



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

*October 2021*

**"Come to me all who weary and burdened and I will give you rest."**

**Matthew 11:28**

**Rev. Becky Mathew**

I've just returned from the recycling centre and as we prepare to move home I have been struck by the sheer amount of stuff we have once again accumulated! All of the stuff we have been taking over to the recycling centre is that which simply cannot be re-used or repaired and very often was second or third hand before we obtained it! We've also been doing a bit of online selling, donating to charity shops, and it's certainly very helpful to have both a toy bank and clothing bank outside in St Nick's car-park where items can be easily dropped off. It's also fabulous to see the Repair Café set up in Quarndon and folks offering their services to help mend items that extends their usefulness.

As I clear out, I'm aware too of those that have recently relocated to Derby from Afghanistan, who've left whole households of personal possessions and items of great sentimental value. They have to start again of course, entirely building up their households from scratch. It's been heartening to see the response of locals to the Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity group who have appealed for various items and received an absolute mountain of donations. Whether you're able to donate pre-loved or brand new items giving to another human being in need is a good thing.

As we come into this autumnal season, we are reminded about the Harvest and the tradition of giving or offering the first fruits of our Harvest. It was particularly im-

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portant in ancient times to offer thanks to God for that which had come to fruition and to share that blessing. I still remember taking in Harvest baskets of produce from my grandfather's farm to school where it was distributed amongst the older residents of the village. I don't know if they still distribute Harvest gifts or like many churches donate directly to food banks. Last year during lockdown members of the ministry team were able to distribute a number of Harvest gifts of tea/coffee, biscuits and flowers to local residents and hope that we can do the same again this year. Both churches are celebrating Harvest on October 3rd and as well bringing along household and food items, I will also be asking you to consider making a one-off contribution to the Bishop of Derby's Harvest appeal, which this year is supporting St Elizabeth's hostel for girls in Kolkata, North India. As a result of the pandemic, financial support has either been cut or is at severe risk in what are sometimes considered as low-priority areas, such as girls' education. Many of the girls in the hostel are homeless and are vulnerable to exploitation by those predominantly from the sex trade. My thanks to you in advance if you are able to make a Harvest contribution and share the fruits of your labours or indeed the produce of your gardens!

We first moved to Derby in Sept 2017 and I hope as we leave and continue our journey of faith to our respective new callings, that you will continue to discover what God has in store for St Nick's & St Paul's in sharing the good news and growing the kingdom of God. Some of the conversations around vision and appointment of a new vicar may be difficult especially in this period of transition and anxiety. There are vacancies on both Parish Church Council's at the moment and it may be that you can offer your help by becoming a trustee. Please pray for those in leadership especially church wardens as they take on the burden of responsibility and please be patient as we find our way with service patterns and expectations around worship.

Yours in faith,  
Becky

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All of the staff and ministry team would like to publicly acknowledge the joy we have had in working with Becky, and thank her for her support and loving care as she's led us through this season. We wish her and the family every blessing as she moves north and on to new pastures. We pray God's blessing and protection on them.

***"He will cover you with his wings; you will be safe in his care; his faithfulness will protect and defend you." Psalm 91:4***

## St Nick's Post-Church Refreshments

St Nick's would love to return to having refreshments after the service on a Sunday. With the current cycle of church services, this would probably be offered on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays.



Gael has a list of volunteers for the coffee rota pre-pandemic, but is aware a lot has changed since then. If you would like to be added to the rota, or come off it, please contact the office. Hopefully we can get enough volunteers than you will only need to be on duty oncer per month.

Many thanks!

## 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 a member of clergy to organise communion at home.*



## Children's Society

**Helen Illingworth**

With Covid infections still around we will not be having an Autumn Coffee Morning this year. The C. S. are still working helping children and young people in many ways, especially with the problems resulting from the lockdowns and poverty in the pandemic.

I will be selling Christmas cards again this year. If you would like to look at the brochure or examples of the cards, I can deliver one to you, and I will take them to church. Contact me on 01332 559237 or email [illinghelen@gmail.com](mailto:illinghelen@gmail.com).

I'm still making marmalade for the Children's Society, Please let me know if you want some. Thanks for your continuing support.

## Goodbye from the Mathew Family

Shemil, Becky, Thomas and Catherine just would like to say a big thank-you to everyone!

