



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

June 2025

When I was a child, my parents used to take me and my sister for a Whitsuntide holiday. It was a fixture on the family calendar, and it was always to Filey and always to the same holiday flat. I can still remember the address, and the name of the landlady who lived downstairs. I can even remember the name of her son, which was Melvin. For me, that was what Whitsun was all about, and the fact that I can remember these things so clearly, over sixty years later, perhaps shows how deep the impression went.



Knowing and worshipping God and sharing His love

Anyway, there came the time when I asked my Dad what Whitsuntide actually meant. Interestingly, I don't remember his answer to that one, apart from the fact it was a bit rambly (which Dad, as a rule, wasn't. He was a primary school teacher, in the days when teachers were expected to know everything). Subsequently, I learned that Whitsuntide was actually Pentecost, but the vagueness was still there. When I finally came to realise that Pentecost was Something Religious, I decided to ask the minister at Church, and I'm afraid he didn't leave me much the wiser. In fact, I rather think he panicked.



So all in all, it took me a long time to understand what Pentecost is all about, and I suspect that there are many believers out there, sincere and godly, who are nevertheless vague about Pentecost. Having established that I have no moral high ground to stand on, bear with me as we revisit the subject, as Pentecost is celebrated this month.



The night before Jesus died, he explained to his disciples that he was going away, but also that he would still be with them. This would be in a different form, the Holy Spirit. As you would expect, the disciples could make little of this at the time, but as events unfolded it became much clearer. Jesus did not go away when he died (or if he did, it was only briefly), because he rose from the dead. He continued to appear to his disciples, and it was only at the Ascension that he physically took his leave. However, he told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power. He had also, of course, told them that he was going to be with them always, even to the end of the age.

So they waited, and it was at Pentecost (originally, and still, the name of a Jewish festival) that what had been promised happened – the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, and they received power. The Spirit transformed them.

This Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus himself, now dwelling not alongside them, but in their hearts. This is the Lord Jesus himself, with and in his disciples, but not just in the disciples then, but in followers of Jesus right up to and including the present day, and on into the future. This has all kinds of implications, and there isn't time or space to go into them all here. So let's focus for now on the fact that at Pentecost, we remember, and celebrate the glorious fact that when we become believers, Jesus himself, by his Holy Spirit, comes into our very hearts and stays there. He really is with us always. He is at work in our hearts, changing us to be more and more like himself, and drawing us into a deeper and deeper relationship with him.

When I gave my life to Jesus at the age of 17, I somehow knew, however imperfectly, that nothing was ever going to be the same again, and so it has proved. The presence, and the work of the Holy Spirit is something to rejoice in, so let us approach Pentecost with joy and thanksgiving, and may the Spirit himself guide us in our own response to him, and to his work.

David Horsfall

APCM's and Electoral Roll update



Thank you to everyone involved in organising reports for the recent APCM's and to everyone who attended the meetings.

Additionally, thank you to the electoral roll officers as this year involved preparation of a new roll.

The Electoral Roll at St Nicks is 51 and at St Pauls is 33.

Mike Annable has been elected Church Warden at St Pauls and Paul Taylor has been elected Church Warden at St Nicks.

St Nicks Community Café update

A little update on St Nicks community Cafe. We are aiming to have the grand opening in September. However, before this we will be running a few trial sessions with the first of the month services and the summer family fun morning. Please pray for the success of these sessions and those people working hard to set up the community Cafe.



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:

Sunday 1st June	St Matt's: Evensong led by Melonie Hambly
Sunday 8th June	St Ed's: Choral Evensong led by Rev Rachael Brooks
Sunday 15th June	St Matt's: Choral Evensong led by Clive Lemmon



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

VE day celebrations at St Nicks

Thank you to Clare, Chris and the team for organising special VE refreshments after the Sunday service to celebrate VE day. The church looked lovely with bunting everywhere.





Common Fund 2024



Received with thanks from:

Allestree: St Nicholas

£27,568

Thank you, your contribution to Common Fund is appreciated, especially as we continue to face financial challenges individually and as local churches.

