



St Nicholas Church

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



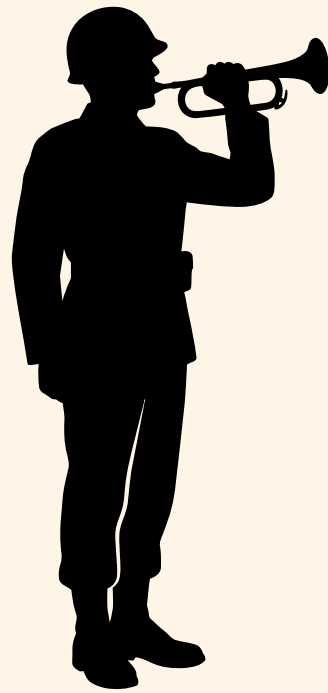
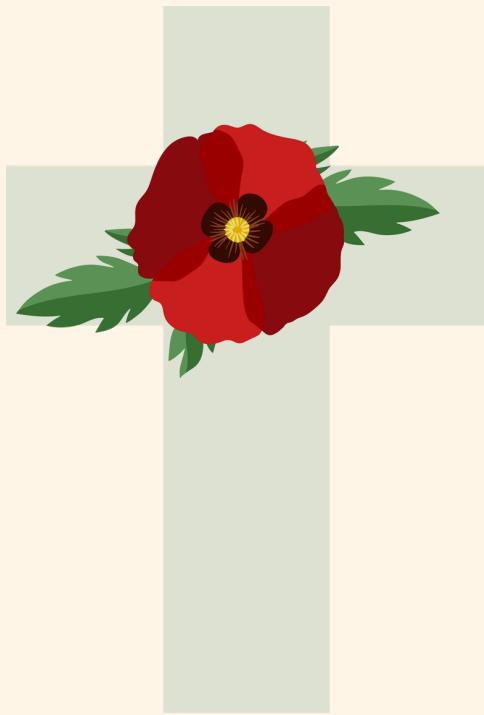
St Pauls Church

Remember, remember the 5th of November! Beyond Guy Fawkes, November is a month that invites us to remember. On Remembrance Day, we pause to honour those who gave their lives in war, to pray for peace in our world, for those serving in our armed forces, and for those who continue to suffer the consequences of conflict.

Before Remembrance Day, the Church celebrates All Saints' Day (All Hallows) on 1st November, followed by All Souls' Day on 2nd November. These days can easily be overlooked amidst the pumpkins and costumes of Halloween, itself a shortening of All Hallows' Eve.

When we hear the word "saint", we may think of great figures from Christian history; one of my heroes of faith is St Hild. Yet All Saints' Day celebrates all those who have faithfully followed Christ and now share in the fullness of God's presence. The writer to the Hebrews (12:1) describes the "great cloud of witnesses" surrounding us as we run the race of faith. Some are remembered in history books, but many are ordinary people whose faith shaped our own lives people who prayed for us, encouraged us, taught us about Jesus, and showed us what Christian faith looks like.





All Souls' Day gives us an opportunity to remember those whom we love but see no longer. We bring our memories, gratitude, grief, and prayers before God, trusting that those who have died are safe in his eternal care.

We also begin to look forward to Advent, remembering Christ's first coming as a child in Bethlehem and knowing that, because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, death does not have the final word. Yet Advent is also about looking forward to Christ's return and the full establishment of God's Kingdom. The prophet Isaiah (2:4) gives us a vision of that future: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Likewise, Revelation (21:4) points to a time when God "will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more."

This is the hope that sustains us. November is a season for remembering, grieving, and lamenting, but it is also a season of hope. I invite you to take a moment to remember and give thanks for those who have shaped your faith, to pray for those who mourn, and for peace in our world. Above all, may we be people of hope, encouraged by those who have gone before us and inspired to follow Christ faithfully in our own generation.

Rev Sarah Watson



ISINGPOP

@ Curzon & St Paul's

iSing Pop

We are very excited to announce that The Curzon School will be taking part in iSingPOP's Main Event from Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th November, culminating in a special concert on Friday 26th November! iSingPOP's Main Event is an exciting musical experience designed to bring the whole school community together through singing, music and fun. Over three days, our pupils will have the opportunity to learn a collection of catchy, fun-filled pop songs, working alongside an iSingPOP Project Leader. Each song is built around an important and inclusive Christian value, making the experience both enjoyable and meaningful.



