



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

March 2026

Lent

Lent is a significant season in the church's year, when we reflect and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. If we reduce Lent to giving up chocolate or whatever else it might be, we miss something of its depth. That's not to say that different forms of fasting are wrong; in fact it is probably a spiritual discipline that is often missing in our culture, but there is much more to Lent than giving up chocolate or cake.

As a lover of music, I often find that I have a song resonating in my head and especially so during the seasons of the church year. This Lent the song that keeps replaying in my mind is the hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* which begins

*"Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise"*



This sums up for me something of the theme of Lent reflected in the Ash Wednesday service to *'take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord?'*

Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love

This call is not one of guilt, but of the freedom and forgiveness we find in Jesus and with it renewed hope and peace. God meets us not with condemnation, but with compassion, love and forgiveness. As the words of the gospel of John remind us:

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”

The hymn also speaks of the ‘*still small voice of calm,*’ a reminder that God often meets us in the gentle and quiet places. In a 24/7 media world and as someone who can find it hard to slow down and be still, Lent reminds us to pause, to breathe, to lay down the franticness of life, including putting down my mobile phone and to allow God to meet me.

In an ever busy, hectic and often troubled world this hymn brings us back to God; to stillness, simple trust and rest in our gracious God of love, the one who gives us hope and peace. Again, in the words of the hymn as we pause and turn again to Christ may God take from our souls the strain and stress and let our lives confess the beauty of God’s peace.

The season of Lent invites us into a deeper, simpler and humbler walk with God, which may or may not involve giving up chocolate! It is an invitation from God to live in trust, humility, and in the peace we find in God’s presence. It is a time that we reconnect with God, finding the love and forgiveness that is found in Christ and to take small, intentional steps that draw us closer to Jesus.



Rev Sarah Watson



SPOTLIGHT

on young people & families



Title: Youth & Woodlands

What has been happening:

This year Shrove Tuesday falls in the half term, so at Allestree Youth Group (AYC) instead of the normal hot dogs, we ended before the half term with pancakes. This was a great way to discussing Easter, giving things up over lent and enjoying some tasty treats and fun games. The walk arounds at Woodlands have been very wet due to the rainy weather but its a great to connect with the young people at school and then see them the following day at AYC.



Please pray for:

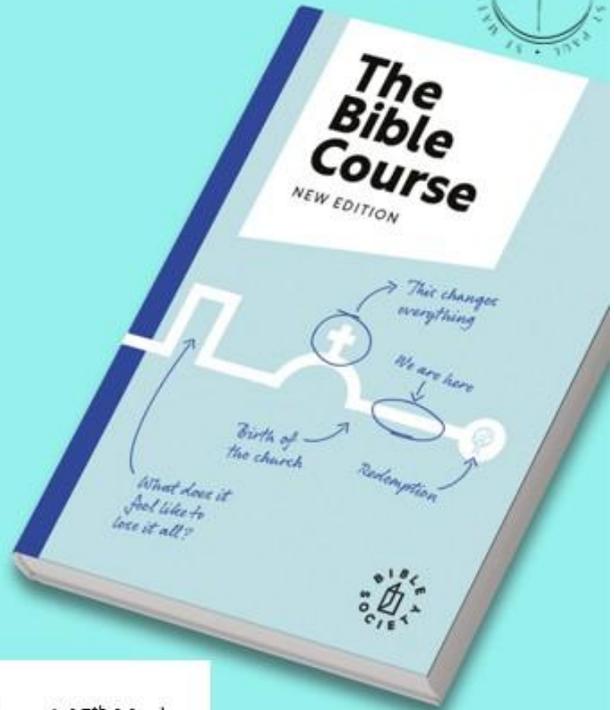
Please prayer for our young people, that we have good conversations around the topic of Easter and who Jesus could be in their lives.

See Church Websites for more details

The Bible Course

NEW EDITION

**Want to
feel more
connected
to God's
word?**



Time - 2-3.15 pm

When - Sundays in Feb & Mar (except 15th Mar)

Where - St Matthew's Fellowship Room, DE22 1EY

Enquire - steds.stmatts@outlook.com or
stnickallestree@outlook.com

biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse

Advanced Notice:

Sunday 31st May Bishop Libby Lane will be joining us for the Joint service at St Nick's.

