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News from the Parish

October 2024



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St. Edmund's - October 2024

While COVID has diminished in terms of its impact on us as a nation, we recognise that there will be some people who have still to be careful because they are vulnerable. If you feel you need to wear a mask, we encourage you to do so. We also gently request that if you are unwell, especially if you have COVID, you stay away to avoid infecting anyone who might be vulnerable.

For communion, normal practice has resumed regarding going to and from the rail. Please follow any directions given by the day's welcomers. At the rail you will be given three options regarding bread and wine. You may either indicate - by nodding your head - that you wish the wafer to be intincted for you, by the person carrying the special intincting chalice, or you may accept the wafer only and then drink from the chalice brought after by the server. Or you may choose to just have the wafer.

There are halved grapes available for children at the rail so they join in this special feast, they will be given a prayer of blessing as normal. And if you do not feel communion is appropriate for you we encourage you to come to the rail, leaving your hands by your sides, so that we may pray a prayer of blessing over you.

Please stay for coffee or tea in the Church Hall after the service, it's a great opportunity to get to know new friends and to catch up with old ones.

FOOD BANK - The first Sunday of the month, 6th October 2024.

Please leave your donations in St Edmund's Church or St Matthew's Fellowship Room by Tuesday 8th October.

FRONT COVER: Revd Rachael Brooks admiring the certificate celebrating 50 years of choir membership that Hugh Morris, Director of the Royal School of Church Music, presented to Chris and Elizabeth Jack. Full article on page 12.

BACK COVER: St Edmund's Handbells members visit to Kingsway Fire Station earlier this summer.

Can you support St Edmund's by sponsoring the colour cover in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an event? If you are interested please contact one of the editorial team or a Churchwarden. The cost is £35.00.

Planning a Church, Community or Charity Event?

We would be delighted to receive information regarding events taking place in our parish. Email text/photos to steds.stmatts@outlook.com and/or fiona.fraser@burnsgraphics.co.uk by the 20th of a month to be in the next issue. Our Parish magazines are also on our website:- www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk.

Reverend's Letter

Great news – we're in the vicarage at Darley Abbey, hurray! We've been looking forward to being in situ, and have settled in quickly, it feels like home already. I really don't miss the schlepp round the ringroad in rush hour!

One of the aspects of our old house we thought we'd miss, though, was our fabulous apple tree. The biggest and best apples were always out of reach of the ground. Picking them often involved careful climbing then finely balanced leaning and reaching as far as possible, while trying to avoid skewering my face with an inconveniently placed branch. Even after giving lots away, they'd last us well into January each year.

So imagine my delight when we came to view the vicarage and discovered it possessed its own apple tree! Noticing some apples were dropping last week, we set about picking and are pleased to have a modest but welcome stack of trays in the garage to see us well into winter.



I couldn't resist the lure of the blackberries and switched to picking more of them while Andrew finished the apples. So far, we've picked over 6lbs and it still looks like I've not started! I've concentrated most on the area around our damson trees. Sadly, they are rather swamped by the surrounding trees and shrubs, and a rather hostile thicket of brambles so haven't done as well as I hope they'll do next year. A good prune is needed too – most of the fruit is still on the tree, well out of reach. But I've got some steeping in gin (see below), and some have joined the blackberries in the freezer. Bags of purple loveliness.

This is the time of year for harvesting the fruits of our labours, many of you will no doubt be picking fruit too and be continuing to pick veggies through the autumn. There is something so satisfying about picking what we've tended so devotedly. This year, however, Andrew and I are harvesting the fruits of someone else's labours, long ago.

I'm conscious that in serving here, across all four parishes to which I've been licensed, much of what I am doing is reaping what others have laboured over. I'm particularly grateful to be following in the footsteps of Rev'd Peter Barham, and Rev'd Chris Halfpenny before him, in the patch for which I have primary responsibility. They have done so much here. But I'm also aware that as well as harvesting, autumn is also a time when farmers are planning and preparing for sowing.

Andrew and I are already making plans for pruning the fruit trees in due season. I'm aware that God is pruning, preparing and sowing in us as parishes, his work is ongoing. All for the goal of helping us grow into the caring, loved people he created us to be. So that our communities might be harmonious and nourishing, knowing

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Reverend's Letter continued

the deep wholeness of being perfectly at peace. This is the peace Jesus came to bring and that is so needed around the world. Let's continue to pray for peacemakers to be raised up, who will sow the seeds of kindness and mercy, love and hope, that peace may grow to fruition and be reaped at last in those places that know only despair.

Revd Rachael Brooks

Associate Minister, St Edmund's

Here's Revd Rachael's Vicarage Damson Gin recipe that she adapted from a Nigel Slater *Observer Magazine* article, 26 September 1999.