We thank God for the privilege of witness in word and deed to our vision of 'The Kingdom of God: good news for all'. I am grateful for all that you generously offer to our shared life - in your local context, across your parishery, in the Dioceses and beyond - through the giving of your time and using of your talents, as well as your financial commitment. Your contribution enables the fulfilling of our call to see lives transformed through growing church and building community.

Your parish contribution to the Common Fund helps support ministry costs of the diocese. The overall Common Fund received from parishes and other local contexts, corresponded to 56% of our direct financial costs of clergy and lay ministry provision and support. Full cost of clergy deployment and other diocesan provision for ministry are covered by income from investment and other sources including grants from the national church.

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

The Rt Revd Libby Lane
Bishop of Derby



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Message from Celia

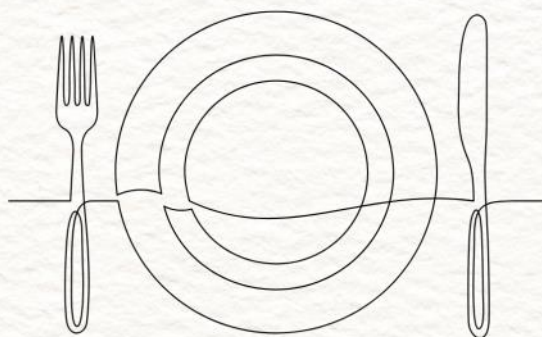
Celia would like to thank everyone for their hugs, cards, flowers and prayers following Peter's death. It is wonderful to be part of such a caring church family. An amazing £755.06 was raised and shared between Blood Bikes Derbyshire and St Nick's Church.



Peter John Grattidge

29th December 1937 – 10th April 2025

Let's do
LUNCH



Come along and join us for a lovely time of fellowship over a tasty meal at our local Ember Inn pub - The Markeaton. For more details contact Christine on 07729371373 or read our latest newsletter for the next date (usually 3rd Sunday of the month). Everyone is welcome

*St Nicks Church monthly Pub lunches
12 Noon @ The Markeaton*

COOP support

Coop Allestree have selected St Nicks Community Cafe as one of their community groups which their members can select to raise money for as they shop. If you are a member of Coop (Park Farm) please select St Nicks as your chosen group to support as every supporter helps. It only takes a moment if you have the app and are a member.

If you would like to become a new member of the Coop and help raise funds for St Nicks please be aware it costs £1 to join.

Please note, it is the Coop at Park Farm (Blue) not the other Coop's in Allestree (Yellow).

Social media

For those of you who regularly use social media why not give us a follow? Our social media accounts are updated weekly with information on services. All events are highlighted and photos shared where possible.

If anyone would like to be involved/star in any videos for social media highlighting ongoing in either church please contact Emma in the office.

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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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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).

We are 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.



Online donations @ St Nicks

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

Thank you.



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 or on Zoom depending on the weather on:

25th June 7.30pm

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 those that are unwell and unable to get out at this time.
- Church vision and the plans for the church café.
- For Celia and family as they mourn the loss of Peter.

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 date:

8th June, 20th July, 17th August and
21st September

*Please speak to Christine Penny for more info.
All are welcome!*



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.

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.

Newsletter Information - Deadline!

Please be aware that the deadline for any news you'd like to be included in the next Newsletter is the 20th of the month before.

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and Friday 9.00-3.00



Handy Contacts for both churches:

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St Nick's

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or Diocesan Safeguarding Team: 01332 388678

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



Upcoming Services —

Priest in Charge: Reverend Sarah Watson and Associate Priest
Reverend Rachael Brooks. Curate: Reverend Cathie Watson

Dates/Services	Readings
Sunday 1st June St Nicks: 10am Informal Worship St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Acts 16:16-34 John 17:20-end
Sunday 8th June St Nicks: 10am Informal Communion St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Acts 2: 1-21 John 14: 8-17
Sunday 15th June St Nicks: 10am Morning Praise St Pauls: 10am Holy Communion	Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
Sunday 22nd June St Nicks: 10am Bible Study 3pm Holy Communion St Pauls: 10am Morning Praise	Galatians 3:23-end Luke 8:26-39
Sunday 29th June St Nicks: 10am Joint 4 Churches service	Acts 12:1-11 Matthew 16:13-19

NB: 8th June service @ St Nicks—Andrew Jackson from Upbeat Communities will be talking during the service.

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