PRAYERS FOR THE 18TH-20TH NOVEMBER FOR ISINGPOP, AND FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER FOR THE CONCERT!

The Main Event



During the three days of iSingPOP, our children will learn the songs, develop their confidence and get ready for the highlight of the experience – a live concert. On Friday 26th November, the children will take to the stage to perform what they have learned for their families and the wider community. The iSingPOP team provide professional live production, including a PA system, visuals, lighting and all the equipment needed to create a fantastic concert atmosphere. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to sing together, build confidence, celebrate their achievements and share their music with our community. We can't wait to see The Curzon School filled with music and hear our children's voices as they get ready for their very own iSingPOP Main Event!



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.

Visit:

*www.stedmundsallestreeandstmatt.org.uk
hewsdarleyabbey.co.uk
for more information on upcoming services.*



This months 6pm services are:

Sunday 1st - St Matt's: Evensong
led by Melonie Hambly

Sunday 8th - St Ed's Choral
Evensong led by Diana Mellor

Sunday 15th - St Matt's Choral
Evensong led by Rachael Brooks

Sunday 22nd - St Ed's Choral
Evensong led by Rachael Brooks

Sunday 29th - St Matt's Advent
Procession



THANK YOU HARVEST COLLECTION

We were able to send a large donation of non perishable items to Derby Food 4 Thought last month thanks to your generosity and the generosity of the children and families at The Curzon school. Please pray for all those who rely on DF4T and the team of volunteers who provide support and care for those in need.



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Safeguarding

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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: see above

Alternatively, contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor as shown on this link . If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority's children or adult social care services.

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.



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play 'n' Praise

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9:30AM-10:45AM

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SPOTLIGHT

on young people & families



Title: Children's and young people's participation in Acts of Remembrance in Darley Abbey and Park Farm, Allestree.

What is happening?

It's expected that adult representatives of the Royal British Legion, local councillors, representatives of the Lord Lieutenant, churches, former and serving members of the armed forces will gather for an act of Remembrance at 11am on Remembrance Sunday. But in Allestree and Darley Abbey these adults are joined by children and young people representing uniformed groups - Guides and Scouts, who meet in our village and church halls, as well as children representing their schools. Having all generations remembering together is important for community cohesion and serves to impress on our youngsters the seriousness with which war, and the inevitable losses it results in, should be taken.



Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget



See Church Websites for more details



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The 2026 St Matthew's Church Remembrance Day service at 10am, followed by an act of Remembrance at the village war memorial at 10.45am, will be attended by the 63rd Derby (Darley Abbey) Scout Group and the 2nd Darley Abbey Guide Unit. Also in attendance will be representatives from Walter Evans Church of England Aided Primary School and the Old Vicarage School choir.

The 2026 Remembrance Day procession from St Nick's Church, Allestree, setting off at just after 12.30pm to Park Farm Shopping Centre for the Act of Remembrance at 'Tommy' will be attended by the 1st Allestree Guides, 73rd Derby (Allestree) Scout Group and the 151st Derby (Allestree) Scout Group.

Please pray for:

- Dry weather and safe roads!
- That as we remember together links between groups and generations will be strengthened
- A positive commemoration of the sacrifices made by our armed forces



Celebrating 50 years of ordination

The joint Choral Communion at St Edmund's on the 20th September was led by Rev'd Rachael Brooks and by Rev'd John Rice, and it was a celebration of John's 50 years of ordained ministry. The church was full with the two congregations and John's family and friends. It was a joyous occasion – in fact a choral feast.

All the music was chosen by John and his family, and truly reflects the impetus of his life's work – which is the love of Jesus. The service began with Tallis' If Ye Love Me, the hymns were How shall I sing that majesty, Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire, Come down O love divine, Be Thou my vision, and the anthem Expectans Expectavi. The words of this anthem are worth including here because again they embody John's commitment – they are the final two verses of a poem by Capt. C H Sorley which Charles Wood set to music.



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Celebrating 50 years of ordination

This sanctuary of my soul Unwitting I keep white and whole, Unlatched and lit, if Thou should'st care To enter or to tarry there. With parted lips and outstretched hands And listening ears Thy servant stands, Call Thou early, call Thou late, To Thy great service dedicate.