900g damsons, washed and picked over
700g sugar (whatever you have open)

About 1.5 litres of gin (no need to buy the best, the fruit is very forgiving. The riper the fruit, the less gin is needed)

Wipe the damsons, discarding any that are squashy or bruised. Prick them all over with a fork as you put them into kilner jars, layering them with the sugar. Fill each jar just over half full. Shake and let the fruit seep into the sugar for a few hours.

Pour enough gin over the fruit to fill the jars, keeping the gin bottles for later. Seal them and leave them in a cool place for about three months; an understairs cupboard or garage is ideal. Turn the jars over or shake each day for the first couple of days or so until all the sugar has dissolved, then feel free to ignore them.

Filter the gin through a muslin- or a j cloth-lined funnel into the reserved gin bottles. Store in a cool place, where it will keep for a few months. Also good for Christmas presents, if you can bear to give any away!

Allestree W.I. Meeting 15th October

Allestree W.I. will meet on Tuesday, 15 October at 2.00pm at Woodlands Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby DE22 2GP.

The Talk is 'The Potty Plotters' and the Competition is 'Fruit & Veg in any Medium'.
Visitors welcome £5.00 per person.

Enquiries to Mavis on 01332 556012.

From the Registers of St Edmund's Church

BAPTISMS

8th September - Baptism of George Adam Riley

WEDDINGS

There were no weddings held at St Edmund's during September.

BURIAL OF ASHES at St Edmund's

12th September - Burial of ashes of Margaret Barke

18th September - Burial of ashes of Clive Hopkins

Special services this Autumn: Dates for your diary

The minute the schools go back in September the race to Christmas begins!

It's a gloriously full term in the church as well as schools, so we have a team of people working together to create family friendly services that will give us all some space to stop and just be, as well as more traditional services. Space to think about what's important to us and to be thankful. Space to join together for occasions that are important to us as a community, in which those who would like to take part, can do so. Contact me, or Caroline in the office, if you'd like your organisation to take part.

First up we have **Harvest**, with a service on **6th October at St Edmund's** and **13th October at St Matthew's**. While we have foodbank Sunday on the first Sunday of every month, sharing our surplus with people who have nothing, once a year we celebrate Harvest. Come and have fun as we celebrate all we're thankful for together.

On **3rd November** we'll be celebrating **All Soul's Day** by gathering to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. This will be a short quiet service, led by Rev'd Sarah Watson, Rev'd Lee Martin and me, in which we'll light candles, read out the names of those we have loved and have space to reflect and remember. Whether you live in Darley Abbey, Allestree or Quarndon, come to St Edmund's Church to mark this day with others on the same journey.

10th November is Remembrance Day. Civic services will be held at the memorials at both St Matthew's and St Edmund's as normal, following a service inside. St Nick's will host the start of a procession up to Park Farm for a service there. Please come and honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We have a plethora of services during Advent as we travel towards Christmas. Something for everyone. I'll let you know more about those in the next issue.

Rev'd Rachael Brooks

Churchwardens' View

A Regular Update by Ann Miller and Paul Smith

Let us Now Celebrate Great Men (and Women)!

50 Years of Sweet Music

Please do join us in congratulating Chris and Elizabeth Jack on their 50 years of singing with the St Edmund's choir – a truly remarkable achievement and example of service. It's even more notable when you consider that our choir is just one of many musical groups with which they are involved, not to mention all the planning, preparation and practice they do behind the scenes, out of the public eye. It was a great pleasure and privilege to sing at the special festal evensong held on 8 September (see page 12) and to see Hugh Morris (Director of the Royal School of Church Music) present them with a special certificate in honour of their contribution to church music. We all enjoyed singing the pieces they chose for the occasion (the Dyson Magnificat in particular is fantastic fun) and it was great to be part of a special ensemble that comprised not only members of the St Edmund's and St Matthew's choirs but also former choir members and other musical friends.

2024 Bishop's Badge Awards

Looking forward, please do come to the cathedral for this year's special service celebrating the ministry of those who have made an outstanding contribution to our church community. Last year's service was wonderful, and it was great to see Bishop Libby present the award to our own Michèle Aspinall.

This year, it is the turn of Richard and Gill Flatman plus Richard Wood. All three have shown special commitment to the life of our church. They have served us in so many ways over many years, without ever expecting any reward or even special thanks: it is precisely for such people that the Bishop's Badge scheme was devised.

Please join us in giving them a huge pat on the back. If you are able to attend, you will be most welcome at the awards service which will take place at Derby Cathedral on Sunday 6 October starting at 2.30pm.