For babysitters, meal-providers, prayer supporters, colleagues, musicians, tidier-uppers, refreshment-providers, encouragers, zoomers, furniture removers, linen keepers, PCC'ers and animal handlers!

We hope that you can join the Big Lunch on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> at St Nick's so we can offer our personal thanks.

### ***Induction & Licensing Date***

We will both be licensed on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at St Paul's Sale, Shemil as the vice-principal of Emmanuel Theological College and Becky as the new Vicar by the Bishop of Chester. You are welcome to attend the service, this will also be available as a live-stream on St Paul's Facebook group.



### **Upcoming Christian Aid events**

#### **Paul Taylor**

#### ***19th October at 7.30pm – Update & Stories from Myanmar (part 1)***

We'll share the latest updates of our work around the world and hear some stories of our work in Ethiopia with guest speaker Andrew Jenkins.

#### ***23rd November at 7.30pm – Latest Christian Aid work & Stories from Myanmar (part 2)***

We'll share the latest updates of our work around the world and hear some stories of our work in Ethiopia with guest speaker Andrew Jenkins.

The link and Zoom details are the same for each session.  
<https://christian-aid-org.zoom.us/j/83307300140?pwd=OGpUcGZ4eFN3N2I3VkFHTm1zanhEdz09>



## Eco Church

### **Eco Group at Broadway Baptist Church, Allestree.**

Before COVID came along and changed so many things, we were hoping to get in touch with you all to discuss ways in which we could work together in order to promote environmental awareness and action in our communities, and to see if that is something which you would be interested in doing. There are probably many things which you are already involved in but there may be more which we can do if we work together.



Our immediate focus is COP26.

**We are planning two prayer vigils on the Wednesdays during COP26, Nov 3rd and 10th at 7.30pm at Broadway. We would love to open this up to anyone in Allestree Churches who would like to join us.**

## Padley Centre Information

### **Kerry Collyer, Marketing Manager**

You may have seen in the Derby Telegraph an article saying that the Padley Hostel is permanently closed.

The Hostel part of Padley House on Becket Street

closed earlier this year as we made the decision to move into dispersed housing. We sent out emails to all on our databases updating of the progress and changes being made but the misleading title of the article has brought about some confusion.



We currently have 3 flats with residents being supported by our team and hope to have 18 flats by early next year. The Day Centre at Padley House on Becket Street is still open and running support and wellbeing sessions, providing free meals to those that attend, emergency care parcels of food, toiletries and clothing, toilet, shower, and laundry facilities.

Now more than ever we need your support during harvest. Without harvest we would not be able to provide the food poverty support we do to those most vulnerable in Derby. Aside from our hot meals and emergency food parcels we supply at our centre we have also helped to feed families over the summer that struggle without free school meals and have recently partnered with Food 4 Thought Alliance to provide those in temporary accommodation that do not have access to cooking facilities with hot meals.

Thank you so much for your support during Harvest it means so much to those that have so little.

## **St Nick's Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

**Celia Grattidge**

In last month's Newsletter I asked for a volunteer to take on the job of organising the annual Christmas shoebox appeal at St. Nicks. Happily, someone has offered to do that but cannot take it on until next year. I'm happy to continue to do it for this year.



I am not covering any boxes this year. I have a few left from last year and I have sent for some flatpack printed boxes from Teams4U.

These (with the postage) cost 80p each and will be available at the back of church from Sunday Oct.10th. If you take one of these, please put 80p ( or £1 for convenience) in the jar on the table. Any excess donations will be given to Teams4U.

Leaflets explaining 'How to create a shoebox' are also on the table. Please fill in your details on the form provided.

Thank you for your support for this very worthwhile ( and enjoyable) cause.

The boxes must be returned to me by Remembrance Sunday, Nov. 14th .

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## **The Bible, The Imagination and Our Spiritual Journey**

**Janet Morley, Thursday 14 9:45am-4:30pm (online)**

What is our current personal relationship with the Bible, and how has that changed over time? How can we deepen and refresh this relationship, away from unreflective routine, rigid interpretations, or even boredom?

