



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

November 2025

I've just been watching footage of some anti-Trump demos, which have been happening across the USA and other parts of the world over the weekend when I write. Of course, I'm not going to comment on the political issues around this – nobody in a position of power is going to be interested in the views of a retired clergyman writing in an English parish newsletter! However, I notice that a key theme of these marches was “No Kings”. Though we live in a monarchy which has only nominal power, and may therefore wonder what the fuss is about, we can appreciate how people are alarmed at what they perceive to be a move towards tyranny and dictatorship. How can the absolute rule of just one person ever be seen as a good thing?

Actually, the answer to that question is not as straightforward as we might think. It all depends on who the ruler is.



Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love

Let me explain. We are coming towards the end of the calendar year, but the Church year ends somewhat sooner. In fact, it is this month. The Church year begins on Advent Sunday, which comes either on the first Sunday of December or the last in November, depending on which day of the week is December 25th. There are four Sundays in Advent. All right so far? Now if Advent Sunday starts the Church year, then the end of the previous year is the Sunday before, which this year is November 23rd (stay with me). The end of the year is a kind of climax, and this is when we celebrate Christ the King, bringing us back to our original question. The ruler we are now talking about is Jesus himself, and he is the King that all Christians need to say yes to.

Jesus is King not because of some grand ceremony in a great cathedral, but because he came to earth, lived among us, died on a cross, rose again, and ascended into heaven. Whatever anyone might say, the cross is at the heart of the whole thing. That is where victory over our sin was won and secured. He came not to make us feel fluffy, but to save us from our sin. We are called to respond, firstly by putting our faith in him, and then by recognising that he has an absolute claim on every part of our lives.



This is not dictatorship – dictators bring death. Jesus brings life as it was always meant to be. I became a subject of King Jesus fifty-three years ago, at the age of seventeen. It has not always been easy, and at times it has been very, very tough, but I have no regrets. To be a subject of this King is a privilege for which I will always be deeply grateful. The Ruler who has secured the forgiveness of all my sins is worthy of total devotion.

We all have a lot on our minds, and we have a very busy time coming up. For some, the run-up to Christmas, and Christmas itself, may be painful (this is not as rare as some might think). But in all this, let us take a moment or three to remember Christ the King, to honour this King, to respond to him, and once more to devote our lives to him. There is so much bad news, but Jesus brings, and is, good news, and that will never change.

David Horsfall





Reverse Advent Calendar 2025

We are taking part in this years DF4TA Reverse Advent Calendar

From Friday 7th November – Monday 1st December



Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance is a registered charity number 1198665.
Registered office: 30 Charnwood St, Derby, DE1 2GU





- ☐ Porridge or Weetabix – breakfast type items
- ☐ Tinned potatoes, instant mash
- ☐ Tinned vegetables
- ☐ Packet dessert
- ☐ Tinned hot meat – curry, stew
- ☐ Biscuits
- ☐ Tinned soup – tomato or vegetable
- ☐ Sugar Free Squash
- ☐ Savoury Crackers
- ☐ Tinned cold meat – corned beef, spam etc
- ☐ Noodles/pot noodles
- ☐ Pasta sauce
- ☐ Tinned tuna
- ☐ Tinned chopped tomatoes
- ☐ Pasta, rice, spaghetti
- ☐ Tea coffee hot chocolate
- ☐ Strawberry Jam Peanut Butter Chocolate Spread
- ☐ Rice pudding
- ☐ Curry Sauce – mild or medium only
- ☐ Tinned fruit – any variety
- ☐ Kidney Beans, Lentils or Chick peas
- ☐ UHT Milk - whole or semi skimmed
- ☐ Christmas treat choc coins selection box
- ☐ Mince pies, Christmas pudding
- ☐ Yule Log/ Swiss roll



Harvest 2025

Thank you and God bless all who contributed to our Harvest collection this year for Derby Food 4 Thought, including the pupils and community of The Curzon school

The amount collected was wonderful to see and will provide a life line to families within Derby.



Clothing Bank

Due to persistent fly tipping the clothing bank on St Nick's car park has been removed. If you have clothes to donate, Blenheim Parade has a number of clothing banks that can be used as an alternative.

Donation of Fruit

Thank you. Following a recent donation of pears St Nick's refreshment team will be making various delicious items including a version of the pear cake seen below:



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 2nd	St Matt's: Evensong led by Melonie Hambly
Sunday 9th	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by the Choir
Sunday 16th	St Matt's: Choral Evensong led by Clive Lemmon
Sunday 23rd	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by Rachael Brooks and Joint Choir
Sunday 30th	St Ed's: Advent procession led by Rachael Brooks and Joint Choir

Visit:

www.stedmundsallestreeandstmatthewsdarleyabbey.co.uk

for more information on upcoming services.





Allestree Youth Club



Allestree Youth Club is BACK

As we begin the new term, our youth group continues to grow, evolve, and thrive! There's a real sense of excitement about what God is doing among our young people and plenty of opportunities for the wider church family to get involved.