Work in Hand and Planned

In other news, here are some updates about the work we (assisted by many much-valued volunteers) are doing to maintain and improve our church building and its facilities:

WiFi: we are working to get better connectivity so that we can access all that is available on the internet.

Electrical safety: the church recently had its 5-yearly electrical safety check. Basically, the system is sound but we need to carry out some further work to ensure everything meets the latest standards.

Clock: we have had some problems with the clock stopping but this is now fixed.

Choir vestry toilet: this will shortly be fitted with a new, more attractive floor.

Churchwardens' View continued

A Regular Update by Ann Miller and Paul Smith

Hall kitchen: the waste pipes have been re-plumbed so as to reduce the risk of smelly and unpleasant blockages.

Quinquennial: last done in 2019, this formal inspection of the church and churchyard has been booked for November with our architects, Smith & Roper.

Water: we have had a new meter installed. This should save us money because we will only pay for the small amount we use, instead of a flat rate based on 'average consumption'.

Vases and other fragile containers in the churchyard: after consultation, many of these have been removed. Glass can easily get broken when we mow or strim, creating a hazard for those who kindly do this work.

Primrose's shed: we plan to move this to a more accessible location close to the hall. Hopefully this will allow lots of well-supported book sales in 2025!

Heating: we are starting to look at how we could improve the heating both in the church and the hall. Improvements won't be in place in time for this winter, but we hope to do something significant in 2025.

If you have expertise in any of the above areas, please contact one of us so that we can get you more involved!

Ann & Paul
Churchwardens

St Ed's Groundforce on Saturday, 5th October

Our next session will be on Saturday 5th October. We meet at St Edmund's church at 9.30am. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to join them, or want more details, please contact Steve Burton on 07914 884197.

Allestree Flower Group 15th October

This month there is a demonstration from Andrew Key entitled "Fall Back".

Venue: The Evergreen Hall, Cornhill, Allestree
at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th October.

Admission: Members £5.00. Non-members £9.00.

For further details telephone 07968 237457



Dates for your Diary - October 2024

Sunday 29 September

10.00am - St Matthew's - Joint Holy Communion service

12.30pm - St Matthew's - Burial of ashes of Bryan Snelling

There will be no services at St Edmund's and no evening service in either church.

Tuesday 1 October

2.00pm - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - FOSM - Life & Times of a Baby Boomer,
Vanessa Tissington

7.30pm - 22 Phildock Wood Road - 22 Questions: "If God is perfect, why does the
world look so imperfect?"

Wednesday 2 October

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by John Rice

Thursday 3 October

10.00am - St Edmund's Church Hall - Baby & Toddler Group

Saturday 5 October

9.30am - St Edmund's - Groudforce

6.00pm - St Edmund's Church Hall - St Edmund's Harvest Supper of Pie & Chips

Sunday 6 October - Food Bank Sunday – please leave your donations in St Edmund's
Church or St Matthew's Fellowship Room by Tuesday 8th Oct.

10.00am - St Edmund's - All Age Harvest Service followed at 11.30am by the Baptism
of Willow Hollie Naqwi, led by Rachael Brooks

10.00am - St Matthew's - Holy Communion, led by Matthew Trick

6.00pm - St Matthew's - Evensong, led by Melonie Hambly

Tuesday 8 October

12 noon - St Edmund's Church Hall - Luncheon Club

Wednesday 9 October

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Rachael Brooks

Thursday 10 October

10.00am - St Edmund's Church Hall - Baby & Toddler Group

Saturday 12 October

9.30-12 noon - St Matthew's carpark - Refills on the Road

6.00pm - Darley Abbey Village Hall - St Matthew's Harvest Supper

Sunday 13 October

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by John Rice

10.00am - St Matthew's - All Age Harvest Service, led by Rachael Brooks

6.00pm - St Edmund's - Choral Evensong, led by Clive Lemmon

Dates for your Diary - October 2024 continued

Monday 14 October

2.00pm - St Ed's Choir Vestry - Bookworms: *84 Charing Cross Road* by Helene Hanff

7.30pm - Ascension Prayer Group at Catherine McAuley House Community Room

Wednesday 16 October

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Geoffrey Marshall

Friday 18 October

8.30am - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - Community Cafe

Thursday 17 October 10.00am - St Edmund's Church Hall - Baby & Toddler Group

Saturday 19 October

1.30 - 3.30pm - Darley Abbey Scout Hall (DE22 1DT) - Co-op funded Saturday Social

2.00pm - St Edmund's - Wedding of Robert Pollard & Simone Nicole Green

7.00pm for 7.30pm - Darley Abbey Scouts Hall - Folk Supper Fundraiser - see page 7

