



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

*October 2025*

Dear Church family

As you read this, the summer holidays have become a distant happy memory, the children (and grandchildren), are back in school and Autumn is with us. The gardeners among us will be removing the annuals that put on a good summer show tidying up the shrubs, reshaping where necessary and digging over the beds in readiness for winter frosts to do the hard work of breaking up the large heavy clay lumps that a lot of us have in our gardens.

A few weeks ago, I noticed one of our shrubs was really over grown, so cut in back to a neater shape. In doing so, I revealed a Fuchsia which I had planted there very late in the summer two years ago, as I got it as very small plug plant and needed to protect it from the worst of winter. It had not grown much so I decided to dig it up and pot it up to over winter in our small greenhouse.



**Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love**

Digging it up revealed a root system that was engulfed with clay (and not the good kind). Its growth was stunted because of the lack of good soil. So, I gently got the clay away from the roots and soon realised that all I had left was a bare rooted plant. My limited knowledge told me this was not good. However, I potted it up with some miracle grow compost. Well, what a difference a bit of nurturing does. The plant got stronger sprouted more leaves and had rewarded me with a beautiful flower. This certainly has encouraged me to be more careful but taught me that nurturing can be very rewarding. I am now trying to spend more time digging and weeding around plants to encourage better growth.

This is also what we can do with our lives on a regular basis. We are all so busy with our daily lives that we often fail to see what is right in front of us. That neighbour we occasionally nod to, but have never exchanged any dialogue. A simple “hello how are you” may be the only words he / she may have heard all week that did not come from the television. I was in our front garden when an elderly gent went slowly by with his dog. He often walked his dog down our road but I had not seen him for a few weeks.



So, I bit the bullet, I stood up and greeted him for the first time and said I had not seen him lately. He spent a lovely half hour talking to me. Telling me about his family who lived in another part of the country and that he goes to see them in the holiday period. Now I try to make sure I chat to him

The evenings are drawing in fast and the cold weather will bring with it more isolation for many. We all need our individual bit of nurturing, to help us flourish. All my plant needed was some good compost, and it rewarded me with a flower, but for us complex people nurturing takes a bit more time and effort. We all find it difficult to make the first move. If you did make that first move, I am sure you would get as much benefit as the person receiving the attention. But always make sure of your own safety first.

May God continue to bless you all and guide you in your daily journey.

Bruce

### **Jigsaw Kids Ministry visit**

St Nick's recently welcomed Tim and his wife from Jigsaw Kids Ministry who shared with the congregation the work the Jigsaw team are doing to help keep safe children. Members of the congregation found the visit very informative including the plans Jigsaw have going forward to build a second centre for children at risk.



Jigsaw ministries are praying the plans for the second centre in the inner city are successful (with a new builder). Please join them in praying for the success of this project and pray for the Jigsaw team as they carry out their important work.

For more information visit: [www.jigsawkidsministriesuk.com/](http://www.jigsawkidsministriesuk.com/)

## Wedding Blessing

Sunday 21st September Reverend Sarah had the honour of performing a Wedding Blessing for two members of St Nick's congregation, Mike and Carol. God bless them both and our thoughts and prayers are with them as they start married life.



## Community Café

Thank you for all your prayers for the St Nick's community café. It has now launched and runs every Wednesday 10-2pm during term time in the Church room.

The team are constantly making changes to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible and you receive the best service. All money raised goes back into St Nick's.



**Now Open**

# **Daily Bread Community Tea Shop**

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**



## **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 16<sup>th</sup> November. John will be taking them to the warehouse Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you for your support.

Anne Cartmell



5th October service theme is: Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST @10**

**All-Age Family Service**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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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## **Allestree Scarecrow Festival 2025**

Did you all manage to spot Sarah and Rachael's doppelgangers on the scarecrow trail last month. For those who missed it see below:



## **Breast Cancer Now Coffee morning**

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the recent coffee morning at St Nick's Church to support an important charity. £125 was raised at the event.



Our thoughts and prayers are with those whom this charity has a particular significance.



## **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 5th	St Matt's: Evensong led by Melonie Hambly
Sunday 12th	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by Rev Rachael Brooks
Sunday 19th	St Matt's: Choral Evensong led by Clive Lemmon
Sunday 26th	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by the Choir



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

## **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](http://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 Sinfen Shopping Centre**

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

### **Moorways Sports Village and Water Park**

## **SHOPPING STRATEGICALLY**

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

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.

## **Harvest Services 2025**

This year's Harvest services will be on the 12th October at both churches and we will be collecting non perishable items for Derby Food 4 Thought. Items can brought to church before this date. DF4T will be collecting the donations Monday 13th October along with items collected by The Curzon school.

Thank you for your support.



# October 2025

## Archdeacon Matthew writes...

Media reports link the recent increase in national flag displays to concerns about UK migration levels. I understand that migration is a genuine concern for many, including Christians, and I don't wish to dismiss these anxieties. It's important to acknowledge that our church communities include first, second and third generation migrants. For Christians seeking to faithfully follow Jesus, reflecting His holiness and partnering in extending God's Kingdom on earth, the migration debate often overlooks a crucial question: human dignity. In this month's article, I want to explore how we can balance concerns over UK migration levels with thinking, speaking, and acting in ways that prioritise human dignity.

