



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

*November 2023*

Every year, towards the end of October, (this year was 29th October) when the clocks go back to return as from British summer time to Greenwich mean time, there's a debate about why the clocks have to change at all. Some people would prefer we stay on British summer time all through the year. They would prefer to get up in the dark and have more daylight at the other end of the day. Some suggest this would be safer for children walking to school, as drivers are more alert in the morning than the evening and by mid-winter, children are in the dark for journeys to school and back home again.

The interesting question is why we move from Greenwich mean time to British summertime in the first place.



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**Office Hours:** Monday 9.15-1.15, Tuesday 9.15 - 2.45, Wednesday 1.15-3.15 and Friday 9.15 - 1.45.



Originally, this was done to maximise the hour's farmers (and other workers, pre-electric) could work, taking advantage of the sunshine. If the sun is up at 4:00 am, but workers can't manage to get out of bed until 5:00 am, much better to adjust the clock and go with the sun!

Now we live in a 24/7 world and farmers have enough lights on their machines that they harvest far into the night, the main reason for changing the clocks seems to have disappeared.

Proverbs 4 v 18-19 says this, "The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise, getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come. The road of the wicked however, is dark as night. They fail but cannot see what they have stumbled over."

Having light to see is important, so important that every year we continue to change our clocks, forward and back, to maximise the light we can use, despite the fact but these days there really is no need.



Spiritually, we also need light to live by. The psalmist suggests this is the word of God. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world". How much light are you seeing day by day?

Lee Martin

## **Parish News**

### **New Clergy!**

The Revd Sarah Watson, Enabling Minister of Chaddesden St Philip with Derby St Mark, of Spondon, of the parish of Derby St Andrew and St Osmund, of the Derwent Oak Bishop's Mission Order and of the Journey Community Bishop's Mission Order, and Area Dean of Derby City, Diocese of Derby, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Allestree St Edmund & Darley Abbey, of Allestree St Nicholas and of Quarndon in the same diocese. Sarah will continue to hold the Bishop of Derby's commission as Area Dean of Derby city alongside this new role. The Revd Rachael Brookes, Assistant curate of Littleover and Blagreaves, Diocese of Derby, has been appointed Associate Minister of Allestree St Edmund & Darley Abbey, of Allestree St Nicholas and of Quarndon in the same diocese. ‘

At the moment, no idea when arriving!’ Phil Moncur

## **News from the Diocese**

### **Diocesan Confirmation service at Derby Cathedral**

Derby Cathedral will host the Diocesan Confirmation service with Bishop Malcolm on Saturday, 25 November 2023 at 11.00 am.

The Confirmation service will be without Communion to enable candidates to receive their first Communion in their own church. Candidates from any parish, chaplaincy or fresh expression are very welcome. Please speak to your Church Wardens if you are interested.

## **Vacancies**

We are now recruiting for a PA to the Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales. Further details on the role are available at [www.derby.anglican.org/vacancies](http://www.derby.anglican.org/vacancies).

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

In April we will be celebrating St Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please get in touch with Mike or Jan if you have ideas or want to get involved in organising celebrations.

## **Updated office hours**

Emma has begun her role as Church administrator and can be contacted in the office at the following times:

**Monday 9.15-1.15, Tuesday 9.15 - 2.45,**

**Wednesday 1.15-3.15 and Friday 9.15 - 1.45.**

Please note this may differ slightly due to Church events/ meetings and school holidays.



## Shoe Boxes

It's that time of year when we start thinking about those children who are less fortunate than ours. The excitement of receiving a shoe box at Christmas time means so much to these young people so I am earnestly asking you to fill at least one box and return it to Church by November 6<sup>th</sup>. At the back of Church from the beginning of October, there will be boxes and leaflets giving details of what to put in each box. Thank you, St Nick's community, Teams 4u will appreciate your generosity.

P.S. Celia has retired this year and I have taken over. Thank you, Celia for your years of dedication to this worthwhile cause.

Anne Cartmell

Thank  
You!



## Nagpur News

Allestree churches have recently sent £3000 to Nagpur church to support their work so thank-you to all who helped raise this amazing sum.

Their next fundraiser is a Mince Pie and Coffee Morning on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10am till 12 noon at St John church, Park Farm. Cakes are also available to purchase.



**NAGPUR LINK**  
***Mince Pie & Coffee Morning***

***Saturday 2nd December 2023***  
***10am-12 noon***

**St. John's Church, Park Farm**  
**Allestree**

Come along and help support the work of the  
CNI Social Services Institute



Cakes also available to purchase - cash/cheque only



Early notice!

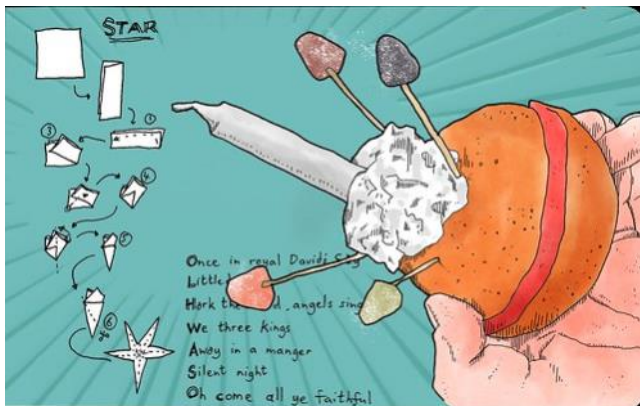
## The Children's Society

The Christingle Service is on Sunday 3rd December at 3.30pm

Help required please to prepare the Christingles on Friday Dec 1st at 2pm in the church room. It would also be very helpful if volunteers could cut out foil squares put sultanas and sweets on cocktail sticks before that Friday, so we can just pack the bags to go with the oranges. All you need will be supplied to you.