Sunday 20 October

10.00am - St Edmund's - Morning Prayer

10.00am - St Matthew's - Holy Communion, led by John Rice

6.00pm - St Matthew's - Choral Evensong, led by Clive Lemmon

Tuesday 22 October 12 noon - St Edmund's Church Hall - Luncheon Club

Wednesday 23 October

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by John Rice

Saturday 26 October

9.30am - St Matthew's - Churchyard Working Party

9.30-12 noon - St Matthew's carpark - Refills on the Road

7.00pm - St Matthew's - Last Night of the Proms

Sunday 27 October

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Rachael Brooks

10.00am - St Matthew's - Morning Prayer, led by Clive Lemmon

6.00pm - St Edmund's - Choral Evensong, led by the choir

Wednesday 30 October

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Rachael Brooks

PLEASE CONTACT the Parish Administrator, Caroline Audley, with details of future events for them to be included in the Diary Dates:-
email: Steds.stmatts@outlook.com or telephone her on 552031.

Office opening hours:-

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Wednesday

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Thursday

Time: 11.30am – 3.00pm

If out of hours please leave a message; the answer phone is checked daily.

St Ed's Safeguarding initiative - SUPPORT SERVICE CONTACTS

Action on Elder Abuse (0808 808 8141) www.wearehourglass.org

End the harm, abuse and exploitation of older people in the UK.

Age UK (0800 678 1602) www.ageuk.org.uk

Practical support for older people as well as their families, friends and carers.

Alzheimer's Society (0333 150 3456) www.alzheimers.org.uk

Dementia Support line

Childline (0800 1111) www.childline.org.uk

Advice and support to children who can share issues and problems, and find a listening ear.

Family Lives (0808 800 2222) www.familylives.org.uk

Information, advice, guidance and support on any aspect of parenting and family life.

NAPAC (08088 0103 31) www.napac.org.uk

National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC).

National Domestic Abuse Helpline (0808 2000 247) www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Informing and empowering individuals to understand their options and support them.

NSPCC (0808 800 5000) www.nspcc.org.uk

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Samaritans - National - Tel. 116 123 www.samaritans.org

Derby and District - Tel. 0330 094 5717

Supporting individuals who are feeling suicidal and desperate.

Stop it now (0808 1000 900) www.stopitnow.org.uk

Preventing child sexual abuse.

Come to 22 Questions on Tuesday, 1 October

A lovely opportunity to just informally chat with others about faith, Chris (Dyer) and David host '22 Questions' - a play on the game '20 Questions' (and the fact they live at No 22). The evening starts with coffee and biscuits and then a natter about a broad question with no plan about where we'll end up. At this meeting the question is "If God is perfect, why does the world look so imperfect?"

From 7.30 until 9.00pm at 22 Phildock Wood Road, DE22 4PH (on Langley Country Park off Radbourne Lane). Everyone welcome.

Chris (Dyer)Halfpenny



ST EDMUND'S



Join us for **Holy Communion at 10am** every **Wednesday** at St Edmund's, Allestree

All welcome



ST EDMUND'S



Sunday services at St Edmund's in October



Sunday 6th 10 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th 10 am Holy Communion
 6 pm Choral Evensong
Sunday 20th 10 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th 10 am Holy Communion
 6 pm Choral Evensong

All welcome



ST MATTHEW'S



Sunday services at St Matthew's in October



Sunday 6th 10am Holy Communion
 6 pm Evensong
Sunday 13th 10am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th 10am Holy Communion
 6pm Choral Evensong
Sunday 27th 10am Morning Prayer

All welcome



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ST EDMUND'S Harvest Supper Pie and Chips

**St Edmunds Church Hall,
October 5th 2024**

6 pm

**Suggested donation £10 per person
including hot and cold drinks**

**Entertainment from David Redfern on the organ
& Harvest hymns**

**Please sign the list at back of church
Harvest Pie and Chips**

50th Anniversary Celebration

On 8th September 26 singers gathered together for a special choral evensong to celebrate the 50 years since we first joined St. Edmund's church choir. The choir included those who have sung with us over the years and we were delighted to welcome Hugh Morris, Director of the Royal School of Church Music, as our organist. We chose the music, all of which we have always enjoyed singing, including the 3 hymns. One of them, to the tune of Coe Fen, was also a favourite of Peter Barham's and was sung at his funeral.

To our great surprise, Hugh presented us with a certificate to mark this achievement before the start of the service which is now proudly displayed in our hall.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the occasion – first and foremost all the choir, Hugh Morris for his excellent organ playing and Michele Aspinall for providing refreshments.

