



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

September 2025

Hello everyone,

I can't believe that we're finally at the end of our journey together. I want to thank you all so much for all your care and support for me and my family over the last 9 months. We will miss you!

This summer at New Wine some friends were asking one another "what's your one sermon in a sentence?" Essentially, what's the thing that matters most to you about God, the Bible, faith, discipleship that you would preach if you were suddenly asked to do so last minute?

Instantly my response was "Jesus came to live, and show us how to live, not just to die." Sometimes we as Christians in the UK can get so laser focused on the cross that we forget the other 33 years of his life.

Of course, it is incredibly important that Jesus died and rose again - and absolutely everything that it represents (the defeat of death and evil on a cosmological level!).



Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love

But he also showed us ways to bring heaven to earth and defeat evil one small act and thought at a time. Through asking us to live like the upside-down kingdom of heaven, where the greatest serves the least rather than lording over others.



Where the peace makers are blessed, those who hunger and thirst for the right treatment of others will be filled, where the poor have the keys to the kingdom and the rich are sent away empty handed. Where women are invited to sit and learn with the men and children are there to teach the adults. Where loving God and loving others including our “enemies” are the greatest commandments. Where instead of judging others we are invited to self-reflection and improvement transformation through the transforming and renewal of our minds by the power of the holy spirit. Where all are welcome to feast at his table and the stone(s) (people!) that people rejected have become the capstone.

I'm a broken world Jesus could have come with pomp and ceremony, yet he chose to wash the feet of his friends, like a servant instead. By choosing the way of Jesus through spending time with him, being like him and doing what he did we actively show others and bring glimpses of the kingdom of heaven here on earth and continues to stand against evil the way Jesus did and does.

So, whilst we thank God for his wonderful sacrifice, we thank him even more that he's the kind of God who cares enough to do so. To call us friends instead of slaves and expect the same of us towards others. Jesus came not just to die but to live and to show us how to live. To bring life and life to the full. Thank you, Jesus!

Reverend Cathie Watson.

Message from Rev'd Sarah:

'As a church we wish to express our thanks to Reverend Cathie, Aidan and family. It has been a real honour to work with Cathie as curate and we thank her for all she has brought to St Nick's and St Paul's during her time with us.

We pray for them as they move and settle into their new church, home and school.'



Ministry announcement

Sarah and Rachael are delighted to announce that Colette Desborough, who has been on placement with us while discerning whether God is calling her to ordination, has been accepted for training and will start context-based training for two years at St Hild College, where we both trained, in September. Colette's context will be here, with us so we'll continue to be blessed by her contribution to the life of our churches while she trains. Do please pray for her as she adjusts to life as a student again.

Neonatal Knitting

The community café team will be selling knitted items on behalf of the Neonatal unit at Royal Derby hospital. If you would like more details or to purchase an item please speak to Clare S or Rod R.

Alternatively, visit the new Community Café, open Wednesdays 10-2pm in the Church room (term time only).



SHOE BOX TIME

Give love in a box



It is that time of year (doesn't it come round quickly) when the Shoe Box appeal is launched. Teams 4U are always so grateful for every single donation they receive. Last year they collected over 60,000 boxes to send to Eastern Europe.

Here at St Nicks, we always make a big effort to fill boxes for needy children who otherwise would not receive any gifts at Christmas.

There are leaflets and boxes on a table at the back of church for you to help yourself and each box costs £1. You can cover your own shoe box which costs nothing! The leaflets provided contain all the information you will need to complete a shoebox. If you can't manage a box this year, your prayers and/or a donation would be very much appreciated.

Last year the feedback from Team 4U indicated soft toys and stickers were the most popular items with the children. All boxes need to be returned to Church by Sunday 16th November. John will be taking them to the warehouse Monday 17th November.

Thank you for your support.

Anne Cartmell





FAMILY FUN DAY

@ ST NICK'S 30TH JULY

What a start to the summer!

