with the activities over the week to come. I also learnt from Reverend Rachael about the many unseen duties of being a vicar, such as issues with burial grounds and being a governor for the local CofE primary school.

One of the many activities I wasn't expecting was working with 2 different toddler play groups over the week, which was a pleasant surprise. After building my brilliant train track (as you can see below) I was somewhat of a hit amongst the kids and at times had 6 or 7 of them surrounding me... but can you blame them after seeing this masterpiece?



Later on in the day, I joined the friends of St Matthew's for a very different experience than when I was with the toddlers. I had cream tea with all of the interesting and lovely people in the group and thoroughly enjoyed their company.

On Wednesday morning, I got to witness and take part in one of the more traditional duties of a Vicar – Holy Communion (which took place at St Edmund's). I was very lucky to get the opportunity to do a bible reading as part of the service (I even got to use a microphone) and I felt very welcomed throughout.

Afterwards I was taken into the sacristy to help clear away after the service and some vestments caught my eye.. and I was allowed to try them on. Pretty dapper if you ask me.



The next day I was treated to a trip down memory lane as I helped Rev. Rachael lead an assembly in Walter Evans (my primary school), it looked more or less the same except everything seemed a lot smaller which was a very nostalgic feeling. The students were well behaved and engaging in the assembly and the worship crew were very helpful.



I even got the chance to do some hands-on work at St Edmund's with Paul Smith, the church warden. We started by fixing some of the broken tiles on the floor, which is a lot harder than it sounds, it took us 45 minutes to do only a few tiles! After that I was one of the lucky few people to be invited up the spiral staircase into the bell tower – which actually felt like something out of a film.

The massive key needed to get in, plus the old English architecture, made the whole journey up the staircase make me feel like some sort of medieval king. Once we reached the top, we put the clock back on track and got the timing absolutely perfect to the second. After climbing up 2 sets of stairs and 3 ladders, the view of Allestree and the surrounding areas was amazing. After that, I was honoured to receive a prayer from Paul.



On the final day of work experience I spent the morning helping polish the brass at St Edmund's and then I was invited to help with a funeral and burial which I was honoured to accept.

The service had a lot of singing and was brought together by a loving eulogy. After the funeral finished, I was brought up the St Matthew's spire and had a (partially blocked by scaffolding) view of the whole of Derby.



In conclusion, my week with the church was an eye opening experience and taught me a lot about the many roles and responsibilities of a vicar (both seen and unseen) and I was glad to meet many of the kind people involved in keeping the church running.

New Website for St Nicks

The team have been working behind the scenes and we are excited to tell you about our newly launched St Nicks website.

The new web address is:

www.stnicksallestree.co.uk

Here you will find information on upcoming services, and events, facilities for hire, church groups and much more.



Holiday at Home 2025



Hosted by Allestree
Churches together

5-7th August @ Broadway
Baptist Church

8th August Trip to the Great
British Car Museum + a
mystery tour & afternoon tea.
Exciting!!

What's it about and who is it for?

The aim is to provide a min-break with good food, activities and entertainment but with the comfort of your own bed at night.

It is open to anyone in later years who wants to enjoy a few days meeting old friends and new.

There will be hosts to help you feel at home and transport is available if needed (tick box when booking).

Why do we do it?

We want to share God's love in practical ways.

Do I have to like cars to come along?

NO!! - Some of the activities will be car themed but not all.

Do I have to attend every day?

No!! Choose the days that suit. Priority will be given for the trip to those who have attended at least one of the previous days.

General programme for the day:

10am: Register & refreshments

10.30: Welcome and 'Wake and Shake' with Luke (DCCT)

10.45: Activity time

12:10: Comfort break

12:20 Thought for the day

12:30: 3 Course lunch

1:45: Afternoon entertainment (changes each day_

2:45: Epilogue

3:00: Afternoon tea

3:30: Home

To book contact 01332346719

Or email: allestreehah@gmail.com.



Reverend Phyllis Bainbridge



Hi. I have been asked to introduce myself as a new member of the clergy team.

Chris and I, with our 2 sons, first moved to Derbyshire in 1994. Chris works in the NHS. I was a Chemistry and Biology teacher. We worshipped in Duffield where I later became a Reader.