Elizabeth and Chris Jack



Recipe: Hot Cheese Soufflé

Ingredients:

1oz (25gms) butter or margarine
1oz (25gms) plain flour
½ pint milk
4 eggs

1½ oz (38gms) cheddar cheese
1½ oz (38gms) Parmesan cheese
Seasoning
Paprika, watercress, grated cheese.

Method:

Prepare 6in. (15cm) soufflé dish by greasing it & wrapping greased paper or foil around it. Make a stiff sauce with butter, flour & milk. Cool slightly, beat in egg yolks thoroughly. Stir in cheese & seasonings. Whip whites stiff, & fold yolk mixture gently into them. Pour into soufflé case.

Bake in middle of oven 180 °C/mark 4gas, undisturbed. Bake for 35 minutes if wanted firm, or 25-30mins if to be creamy underneath. Serve at once, quickly garnished with watercress sprigs, and a light dusting of grated cheese.

As an alternative, this mixture may be poured over cold, cooked cauliflower sprigs placed in the bottom of a buttered gratin dish & baked as above.

This recipe is from my, I think 1955, Berridge House college recipe book. It is perfect as the season progresses into autumn.

Rita Wrigley



Erratum: Rambler's Derbyshire Walk No 49

Apologies to The Rambler for the error made when the artwork for last month's, September, magazine was put together. Unfortunately incorrect text was placed in the section describing the Dovedale part of the walk. It was corrected and the web version on the church's website is up-to-date. We are repeating Walk 49 'Dovedale and Thorpe Cloud' again this month - see overleaf - for those readers who perhaps collect the printed copies of the magazine and use them as reference.

Fiona Fraser



Harvest Supper

Saturday 12th October 2024
6.00-8.30pm
Darley Abbey Village Hall

- 🍷 The Chaddesden Ukulele Players
- 🍰 Ploughman's Supper & Dessert
- 🍷 Bring your own Bottle
- 🎵 Bingo & Raffle
- 🎵 Harvest Songs



Tickets £10 (children £5)
To book your place,
phone Diane 07968 237457

More Derbyshire Walks (49)

DOVEDALE AND THORPE CLOUD

On this walk we follow an old turnpike route northwards from Thorpe village, giving fine views over the southern Peak District. After passing the prehistoric barrow of Moat Low the route descends to the river valley via stoney Nabs Dale and then turns downstream along everyone's old favourite, that section of Dovedale with its rocky pinnacles and caves. The variety of paths with some moderate gradients gives a distance of 6 or 7 miles, depending on the final option of ascending nearby Thorpe Cloud (very tempting in fine weather!).

Thorpe is a well-known village, but usually whizzed through by visitors to the nearby beauty spots of Dovedale and Ilam. Its name originates from the Danish for 'farmland', having been settled by Vikings in the 9thc. Activity increased in the 18thc when Thorpe became a coaching stop at the junction of two turnpikes: one headed west towards Cheadle, passing over Coldwall Bridge on the Dove, which became redundant when the new A523 bypassed Thorpe; the other headed northwards from Ashbourne to Buxton and was also superseded (see Gag Lane below). Another burst of activity came with the opening of Thorpe station on the Ashbourne to Buxton



The 'Jaws of Dovedale'

More Derbyshire Walks (49) continued



Moat Low from the A515

DOVEDALE AND THORPE CLOUD continued

railway line in 1899, until closure to passengers in 1954 and the line's subsequent conversion to the Tissington Trail for walking and cycling. Another attraction for walkers is the long-distance Limestone Way, which passes through Thorpe from the Tissington direction and continues into Staffordshire via Coldwall Bridge. A relatively modern news item for Thorpe was the hosting at Peveril of the Peak Hotel of the German national football team during the 1966 World Cup (beaten by England in the Wembley final!).

Thorpe Cloud is the distinctive wedge-shaped reef knoll located barely $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from the village ('cloud' comes from Old English 'clud' meaning 'big hill'). Although only 942 ft high, it stands out because of lower adjacent land to the south; and, across the narrow valley of the Dove, it faces its neighbour Bunster Hill, effectively forming together the 'Jaws of Dovedale'. Climbing Thorpe Cloud's summit brings the reward of a spectacular view over the Dovedale gorge, an area which has belonged to the National Trust's South Peak Estate since 1934. Thorpe Cloud is also associated with the phenomenon of Double Sunset; this can occur around the midsummer solstice,

when, from the top of Lin Dale, the sun appears to 'set' twice, due to a subtle combination of the hillside's slope and the earth's rotation.