What a fantastic day we had on Wednesday 30th July for this year's Family Fun Day, a perfect way to kick off the summer holidays! The weather stayed kind to us, and we were thrilled to welcome between 50 and 60 children, each accompanied by one or two grown-ups. It was heartwarming to see so many families from our community enjoying the day together.



The bouncy castle, craft room, toddler and soft play areas, football, and story room were all alive with energy, laughter, and creativity. The biggest piece of feedback we received was just how welcoming and friendly the whole day felt—a reflection of the strong community spirit that continues to grow around us.

The Community Café was absolutely buzzing with life throughout the event. It gave us a wonderful glimpse of what's to come when it officially launches in September, running on Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm during term time. If Family Fun Day was anything to go by, the café is set to become a fantastic weekly gathering spot.

Special Thanks...

Events like this take a lot of work behind the scenes, but they're also a huge joy to run. Having such a committed, cheerful, and hard-working team made it all that bit easier and a whole lot more fun.

Thank you to everyone who came along, lent a hand, or helped create such a vibrant and joyful day. Special thanks to our sponsor for the day which was J Barlow & Family Funeral Services.



Cafe in full swing



Amazing Volunteers

This special day wouldn't have been possible without our incredible team of volunteers. A huge thank you to Clare and Mary for creating such a warm atmosphere in the café; to Averil, David, and Julie for bringing the craft room to life; to Colette and Barbara for making the toddler room such a joyful space; and to Paul and Josh for creating a sense of wonder in the story room. Bruce and Graham kept the bouncy castle bouncing all day long, and Rachael and Andrew from St Ed's & St Matt's did a brilliant job floating between activities and capturing so many amazing photos. Thanks also to Paul for setting up the bunting and gazebos in advance, and to Ann and John for generously lending theirs.

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Opening September

Daily Bread Community Cafe

Open to all..
10am till 2pm every Wednesday during
term time.

We look forward to seeing you for a
cuppa and a cake!



**St Nick's Church Room. 2 Lawn Avenue,
Allestree, Derby. DE22 2PE**



Play 'n' Praise goes to...



BLUEBELL DAIRY FARM

On Tuesday 22nd July, Play'n'Praise went on our very first end-of-term trip was a moo-velous success! 22 children and 24 adults set off for a fun-filled day at Bluebells Dairy Farm and what a brilliant day it turned out to be!

From the moment we arrived, there was excitement in the air (despite a bit of rain to start!). Thankfully, the weather soon cleared and stayed dry for the rest of the day, not too hot, not too cold, it was just right for exploring everything the farm had to offer.



We explored everything the farm had to offer. One of the highlights of the day was learning how milk makes its journey "From Cow to Cone". We watched a real cow being milked, discovered all the different foods milk goes into, and to end, enjoyed some delicious farm made ice cream to finish the lesson!

But it wasn't all about learning, we also had plenty of fun meeting the animals. It was heartwarming to see even the shyest of children grow in confidence, with every single one feeding the animals by the end of the visit. The joy and wonder on their faces was something special to see.

We ended the day with lots of playtime in the farm playground, and plenty of happy little ones heading home with great memories. A huge thank you to our wonderful leaders, Colette and Barbara, for all their help in making the trip run so smoothly. Here's hoping this becomes a much loved annual tradition for the summer term, we can't wait to do it all again next year!

Next Service: 7th
September



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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Prayer streets

As we continue with our prayer initiative here is a reminder of the streets being prayed for in September.

1st & 2nd September: St Edmund's Area 51

Gisborne Crescent, Ashberry Court, Lambourn Court, Fountains Close, Duffield Road.

3rd & 4th September: St Matthew's Area 64

Folly Road, Haslams Lane, Mill Cottages, Old Lane, West Row, North Row, The Hill, Dower Close, Abbey Lane, Coppice Close, Willow Close.

5th & 6th September: St Nick's Area 20

Alstonfield Drive, Lanscombe Park Road, Marchington Close, Berry Park Close, Wyaston Close, The Crest, East Close, West Close, Whiteway.

