

Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love



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

October 2022

While we were away during the time of the Queen's funeral we sang this hymn in a Suffolk church. We thought it was a fitting commemoration to our recently passed sovereign .



We see tears and celebration,
For this life so dignified,
Bearing thanks and hearts of sadness,

To the God of death and life.
As he takes her to his promise,
Of an audience with the King,
We remember all she gave us,
Wreaths of gratitude we bring.

In these days of change and trial,
Be the rock on which we stand,
When we fear in this new season,
Hold us firmly in your hands.
May we rise to her example,
To be humble, kind and fair,
Swift to pray and slow to anger,
Choosing faith and not despair.

In the midst of coronation,
She once knelt in silent prayer,
Oil was poured in Christ's commission,
Called to lead her people there.
May we know that same anointing,
Move in royal authority,
Then speak liberty and healing,

Lord forgive, when pride and envy,
Leave our nation bruised and stained,
Turn us back towards our calling,
To make your name great again.
May we rise above divisions,
Lord, our brokenness we bring,
That a more united kingdom,
Would give glory to the King.

When our days are at their dimming,
And our work on earth is done,
May we hear as does our sovereign,
'Faithful servant, welcome home.'
May we rise with Christ to witness,
A new heav'n and earth displayed,
Ours a robe that will not tarnish,
Hers a crown that will not fade.

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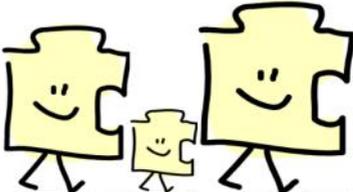
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Jigsaw

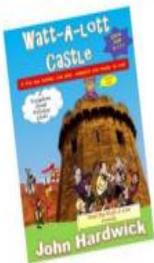
SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD

We recently welcomed Tim and Kate Lee back to St Nick's to talk about Jigsaw, a Christian charity for children they oversee in the Philippines. St Nick's has supported this work since Tim founded it in 2004. The charity works to empower and enable God's mission for children and families living in extreme need and hardship in the Philippines and S.E Asia. Jigsaw Kids' Ministries seeks to share God's love in practical and strategic ways working towards the vision of life in all fullness for all children.

Here is just one article from their latest newsletter

Jigsaw Bible Holiday club 2022

Jigsaw bible holiday clubs are wonderful outreach weeks open to all children and young people in the areas where Jigsaw works. This year's theme was 'Kingdom Quest' and looked at the endurance of Moses, the courage of queen Esther, the hope with Joshua and Jericho and life eternal with Jesus. The children made castles and armour, had games, learnt memory verses and had a wonderful time growing in faith whilst studying the scriptures. The week was mostly done through home packs with craft, bible verses and scripture activities for the children and families to do. Jenalyn shares how special the week was as children and young people found strength, courage, endurance and



*Be strong and courageous,
Do not be afraid for the Lord
your God is with you. He will
never leave you or forsake
you.*

Deuteronomy 31:6

Bible week memory verse.



hope in Jesus. The week reached out to more than 2000 children

and young people. What a miracle that God has grown a ministry that can share His love through holiday clubs each year in the heart of some of the poorest communities in Manila. We praise God for his love and His light being shared. Thank you too for your love and support which enables holiday club weeks to happen every year. Hopefully next year will be face to face.

Thank
You!

Shoe Boxes

It's that time of year when we start thinking about those children who are less fortunate than ours in countries where there is hardship and children are rarely given presents.

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 6th. 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



Our Children and Young Families Worker (CYFW)

As you know, Anna as well as her new admin role continues to work for us as the CYFW and is very active with our local schools. Here is an extract from her latest report to the PCC :-

School Assemblies continue at Curzon with Dawn & me alternating Monday mornings. A “post Dawn” plan is to invite guest speakers in to do assemblies fortnightly, which has been met with enthusiasm by the head (Mrs Fletcher) at Curzon.

Curzon lunchtime club. Having reflection it was felt an after school club wouldn't work. Currently the club is on a hiatus until after October half term when we will be relaunching for KS2 in a classroom doing an activity and theme based on that week's Monday assembly Bible story.

Woodlands chaplaincy/pastoring continues fortnightly. Amy McCallum (Children's & Youth Worker from Broadway Baptist Church) will hopefully be starting to go in with me as of next week and after “finding her feet” will be going in the alternate Wednesdays when I'm not. I need to chase Mrs Penny about her previously expressed interest in me running a lunch time “faith space”.

Allestree Youth Collective (AYC) – Woodlands after school outreach ended on a strong note before the school summer holidays. We are currently in conversation with Allestree Cricket Club about using their building to run a youth group. We still have a few weeks left of doing the outreach from Holy Family Church car park opposite the schools on Wednesdays.

We continue to pray and support this valuable work that raises our churches' profile in the minds of our local young people and more importantly, tells them about Jesus our Saviour.

Children's Society

Many thanks to those who continue to support the Society. In the past few months there have been donations from the Women's Fellowship, from Coffee and Chat, and of the proceeds from a sale of second hand books at Play and Praise as well as a very generous private donation. Now the weather is cooler I shall be making marmalade and, nearer Christmas, selling the Society's Christmas cards.

The Society continues to campaign for improvement in the lives of under-privileged and vulnerable children through better social care, more help for 17 and 18 year olds leaving the social care system, enhanced facilities for unaccompanied child asylum seekers and greater resources to rehabilitate child victims of County Lines drug gangs.

You can read more about the Society's activities on their website

Helen Illingworth

Gifts for the Homeless

Our harvest gifts will go to the Padley Centre again this year. Please remember there will be a box at the back of the church all year round for items to go to the homeless in Derby.

Prayer Requests:

- For King Charles III to follow his mother's example and follow and trust in Jesus, the King of kings.
- For those who are suffering from illness or bereavement.
- For the church to have clear direction in the future.

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

Church Prayer @ St Nick's

Pre-church prayer has now resumed 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 in the chapel was changed to prayer on Zoom during the pandemic. This has been a valuable time but does not suit everyone so we are proposing to return to the chapel for some of the coming year on Wednesdays from 7.30-8.30pm



October	26th chapel	January	Zoom	March onwards	chapel
November	23rd chapel	February	Zoom		

Coffee & Chat @ St Nick's

A reminder that Coffee & Chat meet 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 one will be October 16th

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.

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.

