



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

July 2024

Dear Church family,

As I write this, spring has sprung, and July is almost upon us. I am looking out of the window, (when I should be concentrating on writing), the sun is shining (briefly) and the garden is looking lovely. What used to be an un-useable slope of grass has become a grassy flat area for sitting or for the grandchildren to play, surrounded by raised beds to make weeding plants easier. It took time, effort and money to get our garden to where we want it to be. It is not finished, as it will always be a “work in progress”.



Even now, I am thinking I should take a photo of the beds now, so that in autumn I will be able to remind myself of the necessary removal of some plants to allow the others to flourish better.

Just because God has blessed us with a good garden, does not mean it should remain the same. With God's help it can always be improved. Change for its own sake achieves nothing. Change should always work out to be for the better. We need to try new things to see if it works. Some may find change a bit daunting, but by taking a leap of faith we can accomplish many things as they would be under God's guidance.



We may need to drastically prune back a tree or shrub to regenerate it. Very daunting if it is one that we love and cherish. We need to do it as that will encourage new growth, with new branches that will be stronger and better able to support the new flowers or fruit.

We deliberated the cost of changing our garden, but went with it and in the end, we were happy with what we achieved. The garden has gone from being nondescript, to a place where we are happy to spend time. A place where our grandchildren are safe and we are happy to invite friends and family over to relax and chat. It has taken time and energy to achieve the effect we wanted, but has been well worthwhile.

So, in closing I would like you to think about your own personal “gardens” and to pray and ask for God’s help in changing what you have now, to what you would like to achieve .

May God continue to bless you all and guide you in your daily journey.

Bruce



Social Event 2024



Dear Church members,

As we are now in a new phase of our church life, with all four churches together, the Social Committee at St Nicks thought it would be a good idea to invite the other three churches to a “Get To Know You” session.

This is going to be a casual event after the 10am Informal worship service at St Nicks, around 11.15 am onwards, with some simple refreshments, including sandwiches, crisps and cake to be provided for you to enjoy as you converse.

We plan to invite all the clergy as well, so we can meet and greet and become one larger church family.

Date: July 7th.

Location: St Nicks Church Hall.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

The Social Committee.

If you have any questions please email the office and these will be passed onto the Social Committee.



Community Fun Days @ St. Nick's Alleestree



Family Fun

(Crafts, storytelling, games, refreshments & more)

10am-12pm



Seniors Afternoon Tea

3-4.30pm



CINEMA EVENING

(Refreshments available)

5.30pm

Thursday

25th July & 29th August

Clothes Swap



St Matthews, Darley Abbey are hosting a Clothes Swap event:



Date: 13th July

Where: In the Fellowship room

Time: 10-1pm

A good time to sort out your wardrobes and help a good cause and the environment before the summer finally arrives.

Logistics: Clean, ironed clothes can be dropped off Thursday, 11th 3.30-6pm and Friday 12th from 8.30am before the swap. Please could we have 1 hanger per item if possible. When you drop off your items you'll take a slip stating that number, then you can come back on the 13th and take the same number of items. If you don't have an item to swap you're still welcome to come and make a donation for anything you take.

All donations greatly appreciated



Extra Worship opportunities

Fancy a mid-week communion service? Or an early evening service?

St Edmunds, Allestree have a Communion service 10am every Wednesday.

The Evening Service (Evensong) at 6 pm on a Sunday alternates between St Edmunds and St Matthews, Darley Abbey, and always follows the Book of Common Prayer.

This months 6pm services are:

7th July	Evensong led by Melonie Hambly @ St Eds
14th July	Choral Evensong led by Chris Jack/Paul Smith @ St Eds
21st July	Choral Evensong led by Clive Lemmon @ St Matts
28th July	Choral Evensong led by Rachael Brooks @ St Eds



<https://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk/diary>—for more information on upcoming services.

Venue for hire

Looking for a venue for an upcoming event? Why not choose St Nicks? We have a variety of rooms available to hire for a single event or a regular class/session. We currently host a range of activities from art classes, to dance groups, Karate and local history groups.



If you are looking for an excellent space for a birthday celebration our hall has a 220 person capacity and up to, 12ft x 12ft, bouncy castles can be accommodated for.

Alternatively, if you are looking for amazing acoustics, our Church can host 240 people making it an ideal setting for music concerts or choirs.

For smaller groups we have rooms available for up to 40 people with access to small kitchens perfect for making refreshments.