Children's Society Boxholders.. I will start collecting your boxes after the Christingle Service weekend for the annual emptying.

Thank you





## Glow party!

Monday 23rd October saw 94 pupils from Curzon School attend a *UV Glow in the Dark* party in St. Paul's Village Hall.

This was a collaboration between St Paul's and Curzon's PTFA (Parent, Teacher & Friends Association). Not only was it good to partner together to put on this event for the children but it aptly captured the school's core Bible verse of letting their light shine (Matthew 5:16) and was all the more poignant as the evening draw in. A great time was had with glow sticks, face paint, temporary tattoos, sweets, music and dancing!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who supported in making this happen.

Anna O





**Christmas Services**  
**at**  
**St Nick's 2023**



| <b><u>Service</u></b>     | <b><u>Date</u></b>              |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Christingle               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 3.30pm |
| Holy Communion            | 10 <sup>th</sup> December 10am  |
| Carol Service             | 17 <sup>th</sup> December 10am  |
| Blue Christmas            | 21 <sup>st</sup> December 7pm   |
| Nativity service          | Christmas Eve 3.30pm            |
| Informal Celebration      | Christmas Day 10am              |
| Joint Service @ St Nick's | 31 <sup>st</sup> December 10am  |

SEASONAL BLESSINGS



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| Informal Celebration<br>At St Nick's | Christmas Day 10am<br>All Welcome |
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## **Bishops Badge**

Ann Johnson, a member of St Nicks congregation was presented with the Bishops Badge by Bishop Libby at a special service in Derby Cathedral on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. For the past 8 years, Ann has been a member of a group of 9 cathedral embroiderers who meet every Monday and Thursday.

Last October they had a special commission to make 6 copes, 6 stoles and 2 mantles for Dundee Cathedral. Their theme was the river Tay so each piece was either summer, winter, high and low tide morning and evening. Ann was given high tide to do. Each person designed their own garment with matching colours all done in silk. The hoods were pointed to represent the spire of the cathedral and the work needed to be completed in time for their patronal festival in June which it was. Many of the team went to Dundee for the presentation.



## 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.

### **Monthly Prayer Meeting**

is in the chapel on a Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm

**This month the meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd November**

Contact Graham if you are interested in joining us in prayer, or just turn up.



## 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.***

## Remembrance

**This month we remember those who have died and suffered in two world wars, and also the dead and injured of many countries still at war, particularly Ukraine and Israel (the country where Jesus was born). Each day we hear about war, murder, rape, pornography and corruption. We long for peace, love and compassion in a world where selfish desires rule and the weak and the vulnerable are preyed upon.**

**There is an answer! Christ taught us by his example the Way of love and forgiveness. What a difference it would make if everyone forgot selfish desires and put others first! There is a great need for everyone to know Christ's love in their lives, but many people do not know the difference Christ makes to all who come to Him and follow His commandments.**

**What can we do? We can all pray! Through prayer our lives are changed, through prayer God can work through us to show His Way to others. Let us pray fervently for God's Kingdom to come on earth—that there may be peace in the world, in our country, in our families, so that we can honestly say 'Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!'**



## 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 Gill Hannah or 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.

### ALPHA

An Alpha course is planned for early 2024. Please see Graham or Paul if you are interested and want more information.



## Prayer Requests:

***Please pray for:-***

- For those seriously ill and in/going into hospital
- For Anna and the Children's and Youth Ministry
- For the ongoing process of calling a vicar
- For our church finances and Mike as he makes decisions on expenditure and other commitments

## 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. The next ones will be on the 12th November and 10th December at 12 noon at The Markeaton.



## 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.

Any info should be sent to the church

### **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, who keeps our birthday records up-to-date.

## Upcoming Services—November

| Dates/Services  | Leaders  | Readings   |
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| <b>Sunday 5th November</b><br>St Nick's: 10am Informal Service<br>St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion                        | <i>Anna/Bruce</i><br><i>Lee Martiin</i>                                      | Micah 3.5-12<br>1 Thessalonians 2.9-13<br>Matthew 24:1-14          |
| <b>Sunday 12th November</b><br>St Nick's: 10am Remembrance with Holy Communion<br>St Paul's: 10am Remembrance           | <i>Lee Martin</i><br><br><i>Anna/Phil</i>                                    | Amos 5:18-24<br>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18<br>Matthew 25:1-13         |
| <b>Sunday 19th November</b><br>St Nick's: 10am Morning Praise<br>St Pauls : 10am Holy Communion                         | <br><i>Phil</i><br><br><i>David</i>  | Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18<br>1 Thessalonians 5.1-11<br>Matthew 25:14-30 |
| <b>Sunday 26th November</b><br>St Nick's: 10am Bible Study<br>3pm Holy Communion<br><br>St Paul's : 10am Morning Praise | <br><i>Graham</i><br><br><i>Carol Price</i><br><br><br><br><i>Bruce/Phil</i> | Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24<br>Ephesians 1.15-23<br>Matthew 25:31-46    |

### Handy Contacts for both churches:

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**Licensed Lay Reader:** Sarah Tupling **Licensed Lay Reader:** Phil Moncur

**Licensed Lay Reader:** Bruce Innis

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 Jan Calladine

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**Church Hall Bookings:** Val Annable **Contact:** hallstpauls@outlook.com

**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.**