



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

*August 2026*

How challenging it must be to be a football ref! I have very fond memories of watching my son's team play on Saturday mornings, cheering them on and trying to set a good example by supporting the referee's decisions - even when I felt they were wrong!

But refereeing at the World Cup, that's another level. Allowing or disallowing goals, handing out free kicks and yellow and even red cards. All because the game has rules. Rules which everyone knows. With no rules the game couldn't exist. Unfortunately, it's human nature to only like rules if they work in our favour! But we grumble and accept decisions because that's how it works. The ref holds the power — until we get people who think that they should always get what they want i.e. that rules are for everyone else. So, decisions are overturned; a red card doesn't mean what a red card normally means. Just NO!



Children are born with an inherent sense of justice, but they go through a phase of needing to learn that the rules apply to them too. They don't like it. None of us do if we're honest. But for society to function well we all have to learn what our shared rules are. We take turns; we tell the truth; we don't force but accept that 'no' means 'no'; we don't steal; we respect others in how we talk to them and treat them; we respect ourselves; we co-operate; we accept the consequences of our actions; we help those in need.



**Love God-Love One Another-Love Our Community**

God gave his people ten commandments, not because he liked a power trip - these rules weren't random things to kill our joy - but because he created us and knows what we need to flourish, like parents with their children. These ten rules gave his people a framework for living well together with him. The first four were about how they related to him as their God; the rest were about how they relate to each other. God was establishing a society of mutual respect, not 'might means right'. Have a look – Google 'The Ten Commandments'.



Jesus distilled them down to two: love God with all your heart, soul, body and mind; love your neighbour as yourself. Loving God looks like doing what he asks of us. I wonder. Could the Grenfell tower tragedy have happened if those responsible for building it had loved the people who were going to live in it as much as they loved themselves? Could the current wars around the globe continue if those waging them loved their neighbouring countries and communities?

I wonder what following Jesus' two laws could look like in your life tomorrow morning?

Rev Rachael Brooks



## 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@outlookcom](mailto:stnicksallestree@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.



St Nick's Church | 2 Lawn Avenue, Allestree | DE22 2PE

Love God • Love One Another • Love Our Community



Join us on Sunday 2nd Aug 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

JOY

PATIENCE

Goodness

Kindness

Faithfulness

PEACE

Self-control

Gentleness



## **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 2nd  | St Matt's: Evensong led by Melonie Hamley        |
| Sunday 9th  | St Ed's: Evensong led by Diana Mellor            |
| Sunday 15th | St Matt's: Choral Evensong led by Rachael Brooks |
| Sunday 23rd | St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by the choir        |

Visit:

[www.stedmundsallestreeandstmatthewsdarleyabbey.co.uk](http://www.stedmundsallestreeandstmatthewsdarleyabbey.co.uk)

for more information on upcoming services.





# SPOTLIGHT

*on young people & families*



## Title: Family Fun Day

### What has been happening:

Get ready for this year's Family Fun Day at St Nick's on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Aug! We're looking forward to welcoming families from across our four parishes for another fantastic day of fun and community. There'll be plenty to enjoy, including bouncy castles, soft play, face painting, glitter tattoos, crafts and our popular café. Our Family Fun Day has become a much-loved summer tradition, bringing people together for a day filled with laughter and lasting memories. None of it would be possible without our incredible team of volunteers, whose time, enthusiasm and dedication make the event such a success.



### Please pray for:

Thank God for all the families across our 4 parishes and that they are safe over the summer holidays. We realise now more than ever that time is precious for families, so pray that over the 6 weeks families know God's care and support and appreciate time together.

See Church Websites for more details



PRESENTS



DONATIONS  
WELCOME

# family FUN DAY

AT ST NICK'S, ALLESTREE

**TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**10:00AM – 14:00PM**

*Event Highlights*

**BOUNCY CASTLE & SOFT PLAY  
CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES**

**FOOTBALL  
FACEPAINTING  
REFRESHMENTS**

Join Us for a  
Spectacular  
Family Fun  
Day!

At the start of  
the summer  
holidays why not  
bring the family  
along for a fun  
time together!



JOIN US!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: [STNICKSCYL@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:STNICKSCYL@OUTLOOK.COM)**



# SUMMER EVENTS

## AUG 2026



**AUG  
02**

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST@10**  
**BREAKFAST FROM 9:45**



**ALL AGE WORSHIP - ST EDS**  
**10AM LOOKING @ 10 COMMANDMENTS**

**AUG  
04**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**ST NICK'S 10-2PM**

**FUN  
DAY**

**AUG  
13**

**MESSY IN THE PARK**  
**IN ALLESTREE PARK FROM 10AM**



**AUG  
23**

**ALL AGE WORSHIP - ST MATTS**  
**10AM LOOKING @ FEAR OR CONFIDENCE?**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT**

**EMAIL: [STNICKSCYL@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:STNICKSCYL@OUTLOOK.COM)**

# Community Café Afternoon Tea



19th August 2-4pm  
St Nick's Church Room  
Donations Welcome

## **Changes to St Nick's Services this Autumn**

As we enter the autumn season, we will be introducing some changes to our service pattern as we continue seeking what God is doing among us.