Sunday 22nd March there will be a joint baptism service at St Paul's Church at 10am. No morning service at St Nick's but Sunday @ 3pm in the chapel will be on as normal.

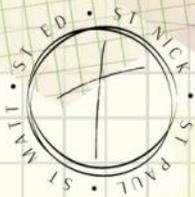
HOLY WEEK SERVICES



ST EDMUND'S, ST MATTHEW'S, ST NICK'S & ST PAUL'S CHURCHES

Service	When	Where
Palm Sunday Service	29 th March 10am	St Edmund's, St Nick's & St Paul's
Palm Sunday All Age	10am	St Matthew's
Evening Prayer	30 th , 31 st March & 1 st April 7pm	Online
Stripping Altar	2 nd April 7.30pm	St Edmund's
Hour at the Cross	3 rd April 2pm	St Edmund's
All age informal	3 rd April 3pm	St Nick's
Good Friday reflective services	7pm 7.30pm	St Nick's St Matthew's
Easter Day Holy Communion	5 th April 10am	St Matthew's
Easter Day Holy Communion All age	10am	St Edmund's, St Nick's & St Paul's





GOOD FRIDAY

**COME AND SEE THE STORY THAT
CHANGED THE WORLD**

**Come and see...Come and listen...
Come and experience the story like never before!**



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Step back in time and meet the eyewitnesses of Good Friday!
Families will travel through the story, hearing real-life accounts
from people who were there, the ones who saw it all unfold.

Short, interactive storytelling
Eyewitness stories come to life
Moments to wonder, reflect, and respond
Activities for children and adults alike



WHO WILL YOU MEET...

You might hear from...

- **The disciples at the Last Supper**
- **Peter before Jesus was taken**
- **A criminal on the cross with Jesus**
- **A bystander who ended up giving his tomb**

Each one has a story to tell...



WHERE & WHEN...

St Nick's Church | Allestree | DE22 2PE

Friday 3rd April @ 3pm

✓ **Discover the meaning of Good Friday together**

LOVE GOD | LOVE ONE ANOTHER | LOVE COMMUNITY

Extra Worship opportunities

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

St Edmunds, Allestree have a Communion service 10.30am 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 1st	St Matt's: Evensong led by Melonie Hambly
Sunday 8th	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by David Anderson
Sunday 15th	St Matt's: Choral Evensong led by Clive Lemmon
Sunday 22nd	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by Paul

Visit:

www.stedmundsallestreeandstmatthewsdarleyabbey.co.uk
for more information on upcoming services.



2026 Church Electoral Rolls

Every year in the run up to the APCMs, each church needs to complete an electoral roll of members. Unlike last year, we only have to note changes so, those who wish to be added or removed. If you signed up last year and wish to remain a member, you do not need to do anything.

This year's Rolls will be completed as below:

St Paul's between the 12th and 25th April

St Nicks between the 19th April and 2nd May

Please let Katy Davies (St Pauls) or Jan Calladine (St Nicks) know if you want to be added or removed from the roll during the above times. Forms will be at the back of both churches.

Advanced notice: The APCMs are:

10th May for St Pauls

17th May for St Nicks.

 **APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT**
ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF: *St Paul's*

Full name _____ Preferred title (if any) _____

Postal address _____

Postcode _____ Email Address (optional) _____

Before signing please read attached notes.

1: I declare that (please tick box)

I am baptised, am a lay person, and am aged 16 or over
(or become 16* on ____/____/____)
**Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and will then be eligible to have his or her name entered on the Roll on his or her sixteenth birthday.*

2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)

2A I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in the parish or

2B I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, am not resident in the parish, [but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because _____] or

2C I am a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, am also a member of the Church of England [and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because _____]

*If you tick 2B or 2C in circumstances where a new Roll is being prepared, you must delete either the first set of words in square brackets or the second set. If you delete the first set, you must complete the second set by filling in the space at the end. Use Note 1 for further information.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

Signed _____ Date _____

Application for Enrolment_26_2023_2024 - Download from the Diocese website: www.diocese.org.uk/register/submit-application-on-line-2023-2024

Notes

General matters

1 The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain Foreign Churches, as listed in the Supplementary Material to the Canon (but note Rule 8(2)) of the Church Representation Rules, which provides for any question as to whether a particular Church is in communion with the Church of England to be decided by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York acting jointly.

2 Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.