In his sermon John told us that his parents were missionaries in Egypt, of war years spent in North London with his mother and elder brother. He spoke of steadfastness in difficult times and spoke of his own trauma when facing the suicide of his beloved wife Ruth. He told us of the Ukrainian couple to whom he offered a home several years ago, and who are still with him.

Afterwards in the Church Hall where so many gathered for drinks and cake, Rachael thanked John for all that he had done and continues to do, for always being there ready to help and support, enabling her to benefit from his pastoral care of the congregation and from his wisdom. John's daughter Ellie spoke about his wonderful attributes, and, with a reference to the Warden in Trollope's Barchester Towers, indicated that he had all the qualities and core values that a man should have.

A special cake had been procured by Michèle - the decorative icing of which included the sacred symbols of the Communion. It was cut by John with due ceremony and shared around, and a beautiful bunch of Sunflowers was presented to him.

Chris Willis



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Prayer



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 November
7.30-8.30pm

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.

PRAY



Prayer Requests:

Please pray for:-

- For those that are unwell and unable to get out at this time.
- For all the members of our armed services past and present and their families.



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A Warm Welcome to Families!

Adapted from a Facebook post from St Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church Oxford

We know that coming to church with children can be joyful, challenging, noisy and sometimes a little unpredictable. This reflection is a reminder that children are not a distraction from worship, but a valued part of our church family. Their presence enriches our life together, and they belong here just as much as everyone else.

If your children are noisy, **please still come.**

If you're running late because getting everyone dressed and out of the door was a battle, **please still come.**

If your toddler won't sit still, **please still come.**

If your baby needs feeding, **please still come.**

If your child asks a question at the least convenient moment, please still come. If someone cries, drops a toy, or needs their third trip to the toilet, **please still come.**

If your child doesn't know all the prayers, responses, hymns, or when to sit, stand or kneel, **please still come.**

If you feel as though you spent the whole service managing your children and heard only 12% of the sermon, **please still come.**

If Sunday morning feels messy rather than peaceful, **please still come.**



If you're worried that your children are distracting the people around you, **please still come.**

If your child has a disability or additional needs, **please still come.**

Children do not learn how to be part of the Church by staying at home until they can sit quietly. **They learn by being here.**

They learn how to pray by watching us pray.

They learn the words of our worship by hearing them Sunday after Sunday.

They learn the stories of Scripture by hearing God's Word proclaimed.

They learn reverence by seeing how we worship.

They learn what it means to receive Holy Communion by seeing the love and faith with which we come to the Lord's Table.

They learn that the Church is their home because **we make room for them here.**

The wriggles, whispers, questions, crying babies and little voices are not signs that children don't belong in church. They are signs that **the Church is alive.**

So, bring the babies. Bring the toddlers. Bring the big kids.

Sit where your children can see and be involved. Step out when you need to — and come back in when you can.

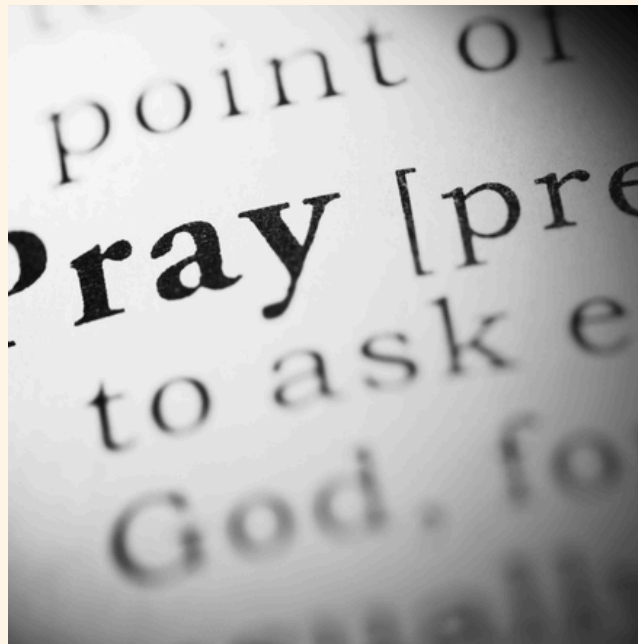
At baptism, children are welcomed into the family of God and become part of the Body of Christ. **They belong here.** They need the grace of God, the example of their parents and carers, and the welcome, love and patience of their church family.

And perhaps most importantly, we need them too.

Children are not simply the future of the Church.

They are part of the Church now.