Thorpe Cloud in Winter

Gag Lane, which leads north from the former station car-park, is a single-track relic of the old turnpike between Ashbourne and Buxton, created in 1738 to avoid the steep gradients on an earlier route via Brassington. It was downgraded when the present

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More Derbyshire Walks (49) continued

DOVEDALE AND THORPE CLOUD continued

direct route (the A515) was created in 1805. The former toll booth at Pike House just north of Thorpe is a reminder of its past. Towards its northern end, near Gag Lane's junction with the A515, is the prehistoric site of **Moat Low**. This is a tree-covered Bowl Barrow, around 30 yards diameter with a stone wall enclosure, judged to be a well-preserved example of a funerary monument in use between the Neolithic and Bronze Ages. It was excavated in 1845 by archaeologist Thomas Bateman and is now a Scheduled Monument. Other prominent barrows such as Minninglow and Chelmorton Low are visible from the site.

Dovedale is such a well-known and popular place that a description here seems unnecessary. Attractive and awe-inspiring it certainly is, and one of the best riverside sections between Hall Dale and Lin Dale is followed on our walk downstream. The valley's excellent ash woods are protected Grade 1 SSSI*; also notable are its dramatic rock projections with names such as Ilam Rock, Pickering Tor and Tissington Spires, along with explorable caves of Dove Holes and Reynard's Cave; plus the legendary Lover's Leap, a high point on the riverside path from which a young lady is said to have thrown herself after news of her lover's death in the Napoleonic wars (legend says she survived the fall and he returned after all!). Thus, much to be witnessed en route before reaching the famous Stepping-Stones and the imposing profile of Thorpe Cloud.

The Route starts from Narlows c/p (now paying) near the cross-roads above Thorpe. Follow single-track Gag Lane north from the cross-roads, rising slowly and passing through Thorpe Pastures NT (views of Thorpe Cloud L, Carsington wind turbines and Minninglow R; and good view behind of lower Dovedale). Continue for about 2 miles as far as Standlow Farm (158535) and take a f/p (farm drive) ½L signed



R. Dove in flood



Pickering Tor (L) & Ilam Rock (R)

More Derbyshire Walks (49) continued

DOVEDALE AND THORPE CLOUD continued

Boston Grange Farm, with Moat Low visible to the R. When the drive curves L take the R fork, passing R of a group of trees (with good view N) and dropping down to a track crossing point (149541). Turn L here towards Hanson Grange Farm which is bypassed with a short f/p diversion L; then turn R towards a small gate leading down Nabs Dale to Dove Holes and the River Dove (*NB the Nabs f/p is a long, gradual, stony descent, best avoided in wet conditions*). Then turn L on the Dovedale path, mostly easy-going (but with a stepped rise over Lover's Leap) for about 2 miles as far as the Stepping Stones where the river curves R. Our route continues straight ahead up Lin Dale where there are 2 paths: for a detour up Thorpe Cloud the RH branch winds clockwise up to the summit; or, to return to the car take the LH grassy f/p rising up the side of Thorpe Pastures and curving round the foot of Hampston Hill behind Peveril of the Peak Hotel (157506). A R turn briefly joins the Limestone Way to meet the road, where a L turn leads up to the Narlows c/p.

The Rambler

**Site of Special Scientific Interest*



Dovedale stepping-stones

Allestree History Group: October Talk

The group meets at 7.00pm (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month) in the Choir Vestry at St Nicholas' Church, Allestree Lane, Allestree, Derby DE22 2DS.

Wednesday 2nd Oct. talk by Vanessa Tissington on "Gaia, mother of the Earth"

Wednesday 16th Oct. talk by Paul Newsham on "L.S. Lowry".

Visitors welcome at £4.00 per person.

If you would like to know more about the Allestree History Group you can telephone Katherine on 07500 704520 or visit allestreelocalhistorygroup.org.uk

St. Edmund's Support to Charities in 2024

Dear all,

Earlier this year, St Edmunds Parochial Church Council (PCC) invited members of the parish to nominate charities to support in 2024. We received some super proposals, and the PCC agreed donations of £450 to £500, which have now been paid to each of the following causes.

This includes both local and more distant charities, whilst some nominations are new and others we've supported previously.

- Age UK
- Padley Group
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- The Hope Centre
- Embrace the Middle East
- Railway Mission
- St Edmund's Malawi Student Support
- ZANE: Zimbabwe A National Emergency

Thank you for your proposals – we received grateful acknowledgement from all of these charities, some with more comprehensive feedback. These will be published in the parish magazine over the upcoming months.

Mark Halliwell

on behalf of St Edmund's PCC.



