



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

July 2026

Ordinary Time: Growing in the Everyday

Following the celebrations of Pentecost, we enter a season of the Church year known as *Ordinary Time*. After the rich journey through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost, the rhythm of the Christian year seems to slow down. The colours change once again, and green becomes the colour in our churches and worship.



At first glance, the title *Ordinary Time* can sound somewhat uninspiring. In everyday language, “ordinary” often suggests something commonplace, routine, or even dull. Yet the Church means something quite different. Ordinary Time is not a pause in our spiritual lives or a period when nothing important happens. Rather, it is a season of growth, discipleship, and deepening faith.

The great festivals of the Christian year mark significant events in God's saving work. During Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ. At Christmas we celebrate his birth. During Lent we journey with him towards the cross, and at Easter we rejoice in the victory of the resurrection. Pentecost reminds us of the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the Church.

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This season of ordinary time offers a different opportunity to focus on the steady and often unseen work of spiritual growth. Just as plants and crops grow gradually through the long green months of the year, so too our faith develops through regular habits of prayer, worship, scripture reading, service, and fellowship. These practices may not always feel dramatic or exciting, but they are often the means through which God shapes our character and draws us closer to him.

Many of us know the value of routines in other areas of life. Relationships grow through regular conversation and shared experiences. Physical fitness develops through consistent exercise rather than occasional bursts of activity. I write this having just returned from a gym session I could have easily skipped! In much the same way, our relationship with God is nurtured through faithful, everyday practices.

For some, this may mean setting aside a few moments each day for prayer. Daily devotional apps such as Time to Pray, Lectio 365, or Daily Prayer are helpful tools. For others, it may involve reading Scripture more regularly, joining a group, serving our community, or simply becoming more attentive to God's presence in everyday life especially as we enjoy nature in the summer season.



Ordinary Time reminds us that faith is not sustained only by mountaintop experiences or major celebrations. Instead, it is formed in the ordinary patterns of life, in the daily choices to pray, worship, serve, forgive, and trust. It is in these seemingly small acts of faithfulness that God continues his work within us.

As we enter this season, perhaps we might reflect on the rhythms that sustain our spiritual lives. What practices help us remain rooted in Christ? What habits enable us to hear God's voice amid the busyness of life? Where might God be inviting us to grow during these months ahead?



Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. It is a season in which we are invited to discover God's presence in the everyday, to deepen our discipleship, and to grow steadily in faith. As the green of the season surrounds us, may it remind us that God is continually at work, nurturing new growth within us and leading us into a deeper life with him.

Rev Sarah Watson.

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Join us on Sunday 5th July 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!

LOVE

PATIENCE

Kindness

Faithfulness

JOY

Goodness

Gentleness

PEACE

Self-control



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 first Sunday of the month 7-8pm, St Nick's chapel, informal contemporary worship, short Bible reflection and prayer.

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 July	St Matt's: Evensong led by Melonie Hamley
Sunday 12th July	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by the Choir
Sunday 19th July	St Matt's: Choral Evensong led by Clive Lemmon
Sunday 26th July	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by Rachael Brooks

Visit:

www.stedmundsallestreeandstmatthewsdarleyabbey.co.uk

for more information on upcoming services.

Memories of music at St Nick's

I have a little something for you, the Church that is, as a community.

I am a percussionist and composer, and I recorded an album once in St Nick's (free download) called 'In an English Parish Church'.

I recorded the album, one dizzy summer afternoon quite some time go - when my fingers and my brain were younger.

It was an open fete - Rev Becky as then was - gave me the Church space to perform in - with the doors open for people to watch. St Nick's is near to my house – it has a wonderful acoustic - which I play as if it were part of my instrument.

Listen deeply to the punctuation, the spacing and the timing nee the rhythm - to the degree of the stroke - the attack and the reverb - and you have an extended performance of point and pressure - of call and response in invention and counter point or counter part of upper and Bass parts. I am very fond of it. Music pulled out of the Air - where the drum parts on a solo drum - are in my mantra is sufficient for music. No false starts or fluffs - this is live to tape in an English Parish Church.

<https://julianbroadhurstdrummusic.bandcamp.com/album/in-an-english-parish-church>

By Julian Broadhurst.





SPOTLIGHT

on young people & families



Title: Baptism

What is happening?

It has been a joy to celebrate baptisms across our churches, welcoming people of all ages into the life of faith.

Alongside baptising babies, we have recently baptised two teenagers who came forward after reading Scripture and sensing a call to follow Jesus. One was baptised by full immersion at St Paul's, a first for us and the other at St Matthew's. These moments have been a real encouragement, showing faith taking root in young lives.

We continue to explore the Bible and discuss faith at the weekly youth drop-in at St Nick's, supported by all four churches.

We also encourage families bringing children for baptism to join our family-friendly services, and it is wonderful that many continue to grow in faith together.



Please pray for:

- Young people coming to faith and baptism
- Our weekly youth drop-in
- Future confirmation opportunities
- Deeper engagement in family-friendly services

See Church Websites for more details

Congratulations to Kate Repton on British Empire Medal Honour

We are delighted to share that Kate Repton has been recognised in the King's Birthday 2026 Honours List with the British Empire Medal (BEM).

Kate has received this honour for her work as Founder and Trustee of The Friends of the Baby Unit at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, and for her services to premature babies and their families. Recipients of the BEM receive their medal from the Lord Lieutenant at a local ceremony and are also invited to attend a Royal Garden Party following publication of the Honours List.

