



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

*August 2022*

**Back to School??!!!!!!**

**Phil Moncur—Reader**

There are few things that irritate a teacher as much as shops and online retailers beginning their “Back to School” promotions before the summer holidays begin. Once term is under-way, of course, the next hard sell is Halloween, followed by Christmas and before we know it Easter eggs begin to appear on the supermarket shelves.

It sometimes seems as if twenty first century society is always in a rush to get onto the next thing. Of course, we all need things to look forward to, but is there not a danger of the pace of modern life focussing more and more on aspiration than on enjoying what we already have?

In Psalm 49, verse 10, we hear the exhortation of God to be still.

*“Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”*

Amongst the busyness of our lives, perhaps, we sometimes need to pause and reflect. Yes, we must be committed to discovering and putting into action the vision that God has given us for the future of our churches. To fail to do that would be foolish in the extreme. There are moments, however, when the beauty of a sunset; the intricate composition of a flower; the awesome miracle of a new-born baby or simple a quiet reflection on a verse or two of scripture reveal a God who is not just a God of the past and future, but a God of the here and now. Throughout the Gospels we can see examples of Jesus taking time out for prayer and reflection. Ought we to do the same?

Perhaps a summer challenge for us might be to set aside time to reflect on Psalm 49, to pray and to thank The Lord for the small things that we often take for granted. Our journeys may

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be hard but our destination is secure. As we seek to climb the mountains which we may see before us, let us not forget to pause from time to time and admire the view.

***“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”***

***Philippians 4: 4-7***

### **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.***

***For more details, please see the poster at the back of St Nick's***

### **Coffee & Chat @ St Nick's**

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



### **Church Prayer @ St Nick's**

For several years a group of us at St Nick's have met in the chapel once a month to pray for the church and the wider world. Since the pandemic we have largely met via Zoom, now every fortnight on a Wednesday at 7.30pm for 40 mins. We hope to return to meeting in the chapel some time this year but for the present will continue on Zoom to pray for the way forward in the vacancy, and wider issues. If you would like to join in these times of prayer please contact Graham Tanner ([gftanner@hotmail.com](mailto:gftanner@hotmail.com))



## Community Summer Fun Days!

We've had the first of our two community fun days, with the next being on **Thursday 25th August**.

The days run as follows:

**10am - 12pm Family Fun Morning**

**12-12.30pm Picnic Lunch**

**1-2pm hall hiring groups run free sample classes for people to try**

**3-4.30pm Senior Afternoon Tea**

**5.30-7pm Cinema Evening**



In July, we had 90 at the Family Fun Morning, 20+ at the Senior Afternoon Tea and 52 at our Cinema Evening!! We look forward to seeing you at the next!

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## Staff Annual Leave

Please be aware of the following booked annual leave:

Anna is on annual leave from the **1st to the 21st of August** (inclusive)

Dawn is on annual leave from the **4th to the 25th of August** (inclusive)

## Prayer Requests:

Please pray for:

- Gael and the family as they move to begin training in Bristol
- All those in our church community who are struggling with ill health
- For the appointment of a new administrator

## St Nick's Pub Lunches:

The next few dates for the pub lunch socials after church are as follows:

**August 21st**

*Please speak to Christine Penny for more info. All are welcome!*



## Knit & Knatter @ 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.

## Upcoming Services

Dates/Services	Leaders	Readings
<b>Sunday 7th August</b> St Nick's: 10am Informal Worship St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>Paul Simon</i>	Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16 Luke 12:32-40
<b>Sunday 14th August</b> St Nick's: 10am Together @ the Table St Paul's: 3:30pm T-Time (All Age)	<i>Lee Jan</i>	Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56
<b>Sunday 21st August</b> 10am Joint Holy Communion at St Nick's	<i>David</i>	Hebrews 12:18-end Luke 13:10-17
<b>Sunday 28th August</b> St Nick's: 10am Bible Study 3pm Traditional Holy Communion St Paul's: 10am Morning Praise	<i>David Dawn Dawn</i>	Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16 Luke 14:1; 7-14

### Handy Contacts for both churches:

#### St Nick's

<b>Church Warden:</b>	Paul Taylor	<b>Contact:</b>	01332 556020
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**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.**

**We are always happy to respond to enquiries.**