7th & 8th September: St Edmund's Area 52

Devonshire Avenue, Devonshire Court, Baslow Drive, Drum Close, Duffield Road, St George's Close.

9th & 10th September: St Paul's Area 29

The Common, Coach Drive, Inn Lane, Woodlands Lane, Montpelier.

11th & 12th September: St Edmund's Area 53

Cavendish Avenue, Chatsworth Crescent, Barden Drive, The Close, Ferrers Way.

13th & 14th September: St Nick's Area 21 and St Edmund's/ St Matthew's Area 54.

Kedleston Court, Carsington House, Peak View House, Birchover House, St George's House, Ashford House, Cedar House, Tudor Court.

Proverbs 22, v.6 [NIV]

Start Children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

15th & 16th September: St Nick's Area 1

Birchover Way, Lea Close.

17th & 18th September: St Paul's Area 22

Quarn Drive, Kedleston Road, Rovbert Adam Rd, Palladian Drive, Hermitage Drive.

Proverbs 1, v.7 [NIV]

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

19th & 20th September: St Edmund's Area 30

Blenheim Drive, Blenheim Parade, Sheroside Close, Middlefield Close, Acresview Close, Ash Close, Oak Close.

Proverbs 4, v.13 [NIV] Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

21 & 22nd September: St Nick's Area 2

Birchover Way, Melbourne Close



James 1, v.5 [NIV]

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

23rd & 24th September: St Matthew's Area 55

Tressillain Close, Foxlands Avenue, Finningley Drive, Braithwell Close, Maltby Close, Wickersley Close, Misterton Close, Harpswell Close, Duffield Road, Church Lane North.

Words of Jesus: Matthew 7, vs.24-25 [NIV]

'Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rains came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundations on the rock.'

25th & 26th September: St Edmund's Area 31.

Hollies Road, Kingsley Road, Sycamore Avenue, Larch Close.

27th & 28th September: St Nick's Area 3.

Carsington Crescent.

Proverbs 2, vs.2-3 [NIV]

Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding.

29th & 30th September: St Edmund's Area 32

Allestree Lane, Beaureaper Avenue, Lockwood Road, Thorn Close, Birches Road.

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.

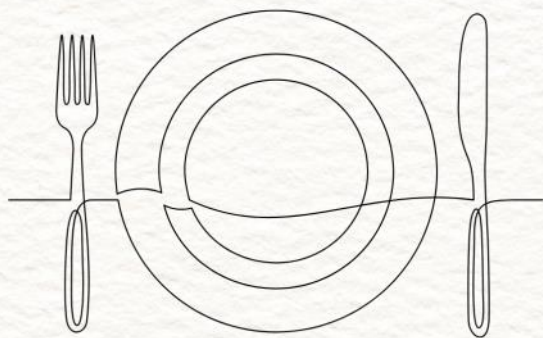
This months 6pm services are

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| Sunday 7th September | St Matt's: Evensong led by Melonie Hambly |
| Sunday 14th September | St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by The Choir |
| Sunday 21st September | St Matt's: Joint Choral Evensong led by Rachael Brooks |
| Sunday 28th September | St Ed's: Choral 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: 28th Sept, 19th Oct, 23rd Nov and 14th Dec

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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MOST FOOD BANKS ARE CURRENTLY SHORT OF FOOD

This happens most summers, but each year seems to get worse.

IF YOU SUPPORT A FOOD BANK. Thank you for responding to the need. However, please consider encouraging people to donate NOW. With people away on holidays and Harvest Festivals often in October, food banks can struggle over the summer and early autumn.

IF YOU DON'T ALREADY SUPPORT A FOODBANK.

Please can you help us?

Our city is still above the national average for child poverty – over 1 in 3 children in Derby are living in poverty. I don't need to tell you that churches are major supporters of food banks: "When I was hungry you fed me"

Please would you consider supporting **DERBY FOOD 4 THOUGHT FOOD BANK ALLIANCE**. This is the charity where I volunteer, and I have never seen our warehouse shelves so empty. We help with the supply of food to 17 food banks across the city. They can put in an order to us for those items they need, and we can be of special support to the smaller or newer or less well-known foodbanks.