At the end of last term, we gave a warm send-off to Jonathan, who is now training to be a vicar in Bristol. This term, one of our key focuses will be recruiting new volunteers. We're delighted that a volunteer from the St Ed's/St Matt's parish has already come forward, eager to get involved. If you feel called to support Allestree Youth Club (AYC), please do speak to Rev Sarah or Rachel Kennedy. We'd love to hear from you!

UPDATE

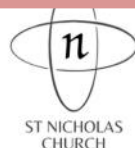
Food has always been a big part of AYC life (who can forget the legendary Pot Noodles?), and this year we've taken things up a notch! We've introduced hot chocolate and toast complete with a wide range of toppings. Unsurprisingly, Nutella has been a clear winner so far. We're also chatting with Luke, a local butcher at Park Farm, who is keen to support us as we explore the possibility of serving bacon and sausage butties. If you enjoy cooking or serving food, joining the catering team would be a brilliant way to help.

On the activity front, our sessions now include a mid-session game to help everyone connect and have fun together. Looking ahead, we're planning to introduce shared testimonies in the new year as we continue to nurture faith and community.

Please keep our youth, leaders, and volunteers in your prayers as we move into this exciting season. Thank you for being part of a church family that continues to invest in the next generation!



2nd November service theme is: The kingdom, the power and the glory



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

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Suffragettes talk with Rod Repton

St Nicks Church

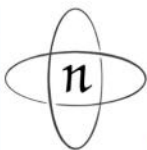
28th November

Doors open @ 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets cost: £10 each includes light refreshments

For more details visit www.stnicksallestree.co.uk

or scan the QR code to buy tickets.



All funds raised will be shared
between the Neonatal Baby unit at
UHDB and St Nick's Church.



Charity Fundraiser night

LEST WE FORGET.

Remembering those that gave so much for us, Rod will tell you about a plot by suffragettes in Derby to murder the Prime Minister Lloyd George by poisoning him during the Great War (1914-18). He will show how the plot led to their imprisonment after a government spy infiltrated the group.

Everyone is welcome and there will be light refreshments available. All money raised will be split between the Neonatal Unit at UHDB and St Nick's Church.

Use the *Give a Little* link to purchase tickets at <https://givealittle.co/c/78gzHH7I9NdgCs67dEeXLP>.



Helpful Apps for Following Jesus Every Day

There are so many good apps & websites out there to help us pray and read the Bible. Helping us to find God & be followers of Jesus every day of the week, not just on Sundays. You can read or listen.

Here are a few examples give them a try & find one that works for you.

Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England with prayers, Bible readings and more.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/everyday-faith-portal>



Download The Bible with Nicky and Pippa Gumbel app today.



Scan to install the app



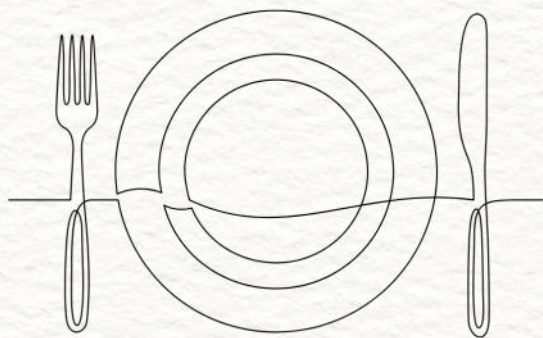
ST NICK'S CHURCH, ALLESTREE
& ST PAUL'S CHURCH, QUARNDON

Remembrance Services

NOVEMBER 9TH AT 10AM



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: 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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VENUE FOR HIRE

**St Nicks
Church**



We have a large hall available to hire for a single event or a regular class.. Ideal for birthday parties and concerts

For more details contact our church administrator:
stnicksallestree@outlook.com
550431

For smaller groups we have rooms available for up to 40 people with access to small kitchens perfect for making refreshments.

Large car park on site

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Village Hall

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birthday parties, dance
classes, music
ensembles or local
community groups.
Car park on site .

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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.



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 or 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:

26th November 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. We have now set up a WhatsApp group so that prayer requests can be relayed more quickly than ringing each individual member. There is still provision for those who prefer to hear by phone. Please rest assured you are being covered in prayer.

***If you would like to be added to the prayer circle,
please get in touch with the church office.
For more details, please see the poster at the back of
St Nick's.***

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.
- Charity night led by Rod Repton and the work at the baby unit.
- Remembrance Sunday and those who are sad at this time of year.

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 Nick's or St Paul's 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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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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Office Email: stnicksallestree@outlook.com

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. Ordinand Colette Desborough.

Dates/Services	Readings
Sunday 2nd November St Nicks: Sunday Breakfast @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Ephesians 1:11-end Luke 6:20-31
Sunday 9th November St Nicks: Remembrance @ 10 with Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Remembrance Service	Job 19:23-27 Luke 20:27-38
Sunday 16th November St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19
Sunday 23rd November St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Sunday @3pm Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Morning Praise	Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
Sunday 30th November St Matthews: Joint 4 Church Service at 10am.	

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