

# *Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love*



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

*May 2022*

### **Everyday Easter**

**Rev. David Horsfall (PTO at St Nick's)**

I hope everyone had a good Easter. For me, it's always a very special time, although it can be physically and emotionally demanding, alongside the spiritual blessings.

Anyway, it is now past for this year. Or is it? After all, Jesus is risen from the dead, and is alive for ever and ever, which surely means that while, yes, we recall specific events which took place at a certain moment in history, the effects of Easter are an ever-present reality. We acknowledge this by having our main church services on Sundays. Yes, I know that it is fashionable these days to have services or meetings or whatever we want to call them at other times in the week, and I know too that secular society sits very loose indeed to the notion of a Sabbath, but the fact remains that from the beginning, it was the practice of Christians to gather together on the first day of the week (Sunday) rather than on the Jewish Sabbath (Friday). The reason was simple – it was the day Jesus rose from the dead. So, when we hold worship on Sundays, we are marking Jesus' resurrection – we are being Easter people.

That is not to say that the rest of the week is somehow less "spiritual". One of Jesus' best known resurrection appearances in John 21 is on the shore of the Sea of Galilee (John calls it the Sea of Tiberias but it's the same place), a place of work for many of the disciples and in fact they were working, and had been all night. Jesus' death and resurrection bring us new life, and that means the whole of life, not selected days or moments. When I was younger, we talked a lot about giving our lives to Jesus. It might just be me, but we don't seem to hear things like that so much these days. But

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we should ask why that is the case. There is nothing twee or trite about it – Jesus gave his life for us, so it stands to reason that we respond by giving our lives to him.

The actual Easter festivities are over for this year, but the glory of Easter never goes away. By the cross, our sins are forgiven – all of them for always, and by the resurrection, Jesus is alive for ever (I love that verse in Revelation where Jesus says “I was dead, but now I am alive”). He lives, and his people are alive with his life.

There is a lot going on at the moment that we find hard to cope with – war, rising prices, politicians telling lies (and who knows what else is going to happen between my writing this and your reading it?). These are not easy times to live in. But we can still look forward, because whatever else is happening, Jesus is alive. He’s finished being dead, and he’s not going to die again. He is alive, and his people are in his hand. It’s easy to feel overwhelmed by the bleakness of our world, but let us take heart, and let us go on being Easter people all the year round. Even if we came to faith years ago, we still have new life, and that will never change. It is our privilege to live out the Easter message, day by day, wherever we are, and whatever we are doing, and whoever we are with.

Every Blessing,  
David Horsfall



### **Party night @ St Paul’s**

St Paul’s Party night will take place on  
**Saturday May 14th starting at 7.30pm, at the Church Hall.**

Tickets are available now from  
Val (St Paul’s) or Paul (St Nick’s) priced at £7.50.  
***All are welcome and we look forward to fun evening!***

### **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))



## Jubilee Celebration Service



We are holding a service for the communities and parishes of the Diocese of Derby to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. The service will be held on **Saturday 21st May 2022 at 2.30pm at Derby Cathedral**. Many were able to attend the 70th anniversary service of the Accession in early February and we hope you will be able to join us for this service which will be a part of the local and national celebrations, anticipating the Platinum Jubilee weekend in early June.

We are inviting a whole range of guests including dignitaries from Derby and Derbyshire, and we hope that the service will be a special way to celebrate the long reign of Queen Elizabeth. If you were able to get this booked in your diary at this early opportunity I would be grateful.

Yours, as ever,  
The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Robinson  
Dean of Derby

## Derby City Photographic Exhibition at Allestree Community Library

- As part of the ongoing work by Allestree Community Library to provide a number of events for the local community, we are proud to announce that the Allestree Community Library in conjunction with Derby City Photographic Club are holding a Photography Exhibition at the Library from 7th June 2022 until 2nd July 2022.
- We will be show casing some of the works by the Derby City Photographic members. You will be able to see the exhibition during normal Library opening times.
- Come and join us for our official launch on Saturday 11th June 2022 between 10am and 1pm. Meet some of the Photography members and view their work.

***Allestree Library opening times:***  
**Tuesday 10am until 4.30pm**  
**Wednesday 10am until 1pm**  
**Thursday 10am until 4.30pm**  
**Friday 10am until 4.30pm**  
**1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10am until 1pm**



## Upcoming Diocesan Events:

### Follow the Life! Introducing Ignatian Spirituality

**Tuesday 3rd May 10-3 on zoom with a break for lunch led by Julia MacDonald the Director of St Bede's Pastoral centre, York**

This one day workshop will offer a chance to learn about the life and spirituality of Ignatius Loyola. As part of the day, you will experience some forms of prayer and reflection that characterise the spirituality which grew out of Ignatius' lived experience of journeying with God and led him to come to recognise 'God in all things'. We'll also explore together how the gifts of Ignatian spirituality may be of particular value to us in these times of increasing uncertainty. The day will include light inputs, some guided prayer time and space for individual reflection and gentle sharing.