Incidentally, occasionally, we can also redistribute donations if for example a food bank has been given a large quantity of an item they cannot house or comfortably use. We also support food parcels to individuals and families, and through our partner agencies, to the homeless and people leaving hospital.

What do we need? Long dated tins- meat, fish, potatoes, vegetables, soup, rice pudding, fruit, pasta, rice, biscuits, squash or pasta/noodles which need only kettle or microwave. There is a full list on the website

DF4TA have other projects like collecting and distributing school uniform and now have a furniture project. The website is derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk for more information.

I'd be very happy to help you set up your collection or supply other information about DF4TA. Thank you, Chris

Revd. Canon Christine Dyer



DONATION POINTS:

Sainsbury's Derby

[Ground floor, Derby Shopping Centre, Derby DE1 2NQ](#)

Donation box outside the entrance during opening hours.

Harrison's Hub - Community Corner [Pride Park Stadium, Derby DE24 8XL](#)

Thursdays only.

Morrisons [Wheatcroft Way, Derby DE21 4RY](#)

During opening hours.

ASDA Sinfin Shopping Centre

[Arleston Ln, Sinfin, Derby DE24 3DS](#) During opening hours.

Moorways Sports Village and Water Park

[Moor Ln, Allenton, Derby DE24 9HY](#) During opening hours.

One Stop Chaddesden [96 Wood Road, Derby DE21 4LZ](#)

During opening hours.

One Stop Stenson Road [432 Stenson Road, Derby DE23 1LN](#)

During opening hours.

One Stop Chellaston [Unit 6, Rowallan Way, Derby DE73 5WX](#)

During opening hours.

Sainsbury's Mickleover [55 Station Road, Derby DE3 9GJ](#)

During opening hours.

or deliver to the Warehouse near Ascot Drive on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday afternoons by arrangement (*we don't advertise the address as we aren't set up to deal with casual callers safely.*)

CORE FOOD NEEDED (In date, please)

TINS OF:

Soup, Pasta/Spaghetti, Hot / Cold Meat (stew, mince/corned beef /Spam), Tuna, Potatoes, Vegetables, Lentils, Kidney And Other Beans



PLUS:

Tea and Coffee, Cook-In Sauce, Pasta, Jams, Spreads, Cereal, UHT Milk, Noodles, Rice and Squash

SHOPPING STRATEGICALLY

Whether you support a foodbank in church or give to instore collections, shopping strategically can be helpful.

Although of course we appreciate baked beans, if you can occasionally afford meat like stew, it's highly valued because fewer people think about donating it. But every food donation, however small, is a plus and will be gratefully received

I'm a person who loves spicy food but non spicy soups etc suit more families.

Tea bags in foil inner packets can be split up and given to more families when supplies are short.

A bottle of squash goes further than a bottle of pop.

Giant packets of cereal can only be given to one family and even single people use food banks. A smaller pack can be just as effective.

Some people only have a kettle to 'cook' with, so pot noodles/and pot porridge have a place.

Please pray for the people who receive the food you give. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

PRINTABLE POSTERS, BUNTING and CORE FOOD LIST posters available at

<https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/how-to-help/summer-food-drive-appeal>

VENUE FOR HIRE

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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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<https://quarndonpreschool.org/index>



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.
- Church vision and the plans for the church café.
- Reverend's Cathie and Aiden Watson as they start the next chapter for their family.

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

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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

Church Warden: Mike Annable **Contact:** wardenstpauls@outlook.com

Safeguarding Lead: Mary Pitt

Contact: psostpauls@outlook.com

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.

| Dates/Services | Readings |
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| Sunday 7th September St Nicks: Sunday Breakfast @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion | Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33 |
| Sunday 14th September St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Service of the Word | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15: 1-10 |
| Sunday 21st September St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion | 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 Matthew 9: 9-13 |
| Sunday 28th September St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Sunday @3pm Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Morning Praise | 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19—end |

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