**Community
Pop-in Café**

Coffee Tea Toast

**Fellowship Room
St Matthew's Church
Darley Abbey
Friday 18th October 2024
8.30 - 10.30am**

*All welcome
Share time with friends*



**LAST NIGHT
OF THE
PROMS**

**St Matthew's Church
Darley Abbey**

**Saturday 26th October 7.00pm
followed by refreshments**

Successful Fund-Raising Recital by Local Soprano

Here is a lovely photograph of Holly Martin who gave an afternoon practice recital at St. Edmund's on the 1st September. Holly, a soprano, is studying for an ATCL Diploma. Her programme on this occasion was varied and included works by Purcell, Arne, Handel, Schubert and Duparc. The sum of £120 was raised for Church funds. Heartfelt thanks to Holly, and to Tom Corfield who accompanied her on the piano and to Revd Lee Martin who provided refreshments.

Chris Willis



Saturday Social on 19th October from 1.30 - 3.30 pm

At a loose end? Fancy a natter over a cuppa? Like to play some games or browse our papers and magazines? Then come along to Darley Abbey Scout Hall (DE22 1DT) on 19th October, 1.30-3.30 pm.

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Our Folk Supper Fundraiser, featuring Off the Record, is on Saturday 19th October at Darley Abbey Scouts Hall (The Hill, off New Road, DE22 1DT). Doors open 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Supper included (chilli con carne or chilli beans, served with jacket potato and cheese). Bar.

Tickets £15, in advance, available from Darley Abbey Stores/ by e-mail from 63rdderbyscouts.tickets@gmail.com or text Sue on 07925- 633877.

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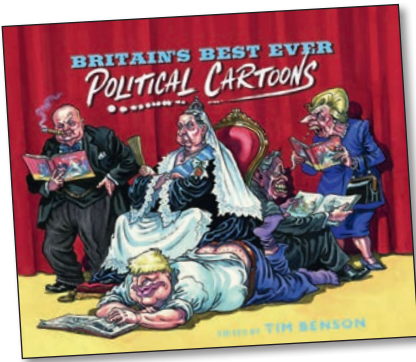
Book Review

BRITAIN'S BEST EVER POLITICAL CARTOONS Edited by Tim Benson

Pub John Murray, Softback, 2021

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“Prepare to be disappointed”, I thought. What is probably the world’s most famous political cartoon ever will not feature in this book, because

it’s about Germany in 1890. It shows ex-Chancellor Otto von Bismarck leaving the German “ship of state”, and is called “Dropping the Pilot” (in German, “Der Lotse geht von Bord”, “The Pilot Disembarks”). In fact, though, I was pleased to find it included; the artist is of course Sir John Tenniel - better known, perhaps, for his illustrations to “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” and its sequel. One strong reason to keep it in is that this iconic scene has been imitated and parodied many times since.

Other aspects of the book are a pleasant surprise too. The editor is eminently well qualified, by virtue of his numerous titles on Cartoon history and current status running London’s Political Cartoon Gallery, to write the Introduction. This is a concise and very interesting survey of political cartoon history, an area in which Britain has led the world from the start. He begins with Hogarth, Gillray and Cruikshank, and we move through major historical moments as they affect the UK down the centuries, from Napoleon and the seeds of the First World War, to Brexit and the advent of Trump. Names that stand out include Giles, Low and Leech (who first used the term “cartoon” for a satirical picture about current affairs).

One learning-point for me is that so many distinguished cartoonists in our history have actually not been British: in the 1930s, Dyson and Low came over from Australia with reputations already established, Fearon (“Poy”) settled in London from the USA, and Colvin, Gibbard and Garland joined them from New Zealand. Today’s equivalents include Morten Morland from Norway, Peter Schrank from Switzerland, and Americans Kevin Gallagher, Ingram Pinn and Nicola Hendin.

After the Introduction, the rest of the book (192 pages) is taken up with the chosen cartoons themselves, one-per-page, beginning in 1792. For obvious space reasons, each paragraph Benson offers of context and explanation has to be very short to fit with the cartoon on the same page, and this is well achieved. Some paras are pithier than others, but all concise and insightful; they also help to add to the amusement.

To take a famous example, we have on p 36 Bruce Bairnsfather’s depiction of two Tommies ducking enemy fire in a desolate Flanders shell-crater in November 1915. One says to the other, “Well, if you knows of a better ‘ole, go to it”. The piece was published in the “Bystander”, one of many nowadays less familiar titles that remind us of the huge variety

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Book Review continued

of print publications in the 20th century, and of the considerable contraction that has taken place in that market since.

