



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

June 2025

Thy Kingdom Come

Each year, between Ascension Day and Pentecost, churches are invited to take part in **Thy Kingdom Come**, a prayer initiative led by the Church of England and has grown to involve millions of Christians across the globe.



Thy Kingdom Come is wonderfully simple. Inspired by Jesus' words in the Lord's Prayer, it invites us to pray during these ten days that God's kingdom of love, justice, mercy, and peace would be more deeply known in our own lives and in the lives of others.

One of the central invitations of Thy Kingdom Come is to **pray for five people** whom we know and love, asking that they might come to know God more fully. This is not about pressure or persuasion, but about prayerful openness that people may know the transforming love of God.

Thy Kingdom Come also encourages us to renew our own prayer lives in a way that we hope goes beyond the ten days of the initiative. In the busyness of daily life, prayer can so easily slip to the margins. We are offered a gentle invitation to pause, create space, and listen again for God.

Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love

Whether through daily reflections, silence, Scripture, walking prayer, or shared worship, there is no single “right” way to take part — only the invitation to pray. I personally find apps such as Lectio 365, Pray as You Go or Time to Pray very helpful, and if you haven’t tried one, it’s worth giving them a go, you will find one that fits better with who you are and how you engage with God.

Thy Kingdom Come also connects with what we are doing locally across our four parishes — St Edmund’s, St Matthew’s, St Nicholas’, and St Paul’s. Alongside Thy Kingdom Come, we are continuing our shared initiative to pray for every household and every street within our parishes over an 18 month period. This commitment reflects the same prayerful heart: asking for God’s presence, blessing, and grace to be known in every corner of our communities.

Praying street by street and household by household helps us to see our neighbourhoods through God’s eyes noticing places of joy and struggle, connection and isolation. It invites us to hold before God the lives of people in our community with the love of God.

Praying “*Thy kingdom come*” reminds us that God’s kingdom encourages us to watch for where God is at work and to consider how we might join in.

We also remember the disciples waited, prayed, and trusted in God’s promise of the Holy Spirit. May this season strengthen our prayer, deepen our unity, and renew our hope, as we pray together for God’s kingdom to be known in our lives, our streets, and our community.

Rev Sarah Watson





Join us on Sunday 7th June 2026

Continuing the series on...

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

At our All Age Sunday Breakfast@10

Breakfast starts from 9:45am come along for some food and explore this exciting series!

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PEACE

GOODNESS



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**Wed 13th May to 8th July 11am-12.20pm @ St Nicks Chapel
(no session 27th May)**

Daily Bread Cafe open 10-2 for food & drink

All welcome

**An idea of numbers would be helpful please email
stnicksallestree@outlook.com or sign up at the back of church**

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 7th June	St Matt's: Evensong led by Clive Lemmon
Sunday 14th June	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by Rev Rachael Brooks
Sunday 21st June	St Matt's: Choral Evensong led by Clive Lemmon
Sunday 28th June	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by Diana Mellor

Visit:

www.stedmundsallestreeandstmatthewsdarleyabbey.co.uk

for more information on upcoming services.



New Reader

We are very fortunate to welcome a new Reader to the clergy team across all four parishes, Diana Mellor. Diana will be a familiar face to those who have visited the Youth group as she is part of the team of volunteers and is often found liaising the cooking and distribution of over 50+ sausage cobs each week!

So, on behalf of everyone at St Nick's and St Paul's we welcome Diana to the team.

Diana has kindly written a small piece about herself and she is looking forward to getting to know everyone.

Well, that really didn't go plan!

As I closed my NHS laptop for the last time some 20 months ago my plans to revisit past hobbies of painting and embroidery, the excitement of new ones, and turning the shed into a craft room well it seems God had other ideas.

Dangerously I listened to a sermon on 23rd March 2025 and with it a piece of scripture from Lukes's gospel ch13 v 1-9.

Even if I'd wanted to ignore its message a friend sat at my side gently tapped my knee. It was as if our conversation over coffee earlier in the week had been recorded and played to the preacher. Given that I'm not into conspiracy theories God truly spoke to my heart.



I began a year long journey discerning with Rachael and others where God wanted me to bear fruit.

It was clear that our God of economy wanted to reignite my calling to Reader ministry. I was licenced to the joint benefice of St Edmund's and St Matthews on 18th April 2026.

In my early years as a Christian, this rather shy introvert, found herself gifted with the heart of an evangelist. I found myself doing both street and beach missions. Way out of my comfort zone but in every conversation knowing the Holy Spirits gifting.

I love working with young people, new Christians, and have a heart to support individuals and groups to deepen and grow in their relationship with Jesus. To experience the transforming work of the Holy Spirit and know how precious they are to the Father's heart. Our perfect Trinity. Our God

I have two adorable dogs, Emily and Oscar, constant companions, and they are always pleased to see me!