When addressing such a topical political issue, I recognise that blanket terms like "migration" or "immigration" are problematic. These terms are too broad to properly distinguish between those entering the country by established routes to fill skill shortages, those seeking asylum, and those entering via improvised means. I understand that much of the concern expressed through protests and flag displays relates specifically to the latter. Another challenge of terms such as migrant, 'illegal' immigrant, or asylum seeker is the labelling of an individual by their documented or undocumented status. This risks reducing the fullness of a person's identity, character and life story to a single label, and an often weaponised label too.

Applying our Christian faith to current issues, injustices, and inequalities is central to following Jesus. Our deep faith traditions inspire us to act with consideration for others, especially the vulnerable, poor, and marginalised. The prophet Jeremiah wrote, 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls' (Jeremiah 6:16). Our faith in Jesus, the Good News of the Gospel, and the biblical vision of God's Kingdom penetrating our daily lives offers an antidote to the indignity some groups face in our society. I'm making not a political argument but a theological one: while there are legitimate concerns about migration and the perceived pressure on local communities, our Christian faith calls us to think, speak and act in ways that uphold the dignity of others.

Our faith's approach to speaking of migrants with dignity begins in Genesis, where we learn that all creation is made in God's image (Genesis 1:27). Migrants possess inherent worth and dignity not because of our political ideologies or personal opinions, but because



they, like all humanity, are made in God's image. The Bible clearly connects our innate dignity and worth with justice. Proverbs 31:8-9 instructs us, 'Open your mouth for those with no voice, for the cause of all the dispossessed. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the cause of the poor and needy.' Ultimately, we find our dignity in Jesus. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 3:28 that social and cultural differences do not separate us from our unity in Christ and our common dignity in Him.

Those deeply concerned about migration levels often worry about preserving what they see as solid foundations in society. The underlying suggestion is that high migration levels threaten our British way of life. Before our current debates, the late Pope Benedict suggested that society's solid foundations depend on affirming human dignity:

*A society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalised.*

Across our churches, chaplaincies and fresh expressions in the Diocese of Derby, our vocation must be to promote the innate dignity and self-worth of all people made in God's image. This doesn't mean ignoring genuine concerns about migration, but it does mean that how we articulate those concerns matters. Christians are called to point people to Jesus, in whom we discover our common humanity, and to reflect our own dignity in how we welcome others and pray for justice for everyone on earth.

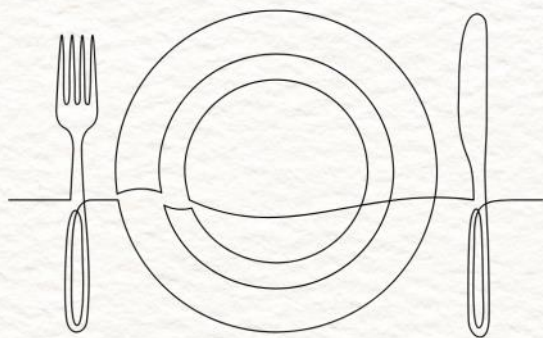
Bless all who seek refuge on this earth.  
Meet their needs for safety and for home.  
Move the hearts of your people to show them welcome.  
Cause wars to cease and bring justice,  
to the nations that no one will need to flee again.  
Amen.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matthew Trick'.

**The Venerable Matthew Trick**  
Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire



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: 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.

Search:



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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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quarndonpre-school@hotmail.co.uk

<https://quarndonpreschool.org/index>







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.



St Nick's and St Pauls are committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults from harm. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO). Our Diocese of Derby's safeguarding pages contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor who advises our PSO. If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm please contact the PSO's by email: [psostnicks@outlook.com](mailto:psostnicks@outlook.com) or [psostpauls@outlook.com](mailto:psostpauls@outlook.com)

## **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 or on Zoom depending on the weather on:

22nd October 7.30pm

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 circle of people who are committed to phone along a chain when people request prayer, or a situation arises that needs communicating and praying for. You can rest assured that you are being covered in prayer when you approach someone who is on the contact list.

***If you would like to be added to the prayer circle, 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.
- Our new Ordinand Colette as she begins her training across the four churches.
- The work of the Jigsaw Kids Ministry team.

# COFFEE & CHAT

ST NICKS CHURCH ROOM

TAKES PLACE EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup>  
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](mailto: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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[www.stnicksallestree.co.uk](http://www.stnicksallestree.co.uk)



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

### **Handy Contacts for both churches:**

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#### **St Nick's**

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**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

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## Upcoming Services —

Priest in Charge: Reverend Sarah Watson and Associate Priest  
Reverend Rachael Brooks. Ordinand Colette Desborough.

Dates/Services	Readings
<b>Sunday 5th October</b> St Nicks: Sunday Breakfast @ 10  St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Theme: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
<b>Sunday 12th October—Harvest Services</b> St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 with Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Service of the Word	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19
<b>Sunday 19th October</b> St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Genesis 32:22-31 Luke 18:1-8
<b>Sunday 26th October</b> St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Joint Sunday @3pm Holy Communion St Pauls: No Service Joint at St Nick's	Romans 8:12-17 Luke 4:16-24

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