We offer Kate our heartfelt congratulations on this wonderful achievement and pray that God will continue to bless her work. Please also remember in your prayers all the families currently receiving care from the Neonatal team.

If you would like to support the Neonatal Unit, please scan the QR code below to make a donation.

Beautiful infant knitwear is also available for a donation at St Nick's after every Sunday service and on Wednesdays at the Community Café. All proceeds go directly to The Friends of the Baby Unit.

For more information on the work being done please visit: www.fobuderby.co.uk



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:

stnicksalleestree@outlookcom.



Confirmations

with Bishop Jackie



13th September



10am



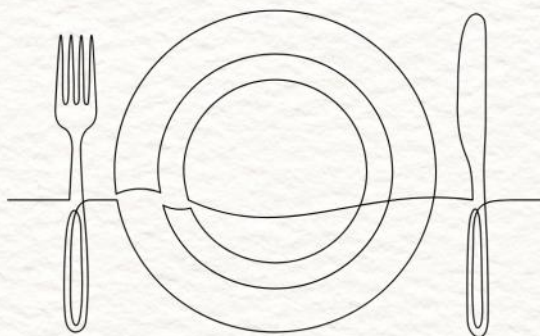
St Matthew Darley Abbey

A joint service of St Edmund – St Matthew – St Nick – St Paul

Anyone wishing to find out more please talk to
Rev Sarah or Rev Rachael or contact the church office.



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 July, 16th Aug & 20th Sept

Safeguarding training

Volunteers in the Church of England require safeguarding training as part of safer recruitment. To access the training please visit: www.safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org.

All individuals need to register for an account to complete the training. If you require assistance please contact Emma in the church office for help.

Training can be done in stages and at your own pace. Computer access is required. If you prefer face to face training please visit: www.derby.anglican.org/en/who-needs-safeguarding-training.html

to book onto the required training.

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:



www.facebook.com/stpaulsquarndon

www.facebook.com/stnicksallestree

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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

VENUE FOR HIRE

ST PAULS CHURCH

Village Hall

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

CONTACT US

hallstpauls@outlook.com
or 07973702002



Volunteers Holiday at Home

As you may know, each August we put on a Holiday at Home for people who might not otherwise get a break. This is hosted at Broadway Baptist but is something that all Allestree churches get involved with.

This year's H@H is on 4-6th August (unfortunately clashing with our family day on the Tuesday)

We really need volunteers to make this a success, and it is a fun way to get to know members of other local churches.

Help is required beforehand to help decorate the rooms, and to provide biscuits or cake each day for morning coffee/afternoon tea.

During the event we also need helpers to -

host (greet and chat to guests),

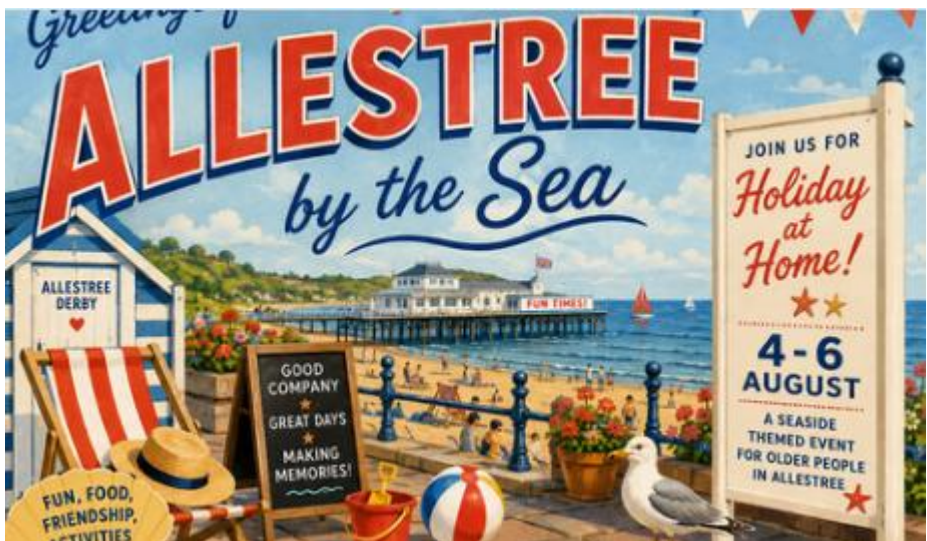
help, make or serve tea and coffee or lunch,

assist with games or a drama or provide manicures,

transport guests.

If you are interested and able to assist, then please complete the online form; <https://broadway.churchsuite.com/events/yhsyeafd>

Many thanks





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:

23rd July 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

Are you going through a difficult time at the moment and would like some emotional, spiritual or physical help?

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.

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 all our members who are now in care homes.
- For the future of St Paul's and all those who have volunteered.

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:

Church Office Emma Patterson **Contact:** 01332 550431.
Office Email: stnicksallestree@outlook.com



Children's and Youth Leader Rachel Kennedy
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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: **Contact:** stnicksallestree@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
<p>Sunday 5th July St Nicks: Sunday Breakfast @ 10 Contemporary Worship @7 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion</p>	<p>Romans 7:15-25 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end</p>
<p>Sunday 12th July St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 with Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion</p>	<p>Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13~:1-9, 18-23</p>
<p>Sunday 19th July St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion</p>	<p>Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</p>
<p>Sunday 26th July St Nicks: Sunday @ 10 Sunday @3pm Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Morning Praise</p>	<p>Romans 8:26-end Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</p>

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