**Everyone is welcome, free to attend, please book with [nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org](mailto:nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org)**

### Spiritual Accompaniment through an Ignatian Lens

**Tuesday 14th June 10-3 on zoom with a break for lunch led by Julie MacDonald the Director of St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York.**

This one day workshop is for those with some knowledge of Ignatian Spirituality. Ignatian accompaniment practice is grounded in the wisdom and dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola. We will unpack a little the essential framework of the Spiritual Exercises and explore together the core elements that characterise an Ignatian approach to spiritual accompaniment. During the day, there will be space for sharing and personal reflection alongside light inputs and guided reflection. For anyone interested in exploring the Ignatian approach further, there will be information on opportunities for training in the Ignatian way.

**Everyone is welcome, free to attend, please book with [nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org](mailto:nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org)**

### Theology Reading Group -

Our Diocesan Theology Reading Group will be discussing CS Lewis's 'Mere Christianity' on **Tuesday 10th May from 2:30-4pm**. More information and the link are available from [dwayne.ENGH@derby.anglican.org](mailto:dwayne.ENGH@derby.anglican.org)



St Nick's  
KIDS

# Play'n'Praise

Play'n'Praise continues to be super successful, with 30 families on the books and regular worship taking place with the toddlers. We've had amazing feedback, and have even seen some families in Church!

We're in need of people to help set up, 8:15-9am, and pack down 10:15-10:30am.

If you can help with either of these things it would make a huge difference!

Of course, we're always looking for people to stay and be on the team too—helping with refreshments and welcoming the parents and children.

**Please get in touch with Anna if you feel you'd like to help out!**

## Peace Doves

Derby Cathedral is delighted to welcome [Peace Doves](#) to the city from 23rd April -12th June 2022.



Peace Doves is a mass participation large-scale art installation, [created by renowned sculptor and artist Peter Walker](#). It features around 8,000 paper doves suspended on ribbon above the nave of the Cathedral, accompanied by a soundscape from [composer David Harper](#).

Schools in Derby and Derbyshire, community groups, wellbeing groups and the general public, have been invited to decorate the doves that form the artwork with messages of peace, love and hope, creating a unique piece that reflects the thoughts and feelings of Derby citizens, from all faiths, ages and backgrounds.

Visitors will be welcomed to appreciate its scale and beauty and experience a sense of serenity and peace. Entry is free with a suggested entry donation of £3 per person. Booking is encouraged and is available through [Derby Cathedral's Eventbrite page](#). Donations will go towards the care and work of the city's Cathedral.



Bruce has kindly offered to organise a Church BBQ for St Nick's immediately following the service on **Sunday 5th June** over the extended Bank Holiday Weekend, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

This will be for church members and their immediate families. More info will be available nearer the time, but get the date in your diaries now! It'll be a great time of fellowship!

### Sew Much Fun

We're currently making tie backs for the hall curtains, reupholstering the pink chairs with arms for church use, and the music stand banners. We are very committed to using donated fabrics and recycling etc, to help the environment and church budget. Our next project is new Roman blinds for the Church vestry.

We welcome anyone to join us; chat to Christine.



### 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.



### 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.



## **Christian Aid Week 15-21 May**

There are three ways to fund-raise -

- **Online**
- **Delivery-only envelopes**
- **Traditional return & collect envelopes**



If you would like to help with envelopes there will be a table at the back of church. For online donations visit <http://www.christianaid.co.uk>. In addition to being able to make a donation there is also an E-envelope scheme whereby you can send 'virtual' envelopes to contacts should you wish.

## **Open the Book**

Are you passionate about The Bible? Do you want as many children to hear Bible stories as possible?

Open the Book Derwent Valley go in to primary schools to give Bible Story assemblies. After a 24 month break due to Covid restrictions, Curzon school in Quarndon want us back—Praise the LORD! We're looking to go back every Wednesday morning starting in May. We are looking for volunteers to join the team to read and act out the bible stories. If you would like to know more, please contact Abby Richards 07807738554, [abbyrichards864@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:abbyrichards864@yahoo.co.uk)



## **Staff Annual Leave**

Please be aware of the following booked annual leave:

Anna is on annual leave **Mon 30th May to Sunday 5th June, inclusive**

Gael is on annual leave **Mon 23rd May, and Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June, inclusive**

Dawn is on annual leave **Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd May, inclusive**

*Please also be aware of the Bank Holiday on Mon 2nd May, and the extended Bank Holiday at the beginning of June.*

## **Prayer Requests:**

Please pray for:

- The continued efforts of all those working to bring peace in Ukraine.
- The Queen, as preparations heat up for her Platinum Jubilee celebrations in early June.
- Those who are newly elected to PCC as a result of the APCM.



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, *we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.*

Whether you have joined in with 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part – along with churches from over 80 different denominations & traditions in nearly 90% of countries (172) around the world.