Morning Prayer



Every Weekday* @ 9.30 Morning Prayer is held across the four churches in Allestree, Darley Abbey and Quarndon.

* Except Wednesdays

Prayer Schedule

Monday

Prayer Focus

St Paul's

Schools

Tuesday

Prayer Focus

St Edmund's

Allestree Youth
Drop in

Wednesday

Prayer Focus

Holy Communion
(see individual church
service schedule)

Church Cafes &
Lunch clubs

Thursday

Prayer Focus

St Matthew's

Pre school groups
& families

Friday

Prayer Focus

St Nick's

Community leaders
and groups

Saturday

Prayer Focus

Elderly

Sunday

Prayer Focus

Our group of
parishes

Each day pray for:

- The church where morning prayer takes place
- The streets on our community prayer cycle
- Pray for 5 (pray for 5 people to come to faith)

Resources for prayer:
Daily Prayer & Lection 365
(both available as apps)

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Shoe box appeal 2026

We are once again supporting Teams4U with their annual shoebox appeal. Leaflets and shoeboxes are available at the rear of church. A small donation of £1 is asked for any shoe boxes taken or alternatively, you can provide your own.

The deadline for returning Shoe Boxes is **15th November.**

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please speak to Anne Cartmell.



Pastoral Care and Volunteers



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.



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.

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)
INFORMAL COMMUNION FOR ALL AGES.

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

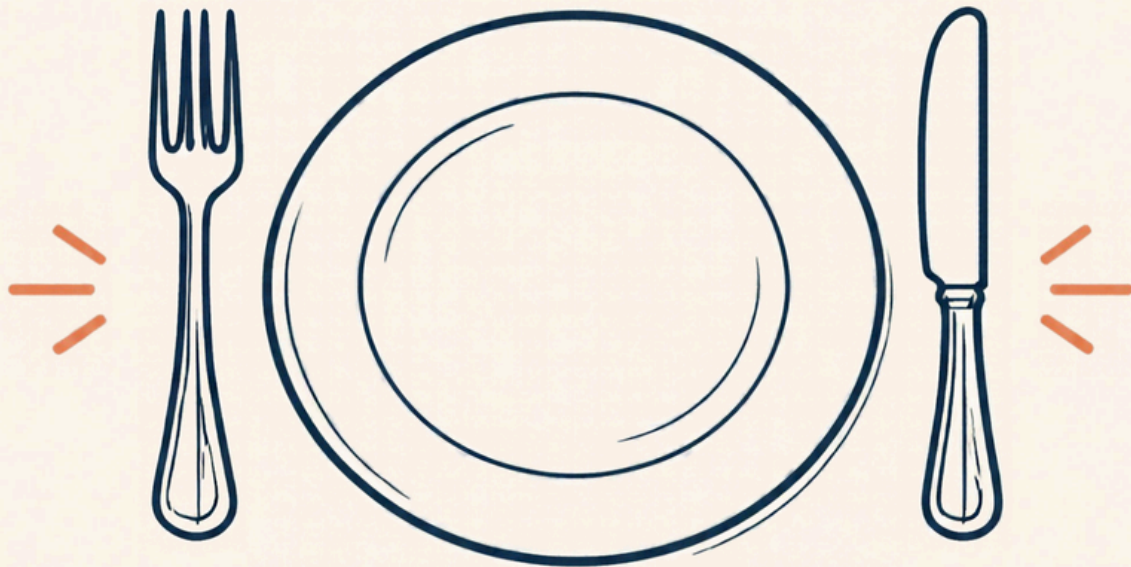
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— Let's do — Lunch



St Nick's Church Monthly pub lunch
12 Noon @ The Markeaton

**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

Next dates: 15th Nov & 13th Dec

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VENUE FOR HIRE

St Nicks Church



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

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

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

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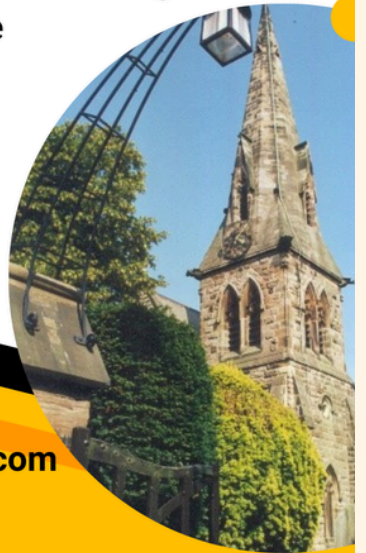
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Village Hall

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

CONTACT US

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or 07973702002



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.