For more details, to ask about availability or to arrange a visit please contact our church administrator:
stnicksallestree@outlook.com

Sew much Fun

Love sewing? Come and join a likeminded group @ St Nicks. The group meets every Thursday, 13:00-16:00 in the Church room.

The group recycle fabric as much as possible and have had a busy year making roman blinds, aprons and cover cushions for St Nicks church as well as decorating the church for Christmas and many other projects.

All levels of ability are warmly welcome to join. If you would like more details contact Emma in the church office or come along any Thursday.



Interested in Education?

Are you feeling called to serve in our schools? Have you considered being a foundation governor?

Foundation governors play an important role in supporting the distinctive Christian character of our church schools . We have vacancies at The Curzon school. Please watch the video via the link and/or talk to Rev Sarah or Rev Rachael for more details.

Called to be a foundation governor: Chris Hartshorn - Diocese of Derby



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Venue for Hire



St Pauls Village Hall

Ideal venue for children's birthday parties, dance classes, music ensembles or local community groups. For more details contact:

hallstpauls@outlook.com or 07973702002

Online donations @ St Nicks

We have a new QR code for online giving for those tech savvy people amongst us who feel more comfortable giving in this way. Thank you.



General Election 4th July

St Nicks will once again be a polling station and as we prepare to cast our vote The Church of England has launched a campaign #prayyourpart to promote prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens. Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell have urged people to set aside time amid the heat of the coming campaign to reflect and pray for our nation and our world.



[General Election 2024: A guide for young people | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

Follow the link above from the Childrens society for a young persons guide to the upcoming election.

QUARNDON PRESCHOOL



Quarndon Pre-School

2 YEAR OLD FUNDING PLACES AVAILABLE

Have you checked to see if your child is eligible for 2 year old funding ?

We are now accepting applications, Please contact Dawn for more information.

Please note: Additional costs for extras such as consumables and non-funded hours are chargeable. Funded only sessions will have a set consumables charge applied



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<https://quarndonpreschool.org/index>



Play n Praise

Would you like to help out at the very successful Play n Praise which is for preschoolers and their adults @ St Nicks on a Tuesday morning (term time only).

Anna is looking to set up a team of volunteers on a rota. You would not be required every week, but every 4-6 weeks.

If you would like to know more, why not pop along on a Tuesday 9.30-11am and meet the current team and families who attend? Coffee and cake available.



If you are interested in flowers or would love to try a new creative outlet, could you spare some time and join the wonderful flower group?

Please speak to Judith McNab, Ann Johnson or Helen Illingworth if you would like to join. We would be happy to help you, so you can help us!

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 17th July
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:-

- For the forthcoming PCC Away day, that it may be fruitful and time of discernment for our future direction together.
- For Anna O as she works with our local youth in the schools and at our church based events.
- For those that are unwell and unable to get out at this time.

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: 21st July, 18th August and
15th September.



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 20th 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 9.15-2.45, Tuesday 9.15 - 4.15, Wednesday 1.15-3.15 and Friday 9.15 - 2.45.

Please note I will be on annual leave 6th-19th August. Thank you



Handy Contacts for both churches:

Church Office Emma Patterson **Contact:** 01332 550431.

St Nick's

Church Warden: Paul Taylor **Contact:** 01332 556020

Safeguarding Lead: Miriam Chappell **Contact:** psostnicks@outlook.com

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Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) Phil Moncur and Bruce Innis

St Paul's

Church Warden: Mike Annable **Contact:** wardenstpauls@outlook.com

Safeguarding Lead: Vacant, in interim Rev'd Sarah Watson

Contact: psostpauls@outlook.com

or Diocesan Safeguarding Team: 01332 388678

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



Upcoming Services — July

Dates/Services	Leaders	Readings
Sunday 7th July St Nicks: 10am Informal Worship St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>PM/GT</i> <i>SW</i>	2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
Sunday 14th July St Nick's: 10am T@TT communion St Paul's: 3.30pm T-Time	<i>SW</i> <i>AO</i>	Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
Sunday 21st July St Nicks: 10am Morning Praise St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>BI</i> <i>LM</i>	Ephesians 2:11-end Mark 6:30-34, 53-end
Sunday 28th July St Nick's: 10am Bible Study 3pm Informal worship St Paul's: 10am Morning Praise	<i>DH</i> <i>AO/PM</i> <i>PM</i>	Ephesians 3:14-end John 6:1-21

Exciting news!

14th July @ St Nicks
Derby Mayor Ged Potter will be attending our
Together @ the Table service.



Saint Nicks