**"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby**



## 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*



## Communion at Home

*If you're still unsure about worshipping in church or struggling with mobility or unable to access church services at the moment, please get in touch with Rev. Dawn to organise communion at home.*

## Good News!

The Lent Lunch at Broadway Baptist Church went well, and thanks to the generosity of helpers and those attending **we raised around £300 for Nagpur Link!**



## St Nick's Pub Lunches:

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

**May 15th**

**June 12th**

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



## 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 16th of the month before.

Any info should be sent to the church office on [stnicksallestree@outlook.com](mailto:stnicksallestree@outlook.com)

## St Nick's Birthdays

If you've got a big birthday coming up, maybe 80, 90..... 100?! We'd love to know so that we can celebrate with you! Speak to Sarah Tupling, as she has taken over keeping our birthday records up to date.



## COMBATING AGAINST RISING COSTS

### News from Derby City Mission

The combined effects of Brexit, Covid and now the war in Ukraine, have worked together to have a detrimental impact on the vulnerable in our city. During this coming year, we are expecting the greatest need we have known since our inception over 30 years ago in 1989. We ask for your support in standing with us to show God's love and grace to those finding themselves in unthinkable situations today in our city. The rising cost of living and an inflation rate of 7% is forecast to place more people onto the breadline than ever before. There will be greater demand for our debt and benefit advice in our Jubilee clinics to liberate those burdened by the weight of unmanageable debt. There will be greater demand for our Food Bank and Community Shop, which provides those who cannot afford such simple essentials such as food and sanitary goods with the compassion and dignity to choose their own from our free shop.

We expect to see a greater number of people finding themselves unable to make ends meet and resorting to sleeping rough and sofa surfing. We expect to see an increase in the number of people succumbing to the temptation of drugs and alcohol to escape their new reality. There is no stereotype for the vulnerable. These are the people amongst us who are called by some as 'mother', 'father', 'nanny', 'grandad', 'son', 'daughter'. Poverty has no discretion. Of those who are recipients of our debt advice services, over 79% have children and 82% are single parents. Of those we have helped when facing eviction, over 68% are families with children. We are expecting these figures to rise over the coming year. We are great believers that

in each of us there is a call to live out a life of purpose and meaning, for we are made in His image. We are commissioned by Him to care for the widows and the orphans and to serve the needs of the vulnerable.



Derby City Mission exists to inspire, orchestrate and deliver support to the vulnerable, so that they too may be recipients of the same grace that we ourselves have received. Put another way, we are nothing more than a vessel, or a channel. Without you we are nothing.

Today more than ever, the city needs your creativity, your passion, your love, your partnership in volunteering and of course, your financial support. We need administrators, leaders, carers, cleaners, shelf stackers and financial givers!!

With many thanks for your support.

# HOW TO SUPPORT US

We make it very easy for you to support the work that we do. Throughout the year there are different opportunities, depending on the service and need. Here are a few ways that you can get involved in

TRANSFORMING LIVES TOGETHER!

## DONATE

**Financially:** via our website (one-off or by standing order) or send cheques to our address.

**Food:** Our Food Bank include these in our parcels – deliver Mon, Wed, Thurs between 10am – 12pm

## PRAY

**Guests:** For provision, protection and that they get to know God's love in their life.

**Staff & Volunteers:** That they are supported & protected as they work in their areas.

**Partnership:** That our relationships with partners are long and successful.

## RAISE OUR PROFILE

**Share:** Tell your friends, families and work colleagues about us.

**Social Media:** Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

**Choose Us:** Make DCM your Charity of choice at work, the reason you run to fundraise or your reason for regular giving – Our website has details on all of this!

## Upcoming Services

Dates/Services	Leaders	Readings
<b>Sunday 1st May</b> St Nick's: 10am Informal Worship St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	Anna Dawn	Isaiah 43:16-21 John 12:1-8
<b>Sunday 8th May</b> St Nick's: 10am Together @ the Table St Paul's: 3:30pm T-Time (All Age)	Dawn Anna	Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29 Luke 19:28-40
<b>Sunday 15th May</b> St Nick's: 10am Morning Praise St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	David Dawn	Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35
<b>Sunday 22nd May</b> St Nick's: 10am Bible Study 3pm Traditional Holy Communion St Paul's: 10am Morning Praise	Phil David Dawn	Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29
<b>Thursday 26th May (Ascension Day)</b> St Nick's: 3pm Holy Communion	Dawn	Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12
<b>Sunday 29th May</b> 10am Joint Service at St Paul's	Dawn	Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-31

### Handy Contacts for both churches:

#### St Nick's

<b>Church Warden:</b>	Paul Taylor	<b>Contact:</b>	01332 556020
<b>Safeguarding Lead:</b>	Miriam Chappell	<b>Contact:</b>	01332 550782
<b>Licensed Lay Reader:</b>	Sarah Tupling	<b>Licensed Lay Reader:</b>	Phil Moncur

#### St Paul's

<b>Church Wardens:</b>	Mike Annable	<b>Contact:</b>	mike@stpaulsquarndon.org.uk
	Jan Calladine	<b>Contact:</b>	jan@stpaulsquarndon.org.uk
<b>Safeguarding Lead:</b>	<i>Vacant – please contact Revd Dawn</i>		
<b>Church Hall Bookings:</b>	Val Annable	<b>Contact:</b>	valeriejm@hotmail.co.uk

**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.**