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



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Weddings, baptisms and other life events

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 our church administrator by email: stnicksallestree@outlook.com to arrange all life event services including funerals and commitals.

Additional information on life events can be found at:
www.stnicksallestree.co.uk/weddings-and-life-events



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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To make a secure donation, scan the QR code. Every donation goes directly to church funds to support our services, community outreach and our ongoing work with growing younger in faith. Thank you for your generosity.



Advent

• Four Candles + Christmas •

Join us on **Sunday 1st November**

We are starting to prepare for Christmas, so will be looking at Advent together at our All Age **Sunday Breakfast@10** at St Nick's Church.

Breakfast starts from 9:45am come along for some food and exploring Advent together!

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

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COMING ON
SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2026

Christingle

An All Age service where you can celebrate and
explore the meaning behind the orange!

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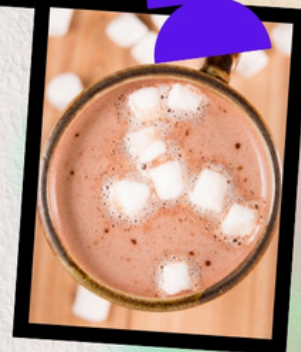


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EVERY WEDNESDAY
(TERM TIME ONLY)

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

- Hot dogs & drinks
- Space to meet up with friends
- Ping pong, table football
- Switch in TV room
- Games
- Football outside



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November Services

01

Breakfast Church @ 10
Abide @ 7

04

Wednesday Holy Communion
@ 11.30

08

Remembrance @ 10

15

Holy Communion @ 10

22

Around the table @ 10

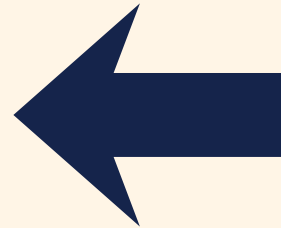
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Joint Service @ 10 St Edmund's
NO service at St Nick's.

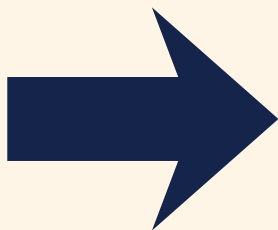


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St Nick's November Services



St Paul's November Services



November Services

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10am Holy Communion

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10am Holy Communion

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10am Morning Praise

29

Joint Service @ 10 St Edmund's
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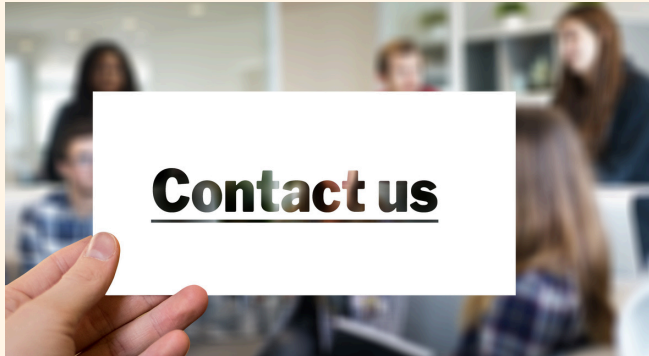


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Handy Contacts and information

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.

Any news should be sent to St Nick's church office: stnicksallestree@outlook.com

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CHURCH WARDEN ST PAUL'S

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Bruce Innis

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9-3 and Friday 9-12

WEBSITES

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www.stnicksallestree.co.uk

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.

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

Dates/Services	Readings
Sunday 1st November St Nick's: Breakfast Church @ 10 Abide @ 7 St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	Revelation 7:9-end, Matthew 5:1-12
Sunday 8th November St Nick's: Remembrance @ 10 St Paul's: 10am Remembrance Service	1 Thessalonians 4:13-end, Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday 15th November St Nick's: Morning Worship @ 10 St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday 22nd November St Nick's: Around the table @ 10 (All age with Holy Communion) St Paul's: 10am Morning Praise	Ephesians 1:15-end, Matthew 25:31-end
Sunday 29th November 10am Joint 4 Church Service at St Edmund's Church.	No services at St Nick's or St Paul's

4th - Wednesday Holy Communion @ 11.30 in the chapel.



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