



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

*September 2023*

Dear Church family

By the time you read this, the summer holiday season will be over, we would all be fully rested ??? and preparing to return, or already back at work. ( Thank you, Graham, for your gentle reminder regarding this letter ).

Prior to our own holiday, we attended a family friend's wedding in London and then a week and a bit later was our youngest son's wedding. We then holidayed with our eldest son, his wife, and boys (Paul and Matthew), whom most of you have seen.

Whilst on holiday, seeing the beautiful sunsets from the beach and the harvesting in the surrounding farmland, I realised how blessed we all are. God has given us everything we need. We have sunshine and rain which we all need and we have seasons that help us plan the plants we need to sustain ourselves.



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He even feeds the birds of the air. How? Well think about it. Crops, insects, fruit and flowers all come into their own at various times of the year. God's creatures help themselves to this bounty. In the winter, do we not continue to put bird seed out? God is always there with us in our troubles and if we reach out to Him, He will guide us. He has kept his promise to look after us. We often say how lucky we are when something good happens to us. However, I found by reflecting on how "lucky" I was, it was actually God guiding and making things happen so I could be "lucky". We need to remember that God works very naturally, so we need to reflect on why we were lucky. Only then, will we gradually become more aware of how God is constantly at work in our lives. Only through regular reflection can we really grasp how blessed we really are in this life. Realisation through reflection, comes with practice. For me it was looking backwards from a "lucky" incident. You may find that the journey prior to that "lucky break" was pretty rough until you started to pray in earnest. Sometimes God is less subtle, when we are at our wits end and pray very earnestly, but that testimony is for another time.

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

Bruce

## David's Tent 2023

This August bank holiday weekend saw myself, Heidi and a couple of thousand others from many denominations come together in some fields in West Sussex for 72 hours of non-stop worship.

The tag line being 'We create spaces for Christians to simply gather in unity & worship Jesus'

It all started in the UK in 2012 when the organisers began to ask the question, "What would it look like to worship God non-stop like King David did? What would it look like to see a vibrant worship culture where God's presence is given the highest priority?"



### WHY "DAVID'S TENT"

When King David brought the ark of God's presence back to Jerusalem he set up a special tent of worship in the middle of the city (1 Chron 16). David recognised that God was worthy of extravagant worship and that His presence was worth celebrating. David's tabernacle hosted over 30 years of day and night worship that was open for the people to come and worship in God's presence without the separation of the veil. There were no ritual barriers entry and the people could come and participate in worship. We believe this was a prophetic picture of the kind of worship Jesus made a way for on the cross - a people re-united with God pouring out their hearts in response to His love, His kindness and His majesty. The apostle James addressed the council at Jerusalem with the Amos 9 prophecy about the "restoration of David's fallen tent" (Acts 15). The message he relayed was that because of what Jesus had done, everyone could now come into God's presence to worship.

Our heart for David's Tent is not that we would recreate biblical rituals but that we would create a space where everyone is free and welcome to worship in God's presence. We believe that the culture of worship from David's tabernacle is being restored - not just in a physical place but in the hearts and lives of everyone who comes and builds the community of worshippers in the UK, California and beyond. Our hope is that people come, get refreshed and return to their churches and communities with the fresh fire of the Holy Spirit empowering us to live out a lifestyle of worship.

<https://www.davidstent.net/about-us>

Whilst I'm not the hugest fan of very basic camping facilities and being at the mercy of the temperamental British summer weather what I got from my time spent at this festival far outweighed the negatives. The fact that the worship was continuous, day and night, removed the pressure to be at a place for a set time, removed the rush and bought with it a relief and reminder that worship should be continuous in my life, easily and almost effortlessly dipped into without all the barriers or obstacles life or my own attitude may put in the way. We were made to worship and there is much to worship Him for. As I write this, I'm reminder of another truth that worship changes atmospheres, a truth I so often forget but once remembered I push in whether it's in the face of relational turmoil, life stress or anxiety, I put on some worship music and find myself caught up once again in the dance of the Trinity, *Perichoresis*. Worship takes many forms and as you read this my loving challenge to you is when did you last worship God? Why not do it right now?

Anna O

Cambridge  
3 October

Southend  
4 October

Ipswich  
5 October

Chelmsford  
7 November

Clapham  
8 November

Luton  
9 November

Portsmouth  
14 November

Bournemouth  
15 November

Bristol  
16 November

Derby  
28 November

The Wirral  
29 November

Manchester  
30 November

An Evening with  
**ROB PARSONS**

Reflections on the Journey



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**Rob Parsons is coming to Derby on 28th November—he is a good speaker if you haven't heard him before**

## **St Nicks News**

- We've had the leaking bell tower repaired so hopefully the rain will no longer get onto the back self.
- Interviews for a new administrator will take place on 14th September.
- Vacancy interviews will hopefully take place on 18th and 19th September (no formal news as yet).
- The Bishop has expressed a wish to visit the church— it will probably be sometime next year.

## **Prayer Requests:**

***Please pray for:-***

- Thanks for the successful community days
- For those seriously ill and in hospital
- For the PCC meeting on 21st September
- For progress in the calling of a new vicar(s) to our parishes.
- For Anna and the Children's and Youth Ministry

## 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 17th September 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.

## 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

Is on a Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm

This month the meeting will be on  
Wednesday 13th September



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.***



## Upcoming Services—September

Dates/Services	Leaders	Readings
<b>Sunday 3rd September</b> St Nick's: 10am Informal Service St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>Graham/                      Bruce                      Carol Price</i>	Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
<b>Sunday 10th September</b> St Nick's: 10am Holy Communion St Paul's: 3:30pm T-Time	<i>Bruce/David                      Anna</i>	Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
<b>Sunday 17th September</b> St Nick's: 10am Morning Praise St Paul's: 10am Holy Communion	<i>Sarah/Phil                      David</i>	Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Sunday 25th September</b> St Nick's: 10am Bible Study 3pm Holy Communion St Paul's: 10am Morning Praise	<i>Graham                      Carol Price                      Phil</i>	Philippians :21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

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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**