I enjoy the company of my grandchildren, and they are ever a source of inspiration challenge and opportunity. My very patient daughter, well she waits to see what mischief her Mum will get up to next. I like to keep her guessing. She's a wonderful support. Hey, you know what? I know she's proud of me.



By Diana Mellor.



SPOTLIGHT

on young people & families



Title: Messy Church

What is happening?

St Matthew's and St Edmund's launched a joint Messy Church in 2025 having had enquiries from a few baptism families about whether we did it. We held 3 across the year and were pleased to have good take up so are planning three more this year too. Messy Pentecost on 31st May, Messy in Allestree Park on 13th August and Messy Advent on 28th Nov.

Messy Church is a FUN all age interactive way of exploring faith that gives families things to do with questions to ponder in a free flow format that puts them in control of their learning and response. It's about discovery rather than having information poured into our ears; about us learning together from one another - children often have more profound insights than adults! Knowing Jesus and making him known is what we're about.



SPOTLIGHT

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We start in the small hall at St Edmund's Church Hall with an introduction to the theme and then go through into the main hall for a mix of craft, Lego and experimental activities that explore the theme. We then go back into the small hall to reflect together on our learning and hear a Bible story that pulls the theme together and invites participation, so we learn from one another's learning. There's also a couple of songs and we pray together. While all this is happening in the small hall the main hall is being tidied and prepared for a buffet that finishes our time together as we chat more about what we've been doing.

Please pray for:

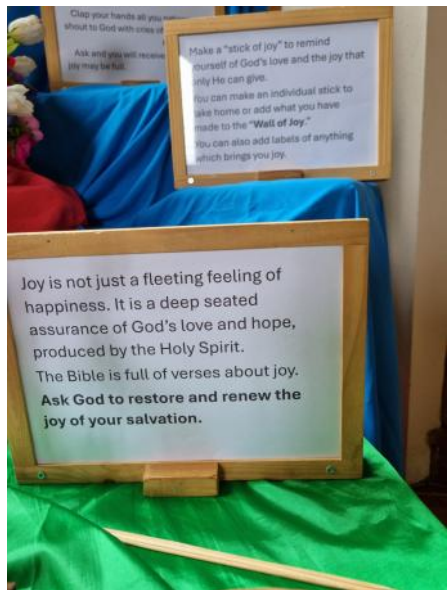


Please pray for enough helpers on the day; for encounter with God through Holy Spirit; and that we continue to build relationships between families as well as between families and team/helpers. The vast majority of those who come are baptism families who want to help their children grow in their faith, please pray they all do, parents too!

See Church Websites for more details

Prayer

If you have been to St Nick's recently you may notice the prayer station in the top right of the chancel which reflects the theme for this month's Breakfast Church. It is changed each month by Julie and Jill and will continue to focus on the Fruits of the Spirit. Last month's station was all about Joy and next month it will be about Peace.



Also, on the theme of prayer:

Evening prayer will be launching this month:

7th June @ 7pm.

Evening prayer will be held on the first Sunday of each month in the church building.

For more details see Sarah or one of the team.

Pews for sale

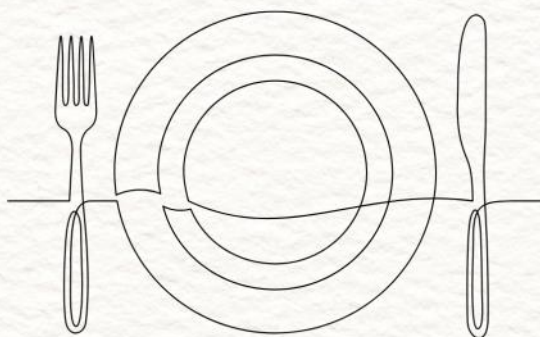
St Nick's church have 8 wooden pews for sale, £200 each. They measure 4.2m (L), 0.45m (W) and 0.9m (D) and include the blue cushion (see photo below).

They can be bought individually or in multiples. Pick up only.

For more details contact the church office:
stnicksallestree@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: 14th June, 19th July, 16th Aug & 20th Sept

Baptism and Confirmation

Rev Sarah and Rev Rachael will be running sessions in the new year 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.

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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

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stnicksalvestree@outlook.com
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Have you checked to see if your child is eligible for 2 year old funding ?

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<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:

24th June at 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 Celia as she settles into Brookfield House.
- For the future of St Paul's and the outcome of the public meeting.

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.

£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:

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St Nick's

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Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) Bruce Innis

St Paul's

Church Warden: **Contact:** stnicksallestree@outlook.com

Safeguarding Lead: Mary Pitt **Contact:** psostpauls@outlook.com

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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
<p>Sunday 7th June St Nicks: Sunday Breakfast @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion</p>	<p>Romans 4:13-end Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</p>
<p>Sunday 14th June St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 with Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion</p>	<p>Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8</p>
<p>Sunday 21st June St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion</p>	<p>Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 10:24-39</p>
<p>Sunday 28th June St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Sunday @3pm Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Morning Praise</p>	<p>Romans 6:12-end Matthew 10:40-end</p>

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