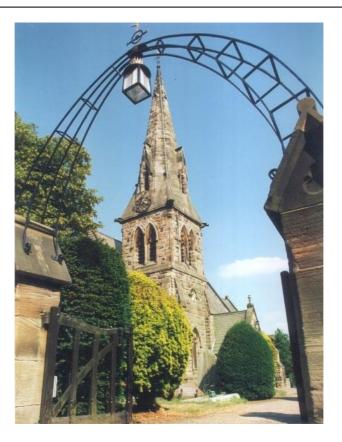
Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love

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

April 2024



# St Pauls Church, Quarndon 150th Anniversary of Consecration, 16th April 2024

#### Opening Letter from Rev Lee Martin

By the time you read this magazine Easter will have passed. Three months of the year is already behind us. Time flies.

This month St Pauls, in Quarndon will celebrate that it has been a place of worship for 150 years.

I thought I would take a trip down memory lane about

worship in Quarndon from even before the present St Pauls was built. Can I just say that I am NOT an historian, but when we lived at the Joiners, I picked up snippets of history from a lovely old guy who used to come and sit in the pub. He was putting together a history of Quarndon, even before Bryan Harris wrote his book "Quarndon then and now." Some of you might have copies of that on your bookshelves. So - if you think some of the things I say here are incorrect, I

apologise in advance.

Quarndon has had a place of worship from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The old Quarndon Chapel had a tower with a turret and two bells.

It was built in Norman style and measured 44 feet by 15 feet with a Norman south doorway.



The earliest documentary evidence is from the reign of

Edward V1(1537-1553). It underwent significant repairs in 1637 and 1790 and enlarged as it wasn't big enough for the congregation in 1835!!

If you walk along Church Road you can still see the path leading up to the old chapel near Old Vicarage Lane. Wander in but be careful the ground is very uneven. All that is left now is part of the tower which is completely entwined with ivy.

The churchyard was consecrated in 1821, this meant that people could be buried there. If you look in the churchyard you will perhaps find the Richardson Vault, built following the death of William Richardson in 1871.



#### The chapel was demolished in 1873/4

Walk further up the hill and you will come to the Chalybeate Wellhouse just below the Joiners Arms pub. Water and especially springs were important to the Celts and I'm sure I remember Derek telling me that Church Road was the old Celtic Road running North.



We know that Quarndon used to have many visitors when the spring was still flowing and people flocked to "take of the waters", in fact Daniel Defoe visited in 1727. You can read about his visit on the inscription within the Wellhouse. I was also told that an old priest from St Paul's Chester Green used to ride up Church Road on horseback and preach from



Road on horseback and preach from the top of the Wellhouse to the visiting crowds.

#### How about that for evangelism!

And so, to the present St Pauls. No doubt someone else has done the statistics, but there must have been hundreds of baptisms, weddings and funerals conducted here. Harvests celebrated, and following the two world wars, Remembrance Services to recognise the great sacrifice of local young men who gave their lives for our freedom.

Which brings me back to Easter 2024. Once again at St Paul's, we have recognised the great sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross over 2000 years ago and celebrated His mighty resurrection. Before he ascended to heaven, he gave the great commission:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

We praise and thank God that in Quarndon that mission has faithfully taken place for many hundreds of years and will continue to do so into

the future.

**Rev Lee Martin** 



# Píctures of St Paul's











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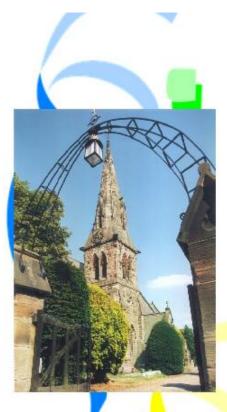




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St Pauls Church, Quarndon 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of founding



#### Saturday 20th April

Join us for a wonderful cream tea in the Village Hall @ 3pm (Donations welcome)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Bishop Libby will be leading the celebration during the 10am Holy Communion service

Please contact the church office for more details or to attend the cream tea: <u>stnicksallestree@outlook.com</u>

# Flower Quiz

A little spring fun, see if you can work out the 10 flowers. Answers at the bottom of the page.



- 1. This flower is worn at weddings
- 2. This flower is a name for many sheep
- 3. This flower is another name for just getting up
- 4. This flower is 'you must remember me always'
- 5. A crafty animal that wears winter woollens
- 6. This flower is made up with two girls names
- 7. This flower is a part of the eye
- 8. This flower is a green small vegetable in a green pod
- 9. This flower is a 'very proper girl'
- 10. This flower is what you 'call a very good boy'

by Sarah Tupling



Answers: 1. Carnations 2. Flock (Phlox), 3. Rose 4. Forget-me-not 5. Foxgloves 6. Rosemary 7. Iris 8. Sweet peas 9. Primrose 10. Sweet William

## Easter Experience 2024

Wow! What a tremendous effort from everyone involved.