This quiet day will focus on three creative writers from different eras: C.S.Lewis, John Bunyan, and Charles Wesley. Often received as controversial, all three writers engaged their profound familiarity with the biblical text to create startlingly original works that have shaped the Christian faith and imagination of generations of spiritual seekers. Passages from 'Voyage of the Dawn Treader', 'Pilgrim's Progress', and the hymn 'Open Lord my inward ear' will be explored alongside biblical texts which resonate with their themes. The day will include four presentations by Janet Morley, whose recent anthologies show how Christians can be helped and challenged by poetry, both religious and secular. There will be good spaces of offline time for personal reflection, the option to join a 'breakout room' conversation, and the day will be framed with worship.

***This event is open to everyone, please book with [nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org](mailto:nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org)***

## Street Pastor Volunteers Needed!

Interested in becoming a Street Pastor?  
Derby Street Pastors are recruiting NOW!



Street Pastors make a huge difference to Derby City Centre at night. We offer a visible and reassuring presence, listening, caring, helping, praying, working together with other partners for the wellbeing and safety of our community. We'd love you to join our team.

Please come along to our Recruitment Information Evening:

**TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 7.30pm @ Derby City Mission,  
10 Normanton Rd, Derby DE1 2GW**

to find out what's involved and hear from Street Pastors about their experiences.

Find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZyrTxzfWk8&t=2s>  
<https://www.derbycitymission.org.uk/Pages/Category/street-pastors>  
<https://www.streetpastors.org/>

If you have any questions, please get in touch:

Email [streetpastors@derbycitymission.org.uk](mailto:streetpastors@derbycitymission.org.uk) Tel: 07757 329843

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## Staff Annual Leave

Please be aware that both Anna and Gael will be taking annual leave over October half term, and will be **unavailable 25th—29th of the month.**

Dawn is on annual leave from the **10th—20th of October.**

## Prayer Requests:

Please pray for:

- Becky and the family as they prepare to leave Derby; for peace, protection, and practicalities as they say goodbye and move home.
- All those in need in our city and beyond. As we celebrate Harvest and God's bounty and generosity, let us remember those who have very little and lift them to the Lord.
- All who celebrate Halloween and will be on the streets, and all who feel anxious about having their doors knocked on. For protection for all.

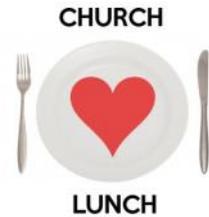
## **St Nick's Church Pub Lunches at The Markeaton are back on the menu!**

Church lunches are restarting, and will be held once a month at the Markeaton Pub, just on the corner of Allestree Lane and Kedleston Road.

The dates for the rest of the year are:

**October 17th**  
**November 28th**  
**December 12th**

All welcome. For more information, please speak to Christine Penny.



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## **Becky's Last Service & Goodbye Lunch**

### **Sunday 24th October**

We really want to make Becky's last Sunday with us a special one for her and the family, and with that in mind we are organising a lunch together in St Nick's Church Hall after the joint service at St Paul's.

The day will look as follows:

**10am** Joint Informal Communion Service @ St Paul's, Quarndon

**11:30am** Gather & Coffee at St Nick's, with some speeches from reps and presentation of a gift

**12pm** Lunch Buffet open

### ***We need:***

- **Volunteers to set up and decorate the hall on Saturday 23rd (7-8pm)**
- **Volunteers to stay at St Nick's Hall on Sunday morning to accept delivery of the buffet and set up coffee etc.**
- **A kitchen team of x3 people to serve hot drinks and replenish the buffet table as needed**
- **x4 people to wash up after, x4 people to tidy up after**
- **Donations of cake / desserts**

If you would like to give towards a gift for Becky and the family, please give donations to Mike A (St Paul's Treasurer) or Clive J (St Nick's Treasurer), directly or via the office. Bank transfers should include the reference 'Becky Gift'.

A sign up sheet is at the back of both churches for all roles, or alternatively contact Gael in the office and she can add you.

**Many thanks!**

## COFFEE MORNINGS

Quarndon Church Hall,

10am onwards

8th October

12th November

10th December

(Second Friday of the month)

*All are welcome*

*Please contact Val, Mike or Jan  
with any offers of help or baking*

## Harvest Festivals 2021

The Harvest Festivals of both churches will fall on **Sunday 3rd October** this year, and we will again be supporting the work of the Padley Centre.

Please bring donations of non perishable food items and toiletries to your respective church services, or alternatively there will be a 'drop zone' over that weekend in St Nick's car park, under a gazebo provided by the Padley Centre.