3 Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can reapply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as a ballot worker/poll clerk and have been prevented by illness or other sufficient reason from working/poll clerk for the past six months, you should complete declaration 2B or 2C as follows –
(a) delete the first set of words in square brackets and
(b) at the end of the second set of words in square brackets, briefly state the reason for not having worked/poll clerk as mentioned.

4 If you have any problems with this Form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.

5 In this Form "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.

Use of email addresses and other personal data

6 This roll has to provide an email address on this Form. If you do provide one, the Parochial Church Council and the electoral roll officer are entitled to use that email address to communicate with you in connection with the maintenance or revision of the roll or the preparation of a new roll or with elections to or membership of the Council.

7 The Church Representation Rules impose certain requirements for your name and address to be given to a third party, such as the diocesan electoral registration officer, in connection with elections to or membership of a diocesan synod, diocesan synod or the House of Laity of the General Synod. If you provide an email address on this Form, it will be given to the third party along with your postal address.

8 A third party to whom your name and address have been given under the Church Representation Rules in certain cases required by the Rules to pass them on to another person, such as the presiding officer at a ballot station. If you provide an email address on this Form, that email address will be given to the other person along with your postal address.

9 Any person to whom your email address or other personal data is given under the Church Representation Rules is required by those Rules to hold the data securely. Furthermore, if you do provide an email address on this Form, that does not give anybody the right to use it for any purpose other than those permitted by the Rules; it cannot, for example, be used for social media or fund raising.

10 This roll is published after each annual revision and after the preparation of a new roll. The published roll will include your name (as well as the name of every other person on the roll) but none of your other personal data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018) will be made public as a result of your inclusion on the roll.

This month's theme is Lent.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST @10

All-Age Family Service

1st Sunday of Every Month

COME ALONG FOR BREAKFAST @ 9:45AM

FOLLOWED BY TIME TOGETHER TO GATHER, REFLECT IN DIFFERENT WAYS TO EXPLORE A FRESH TAKE ON FAITH FOR ALL AGES!

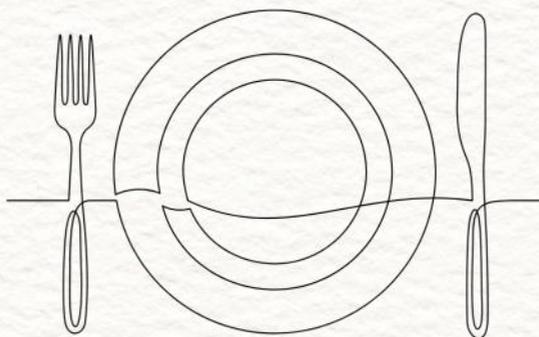
COME HUNGRY FOR FOOD AND FAITH!



Love God • Love One Another • Love Our Community

St Nicholas Church | 2 Lawn Ave, Allestree | stnickscyl@outlook.com

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: 8th March, 19th April, 17th May & 14th June.

Baptism and Confirmation

Rev Sarah and Rev Rachael will be running sessions for those who are considering being baptised and/or confirmed. If you would like more details or would like to attend please speak to either Sarah or Rachael. Thank you.



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 ongoings in either church please contact Emma in the office.

Search:

www.facebook.com/stpaulsquarndon

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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:
stnicksalvestree@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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ST PAULS CHURCH

Village Hall

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

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or 07973702002



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 on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Chapel or on Zoom depending on the weather. This month will be:

25th March 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.
- For upcoming discussions on our churches working together.
- For the Easter services to challenge and transform people's lives.

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.

Handy Contacts for both churches:

Church Office Emma Patterson **Contact:** 01332 550431.

Office Email: stnicksallestree@outlook.com



Children's and Youth Leader Rachel Kennedy

Email: stnicksCYL@outlook.com

Contact: 07895051941



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

Websites: www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Paul-Quarndon

www.stnicksallestree.co.uk

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

Upcoming Services —

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

Dates/Services	Readings
Sunday 1st March St Nicks: Sunday Breakfast @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Genesis 12:1-4 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17
Sunday 8th March St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 with Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Service of the Word	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
Sunday 15th March Mothering Sunday St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Samuel 1:20-end John 19:25-27
Sunday 22nd March St Nicks: No Service @ 10 Sunday @3pm Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Joint Baptism Service	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1—45
Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-29
Mon 30th & Tues 31st Online Evening prayer @ 7 (see St Nick's website for online link).	

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