Another instance I found interesting is on p 79, and was published on 29 December 1940, just after the night that the Luftwaffe dropped 100,000 incendiary bombs on London. Carl Giles shows a rooftop scene, with an anonymous member of the public observing the bombs raining down, each one with a Hitler mini-face painted on. There is no caption, but the title is “Roof Spotting: The 2 am Feeling”. Benson’s additional comments include that Giles often painted away long after air-raid sirens had emptied the “Reynolds’ News” building late at night. How fortunate that Giles survived, and as a result we know his 1960s Grandma, and his many other somewhat less political postwar characters too.

I really enjoyed this book, and learned a lot about our nation’s history and key players from it – it made a great present, capable of either a sustained read or just a few “dips” when busy. (The brief Foreword by Matthew Parris is also a scintillating piece of writing about the role of iconoclasm and “poking fun”.) Warmly recommended; I will gladly lend.

Kate Smith

Late March 2024

Bookworms Meeting on 14th October



Our next meeting is at 2.00pm in St Edmund's choir vestry on Monday 14th October when we will be discussing '84 Charing Cross Road', by Helene Hanff.

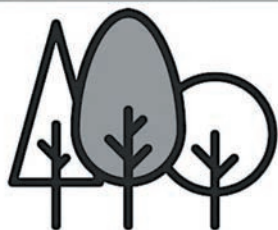
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Our last meeting for this year will be on 11th November 2024 when we will be reading 'The Island of Missing Trees', by Elif Shafak.

Repair Café open on Saturday 5th October

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Archdeacon Matthew writes...

In the Franciscan pattern of daily readings which cover all aspects of Franciscan life, today's (19th September) reflection is entitled 'The Third Way of Service: Work'. In the life of the Franciscan order three ways of service to God and humankind are important, work, study and prayer. Work as service to God feels important to reflect on, because let's face it, after we leave school, our work – however that is defined for you – takes us the greatest chunk of our week.

In the manual of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis, the reflection for the 19th day of the month reads:

Jesus took on himself the form of a servant. He came not to be served but to serve. He went about doing good: healing the sick, preaching the Good News to the poor, and binding up the broken hearted.

Our work as Christians might involve a mixture of paid and voluntary roles, it might be focused on church life or lived out in the wider world – more often than not a combination of both. In the life of Jesus we see the example of servanthood – of Jesus taking the 'form of servant. The language of servanthood is challenging in our modern world where we want the innate dignity and worth of all people to be seen and honoured. People might have leadership and management roles that involve steering the work of others, but increasingly in the business world so called 'flat hierarchies' are becoming the norm where all team members are regarded as equal with their tasks being what differentiates one colleague from another.

The Apostle Paul talked about there being one body with many parts (1 Corinthians 12), all unique contributions to the whole. Our work and our service can powerfully contribute to the work of God in the world. There is something especially profound when this is done on a voluntary basis where people who care for something give their time generously.

In June, September and October there are Bishop's Badge service where a total of 142 children and adults receive the Bishop of Derby's badge in recognition of



their contribution to the life of our churches and schools. All who receive the Bishop's Badge are hard-working volunteers who engage in service that honours God and helps others. At the three Bishop's Badge services the highlight of the service is two-fold. Firstly, the commendation of each candidate for the Bishop's Badge detailing their particular contribution. Secondly, seeing the joyful emotions of the recipient of the badge as its presented by the Bishop.

Work done in the service of God, our worshipping communities and society is an important outworking of our Christian faith and a way we partner with God in unveiling his Kingdom in Derbyshire and parts of Staffordshire. Wherever you serve and in whatever from that service takes – thank you!

The Ven Matthew Trick
Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire

Heavenly Father,

As Jesus came not to be served but to serve, we ask you to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others, that with wisdom, patience and courage They may minister to the needy, outcast, stranger and enemy,

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Amen.



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Catching up with the St Edmund's Bell Ringers

St Edmund's Handbell ringers spent a very interesting evening at Kingsway Fire Station, where local Blood Bikes are garaged. More than a dozen bikes, three cars and a van are used to transport not only blood but other medical essentials between clinic, lab, hospital or home ... perhaps even a set of false teeth mislaid by a patient!

We were introduced to the bikes with their distinctive three panniers, (personal effects in one and medical deliveries in the remaining two) by Paul Smith, one of the volunteer riders. Impressive top of the range

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We had a number of questions to ask, all expertly answered with a hint of good humour, over tea, coffee and biscuits!

Gill Flatman

Photo: Mary astride the BMW while Paul and handbell group are suitably amused!



ERRATUM: On the back cover of September's magazine, there was a photo of some of those who represented both St Edmund's and St Matthew's in attending Peter's funeral. The lady between Elizabeth Jack and John Aspinall is, of course, Michele Aspinall and not Meloni Hambly. Apologies for the mistake

