



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

May 2023

'OUR CHILDHOOD MEMORIES'

Driving from Belper to Derby, going home from work, with the lovely light evenings, my thoughts go to the wonder of God's world and His beautiful creations. As you read this, we will be in the month of May, trees in bloom with blossom, the daffodils and tulips coming to the end of their flowering. Dandelions and daisies adorn the roadsides and the gardens. Spring is soon to make way for Summer. Warmer weather with clear blue skies now here, or is it?

How many of you, I wonder in your childhood were frequently told you must wear a vest? I always had to wear one and my memory takes me



back to the days of having to put on a woollen, prickly vest! I was not to go outside to play without a vest!

My mother repeatedly said to me the phrase "til May is out ne'er cast a clout"! She said to me she was never sure if it was the 'month of May had ended' or if the 'may flower had come into flower'!

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She was told this by her elderly aunts as she grew up and that ‘saying’ was quoted to me in my growing up. There still remains some uncertainty about this. Any thoughts from you on this?

My mind wandered to the book of Proverbs – this being the central wisdom book of the Old Testament. Like the book of Psalms, it is a collection of collections. The individual proverbs were composed by different authors (mostly by the wisest, wealthiest and most powerful man in history, King Solomon. Some were written by King Agur and King Lemuel) over a period of time and finally collected into a single book.

The purpose of the book of Proverbs is that it teaches practical wisdom for all people at every stage of life. It has much to teach us today. Its timeless wisdom helps us to avoid trouble, and honour God with our life. Each proverb is a short statement that uses everyday, familiar illustrations to teach moral, ethical or spiritual principles. These principles apply to everyone, male and female, young and old, in every age and circumstance applying the principles of God’s teaching to the whole of life,



to relationships, home, work, justice, decisions, attitudes, reactions, everything a person says or does, even thinks. God has taught what is best for us. It is a ‘treasure trove’ of practical wisdom inspired by God. It gives us ‘keys’ to a better life.

I started by telling you about my mother and my having to wear a prickly, woollen vest! What has this to do with the book of Proverbs? She was very wise and a Christian and I thank God for both my parents, for their wisdom, their guidance, teachings which now, I realise, God was in the midst of my upbringing. Many of today’s ‘sayings’ can be found in the book of Proverbs. I will leave you to find some and end with one of my favourite proverbs.

“It’s much better to have a kind, loving family, even with little, than to have great wealth with nothing but hatred and strife all around you”

(Proverbs 15:17)

Sarah Tupling,
Deaf Layreader

Dawn's Leaving

We said goodbye to Dawn on April 23rd as she left to take up her new appointment at Shipley and Cotmanhay.

After her last service at St Pauls we celebrated her time with us at St Nicks church hall with a buffet lunch.

It was good for both congregations to be together and have the opportunity to express our gratitude to Dawn for all her hard work and wise leadership over the last nearly four years.

The churches used a collection to buy a picture from one of her favourite artists, James He Qi. The picture depicts the angel saying 'Don't be afraid' to the women outside the tomb at the resurrection. (Matt. 28 v5)

Here is a photo of the presentation :



We all wish Dawn and her family every blessing and a fruitful ministry in the new church community.

St. Paul's News

The King's Coronation

Come and join us at St Paul's at 10am on Sunday 7th May for a service to celebrate the Coronation.

Feel free to dress up and bring crowns or tiaras and we shall be suitably celebrating with refreshments after the service.

St Paul's APCM

Our 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on 14th May at 11.45am.

It will be preceded with a said Morning Praise service at 11am (not 10) due to worship leader availability and that of our Assistant Area Dean – Rev Mina Munns who is preaching elsewhere beforehand. Mina is attending in lieu of an incumbent Vicar to help us with the APCM.

Please do join us for the meeting (even if you cant attend the service) and hear what the PCC have been doing and have your say on what happens re St Paul's. Reports will be available from the 7th.

Easter Flowers

Many thanks to Margaret and her trusty team of helpers for their wonderful floral displays this Easter, and to those who donated funds for the blooms. The daffs were still going strong 2 weeks later and there was a lovely scent of lilies as you passed the choir vestry. Special thanks also go to those younger helpers who made up the Easter tomb. It is a joy to see each year and gets better and better.



St Nicks News

- The Church APCM is on Thursday 4th May 7:30pm in the church.
- A Coronation lunch for the church and community will be held on May 7th at 12noon in the hall.
- The 'Sew Much Fun' group have been very busy and will be replacing the blinds in the vestry room in the next few weeks.
- The 'Community payback' have repainted the lobby and it looks a lot brighter and more welcoming.
- We have a new water heater in the hall kitchen after aborted attempts to repair it

Vacancy Update

Representatives from both churches recently met with Matthew Trick (our Archdeacon) for an update re the vacancy process.