Many thanks.



## 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 / leaflets at the back of St Nick's,  
which will be available from November when the circle has had an audit.***

## **Pudding & Ponder**

**October 10th, 7-8pm, St Nick's Church Hall**

**Note the change of name!**

As you sit down on a Sunday evening, pondering that desire for a sweet little something post-dinnertime, we encourage you to join us for fellowship and discussion over dessert!



We hope it will be a relaxed space for you to enjoy a homemade pudding around a table with others, whilst discussing different questions and topics around a theme. Last time we looked at the topic "How do I make and keep friends?", and this month we'll be looking at "How do I live an attractive life?"

We're so excited to be able to provide for those of you who have wished for something in an evening slot, and we're also looking forward to inviting and drawing in those who would not feel comfortable in a 'normal' church environment; friends and neighbours who have been lonely this past year, or those in our community who have other commitments on a Sunday morning.

We really need donations of pudding, and also a few people who are happy to sit, chat and eat with those who come. Please contact Gael in the office if you can come on Sunday 10th. Many thanks!

***Please speak to Rev. Dawn for more info.***

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## **Bible Study & Coffee @ St Nick's**

This is a new(ish) service introduced on the fourth Sunday of every month (there is a 3pm Dementia Friendly Traditional Holy Communion the same Sunday).

We enjoy coffee together and break off into groups to discuss the week's passage, with questions provided to get us thinking and prompt discussion.

The next Bible Study is on Sunday 31st October at 10am in the Church Hall, and we would so love to see you there! It's a different way of 'being church', kind of like a home group.



## **Bishop Libby – Day in Derby City Deanery**

Bishop Libby will be visiting the Deanery on November 11th – watch out for details of informal gatherings open to all, to be publicised nearer the time.

## **St Nick's Church Sewing Group**

1:30-3:30pm, Thursdays in the Vestry

The Church Sewing Group are starting to meet again from Thursday 30th September.

Open to all who love to sew – whatever your ability level!

Please Speak to Christine Penny for more information or to get involved.



We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,  
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.  
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,  
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.  
Creator God, who brings forth  
both green shoot and hoar frost,  
sunrise and sunset,  
we bring our thanks  
for seeds that have grown,  
harvests gathered,  
storehouses filled,  
mouths fed.  
And, as your good earth rests  
through winter's cold embrace,  
we look forward to its re-awakening  
when kissed by Spring's first touch.



## **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.

## Upcoming Services

Dates/Services	Leaders	Readings
<b>Sunday 3rd October (Harvest)</b> St Nick's: 10am Informal Worship St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>Anna / Dawn Becky</i>	Genesis 2:18-24 Mark 10:2-16
<b>Sunday 10th October</b> St Nick's: 10am Together@theTable 7pm Pudding & Ponder St Paul's: 10am All Age Worship	<i>Becky Dawn Anna</i>	Hebrews 4:12-end Mark 10:17-31
<b>Sunday 17th October</b> St Nick's: 10am Morning Praise St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>Phil Becky</i>	Job 38:1-7 Mark 10:35-45
<b>Sunday 24th October</b> 10am Joint Service @ St Paul's, Informal Communion (Becky's last Sunday)	<i>Ministry Team</i>	Job 42:1-6, 10-end Mark 10:46-end
<b>Sunday 31st October</b> St Nick's: 10am Bible Study 3pm Traditional Holy Communion St Paul's: 10am Morning Praise	<i>Phil Dawn Dawn</i>	Deuteronomy 6:19 Mark 12:28-34

### Handy Contacts for both churches:

#### St Nick's

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

**Safeguarding Lead:** Miriam Chappell **Contact:** 01332 550782

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

#### St Paul's

**Church Wardens:** Mike Annable **Contact:** mike@stpaulsquarndon.org.uk

Jan Calladine **Contact:** jan@stpaulsquarndon.org.uk

**Vergers:** Dawn Price **Contact:** 01332 556422

**Safeguarding Lead:** *Vacant— please contact Revd Becky*

**Church Hall Bookings:** Val Annable **Contact:** 07780 830371

quarndonchall@aol.co.uk

*(or see St Paul's website to book online)*

Please get in touch if you'd like to talk to us about organising 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. Vicar Becky is always happy to respond to enquiries.