We are encouraging growth in our all-age worship and will be launching a new Sunday morning Holy Communion service, "*Around the Table*," designed to be accessible to all. This will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

We will also be trialling a change to our Sunday 3pm Holy Communion service, moving it to 11.30 am on the first Wednesday of each month. This aims to better support those with carers and to create opportunities for fellowship through our Community Café, welcoming those who may not usually attend on Sundays.

Our new monthly 7.00 pm service, "*Abide*," will offer sung worship, prayer, reflections on scripture, and space to wait on God together.

We will review and develop our service pattern service over time and look forward with expectation to all that God will do in and through St Nicks as we seek to Love God, one another & our community.

### **Our Regular Monthly Service Pattern**

|                   |                                                                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1st Sunday</b> | Breakfast Church @ 10.00 (all age)<br>Abide @ 7.00 (contemporary worship and prayer)* |
| <b>2nd Sunday</b> | Holy Communion @ 10.00                                                                |
| <b>3rd Sunday</b> | Morning Worship @ 10.00                                                               |
| <b>4th Sunday</b> | Around the Table @ 10.00 (all age with communion)                                     |
| <b>5th Sunday</b> | Joint service with St Edmund, St Matthew & St Paul*                                   |

**1st Wednesday** Holy Communion @ 11.30 in the chapel.

\* Please check the website or social media as the venue may vary.

# ST NICK'S CHURCH

## Monthly Service pattern

**1st  
Sunday**

**Breakfast Church @ 10 (all age)**  
**Abide @ 7**  
(contemporary worship and prayer)\*

**2nd  
Sunday**

**Holy Communion @ 10**

**3rd  
Sunday**

**Morning Worship @ 10**

**4th  
Sunday**

**Around the Table @ 10**  
(all age with communion)

*Months with a*  
**5th  
Sunday**

**Joint service @ 10 with St Edmund,  
St Matthew & St Paul\***

**1st  
Wednesday**

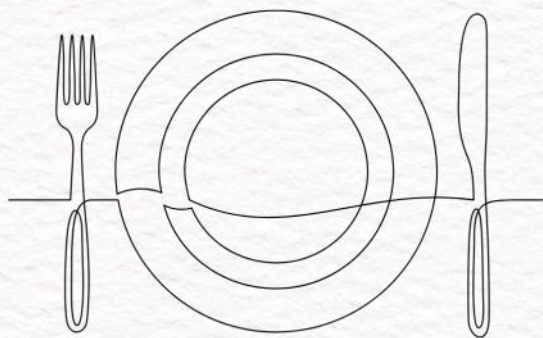
**Holy Communion @ 11.30**

Families and children are warmly welcome at all of our services, not just our All-Age Services. We have created a dedicated family area within the main church space so that families can worship together, be included, and feel at home.

\*see website/social media as venue may occasionally vary

**[www.stnicksallestree.co.uk](http://www.stnicksallestree.co.uk)**

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: 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsquarndon)

[www.facebook.com/stnicksalvestree](http://www.facebook.com/stnicksalvestree)



[stnicks\\_ Allestree](https://www.instagram.com/stnicks_Allestree)

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## **Park Farm Butchers**

A massive thank you to Park Farm Butchers for their continued support for the Allestree Youth group held at St Nick's Church. They provide high quality, tasty sausages each week to around 50 hungry young people. A local business who actively support the local community. God bless.



## **Church Office Closed**

Due to staff annual leave the church office will be closed 3rd August – 19th August. Emails will be monitored but there may be a delay in receiving a response.





Would you like to help out at the very successful Play n Praise which is for preschoolers and their adults @ St Nicks on a Wednesday 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 Wednesday 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](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 on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Chapel or on Zoom depending on the weather. This month will be:

23rd September 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?

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 the Family Fun day on August 4th.

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and where there is a 5<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:stnicksallestree@outlook.com) to arrange all life event services.**

# 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**



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:** Vacancy

**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](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Paul-Quarndon)

[www.stnicksallestree.co.uk](http://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                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 2nd August</b><br>St Nicks: Sunday Breakfast @ 10<br>Abide @ 7<br>St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion         | Romans 9:1-5<br>Matthew 14:13-21         |
| <b>Sunday 9th August</b><br>St Nicks: Sunday @ 10<br>with Holy Communion<br>St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion         | Romans 10:5-15<br>Matthew 14:22-33       |
| <b>Sunday 15th August</b><br>St Nicks: Sunday @ 10<br>St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion                               | Romans 11:1-2, 29-32<br>Matthew 15:21-28 |
| <b>Sunday 23rd August</b><br>St Nicks: Sunday @ 10<br>Sunday @3pm Holy Communion<br>St Pauls: 10am Morning Praise | Romans 12:1-8<br>Matthew 16: 13-20       |
| <b>Sunday 30th August</b><br>St Pauls: 10am Joint Service Morning Praise                                          | Romans 12:9-end<br>Matthew 16:21-end     |

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