In numbers:

- 9 Stations
- 4 Schools visited
- 7 sessions run
- Over 200 children

16+ Volunteers

1 Sunday afternoon setting up

And over 200 chocolate eggs!



Anna and her team from across the four churches have worked extremely hard to put Easter experience together and so a big THANK YOU for all involved is very much needed.





Pictures above show some of the art work produced by the children. These will be on display in the church room @ St Nicks if you would like to come and take a look.





#### 2024 Electoral Rolls

As parishes prepare for their APCMs, they look to review their accounts, write reports and update their church Electoral Roll.

This is different to a Local Council Electoral Roll and is the foundation of church governance, allowing you to vote at the APCM.

Like the last few years, the 2024 Electoral Roll is just a 'tweak' to the current list and does not require everyone to sign up again, so unless you advise otherwise, you remain on the list. If you are new to our church and wish to be counted as a member, then please get in touch with your Electoral Roll Officer. Similarly, if you no longer wish to be a member or are a member of another church, then again let us know.

To be on the Electoral Roll a person must be baptised, at least 16 years old and either: live in the parish and a member of the Church of England (or a church in communion with the Church of England), or

be not resident in the parish but a member of the Church of England (or a Church in communion with the Church of England) and has regularly attended worship in the Parish during the six months prior to enrolment, or

be a member in good standing of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and they are prepared to declare themselves a member of the Church of England, having regularly attended worship during the six months prior to enrolment.

As per the C of E rules, we will be announcing the Electoral Roll update activity in services in March / April and they will be published just before the APCM.

Many thanks in advance for your patience re this necessary process.

Advanced notice of APCM's - St Pauls 12th May, St Nicks 28th April. Both will be following the services of the day. Volunteers required for maintaining St Paul's church yard.



If anyone caring for loved ones graves in St Paul's churchyard would have some spare time to help with general maintenance or if the option of donating to churchyard maintenance is a more likely possibility please contact Emma in the office: stnicksallestree@outlook.com

Thank you.

#### <u>ALPHA</u>

The new Alpha course has begun.

Every Tuesday 7.30pm in the church room. All welcome to join.

For more details or to register please contact Emma in the St Nick's office.





#### 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 in the Chapel

The next meeting will be Wednesday 24th April

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 set up. For those unfamiliar with the practice, it is simply a circle of people who are committed to phone along a chain when people request prayer, or a situation arises that needs communicating and praying for. You can rest assured that you are being covered in prayer when you approach someone who is on the contact list. If you would like to be added to the prayer circle, please get in touch with the church office.

## 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:-

- We are deeply saddened by the sudden death of Gill Hannah and we continue to pray for Mike and his family as they mourn her loss.
  We pray for her funeral on April 5<sup>th</sup> as we also celebrate her wonderful service to St Nicks over many years.
- For those who are ill and recently moved to a care home.
- For St Pauls 150th celebration that it will be a joyful event for the church

# Coffee & Chat @ St Nick's

A reminder that Coffee & Chat takes place every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, in the Church Room, 10:30am -12noon. All are welcome to join in and enjoy this lovely social, which is much appreciated after a time of not being able to gather.



# St Nick's Pub Lunches

Join us after church for a pub lunch social once a month. 12 noon @ The Markeaton pub.

Future dates: April 21st, May 19th and June 23rd.



# Knit & Natter @ St Nick's

Meetings are held in the 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.

#### Newsletter Information - Deadline!

Please be aware that the deadline for any news you'd like to be included in the next Newsletter is always the 23rd of the month before.

Please get in touch if you'd like to organise a Baptism at St Nick's or St Paul's, or would like to get married or celebrate a special anniversary with the renewal of wedding vows. 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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www.stnicksallestree.uk Office Hours: Monday 9.15-4.15, Tuesday 9.15 - 2.45, Wednesday 1.15-3.15 and Friday 9.15 - 2.45.

#### Handy Contacts for both churches:

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**Contact:** 01332 556020

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Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) Sarah Tupling, Phil Moncur and Bruce Innis

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#### Upcoming Services — April

Dates/Services	Leaders	Readings
Sunday 7th April St Nicks: 10am Informal Worship St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	GT/PM SW	Acts 4: 32-35 John 20:19-end
Sunday 14th April St Nick's: 10am T@TT communion St Paul's: 3.30pm T-Time	LM/PM AO	Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48
<b>Sunday 21st April</b> Joint @ St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	Bishop Libby (SW)	Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18
Sunday 28th April St Nick's: 10am Holy Communion St Paul's: 10am Morning Praise	SW PM	Acts 8:26-end John 15:1-8

21st April - Bishop Libby will be leading the 10am Holy Communion service at St Paul's as part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of St Paul's.