I sensed God calling me towards Ordination. After much prayer, arguing with God, discussion with friends and family, placements and a Theology degree, I was ordained in Derby Cathedral in 2011, with curacies in Littleover and Mickleover. Having conflict resolution and accounting qualifications, I worked for the next 3 years in different dioceses as an interim / trouble-shooter minister. However, I missed parish life, ministering longer term with congregations and communities especially with baptisms and thanksgivings, weddings and funerals.

I applied for and was appointed to a 3-parish Benefice in Lichfield Diocese in 2019. It was a busy post, often over 60 hours a week. We realised this was not sustainable, so I retired, and we moved back to Allestree in January 2025. Following a relaxing 6-month sabbatical, I now have been granted a PTO (permission to officiate) licence in Derby. I am also a qualified Pastoral Supervisor, helping people (in secular or “church” jobs) reflect on their work. I have been invited by the Diocese to offer pastoral supervision to new incumbents and curates.

My hobbies include reading, films, cooking and baking, and going on holiday or days away in our campervan.

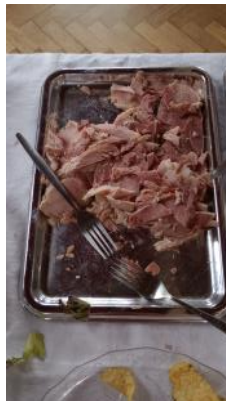


I am excited to begin a new phase of my ministry locally. I look forward to getting to know you in our congregations, sharing the good news of God’s love and helping God’s Kingdom to grow in our communities.

Everyone at St Nick’s and St Paul’s is looking forward to welcoming Phyllis to the clergy team. God bless her and all the work she will do.

4 Church Sunday

In June, St Nicks hosted the 4 Church service led by Rev Sarah and Rev Rachael. It was wonderful to share worship with members from our sister churches and we are looking forward to this month's service at St Pauls. A huge thank you to the social team at St Nicks for the wonderful buffet on offer after the service.



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.

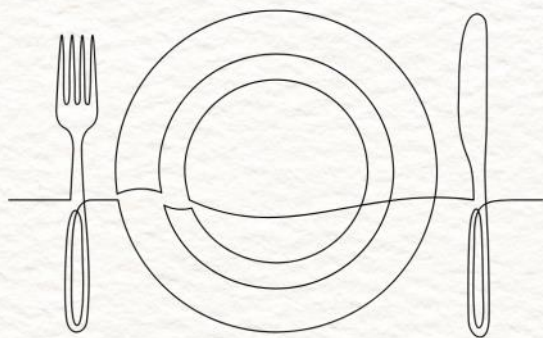
This months 6pm services are:

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| Sunday 3rd August | St Matt's: Evensong led by Clive Lemmon |
| Sunday 10th August | St Ed's: Evensong led by Rev Rachael Brooks |
| Sunday 17th August | St Matt's: Evensong led by Clive Lemmon |
| Sunday 24th August | St Ed's: Evensong led by Clive Lemmon |



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

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: 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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4 CHURCH SERVICE

31st August, we will be hosting
the congregations from our
sister churches;

St Ed's, St Matt's & St Nick's

We look forward to joining
with you in worship and
prayer.

31.8.25 @ 10AM
ST PAUL'S CHURCH,
QUARNDON

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:

24th September 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.
- The opening of the church café in September.
- For Phyllis and family as she joins us as a PTO.

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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Office Hours: Monday 9.00-3.00 Tuesday 9.00-3.00 Wednesday 9.00-11.00 and Friday 9.00-3.00

I am on annual leave 1st—18th August so the office will not be open but emails will be monitored. Thank you



Handy Contacts for both churches:

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St Nick's

Church Warden: Paul Taylor **Contact:** 01332 556020

Safeguarding Lead: Miriam Chappell **Contact:** psostnicks@outlook.com

Telephone: 07448607129

Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) Bruce Innis

St Paul's

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Safeguarding Lead: Mary Pitt

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or Diocesan Safeguarding Team: 01332 388678

Church Hall Bookings: Val Annable **Contact:** hallstpauls@outlook.com



Upcoming Services —

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

| Dates/Services | Readings |
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| Sunday 3rd August St Nicks: Sunday Breakfast @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion | Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21 |
| Sunday 10th August St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Service of the Word | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40 |
| Sunday 17th August St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion | Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12: 49-56 |
| Sunday 24th August St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Sunday @3pm Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Morning Praise | 1 Corinthians 4:9-15 Luke 22:24-30 |
| Sunday 31st August St Pauls: 10am 4 Church Joint Service | Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14 |

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