As there has already been quite a lot of interest in the 2 roles (covering the 4 parishes) he wants to advertise and interview for both roles at the same time which will be quicker. The last few bits of Parish information are due imminently and then this will go to the Coms team at Church House to create the advert and accompanying information. They hope to be able to interview by June / July and then depending on notice periods have people in place by the autumn.

At present we know they will use St Nick's vicarage for one of the incumbents but the decision is yet to be made as to whether the other will be at St Matthews or St Edmunds. (Quarndon's vicarage is no longer part of the Parish but managed and rented out by the Diocese).

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for:-

- The family of Yvonne Grimby as they mourn her death.
- Those who are seriously ill and in need of comfort and healing.
- For progress in the calling of a new vicar to our parishes.
- Dawn's priesting and starting her new appointment

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.

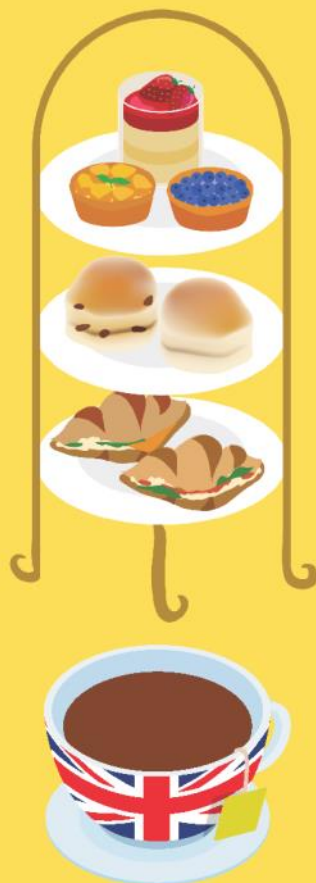
If you would like to be added to the prayer circle, please get in touch with the church office.

KING CHARLES III CORONATION STREET PARTY

In the grounds of St
Nick's Church, Allestree
on Sunday 7th May
at 12 o' clock.

Bring food and drink to
share and something to
sit on.

Donations of tinned food
or packets for the Padley
Centre welcomed.



Christian Aid Week 14 - 20 May 2023

The following is an extract from Christian Aid material.

'Gifts this Christian Aid Week could help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children. Soaring costs are affecting people here and around the world. Families in Malawi are paying the price of this global crisis. Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. And hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather.

The impact of the recent Cyclone Freddy in Malawi has been devastating. Floods have washed away crops, over 500,000 people have been displaced and hundreds have lost their lives.

Christian Aid Week is at its most powerful when a disaster happens. Through you, we will be there long after the flood waters recede, helping families build back. Your gifts this May will continue to support the pigeon pea project and other vital work around the world. We won't stop until everyone has the chance to live a full life, free from poverty. We are united in hope that, with your help, more young people will be able to transform their lives.'

There are broadly three ways for people to give -

Traditional envelopes delivered and collected house-to-house.

- Delivery-only envelopes to houses for people to bring donations to a designated place (St Nicholas office).
- Digital giving via <https://www.christianaid.org.uk> (which could also be prompted by the envelopes).
- A selection of Delivery-only and Traditional envelopes will be available at St Nicholas and St Pauls.

St Paul's will be hearing more about the work of Christian Aid in their

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 Meeting
now returns to the chapel
normally on Wednesdays
7.30-8.30pm

This month the meeting will be on
Wednesday 24th May 7:30pm



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

Food Donations for the Homeless

Thank you to those who have donated food and other toiletries for the Derby homeless—especially to the amount of tinned food kindly donated. We continue to deliver to Centenary House in Derby city which deals specifically designed for alcohol dependent customers and this supplements other special event giving eg the upcoming coronation that goes to the Padley Centre

If you wish to give there is a blue box at the back of St Nicks

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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 one will be on the 21st May 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

Dates/Services	Leaders	Readings
Sunday 7th May St Nick's: 10am Informal Service St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>Anna</i> <i>Lee Martin</i>	Acts 7:55-end; John 14:1-14
Sunday 14th May St Nick's: 10am Holy Communion St Paul's: 10am Morning Prayer 3:30pm T-Time	<i>Lee Martin</i> <i>Wardens</i> <i>Anna</i>	Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21
Thursday 18th May (Ascension Day) St Pauls : 10am Holy Communion	<i>David</i>	Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-end
Sunday 21st May St Nick's: 10am Morning Praise St Pauls : 10am Holy Communion	<i>Anna/Bruce</i> <i>David</i>	Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11
Sunday 28th May (Pentecost) St Nick's: 10am Holy Communion/ Service of Healing St Pauls : 10am Holy Communion	<i>David/Phil</i> <i>Carol Price</i>	Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

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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.