



St. Edmund's Church

£1.00

# News from the Parish

December 2023 / January 2024



[www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk](http://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/stedmundsallestree](https://www.facebook.com/stedmundsallestree)

# St. Edmund's Dec. 2023/January 2024 Services

**Mask wearing** is still **optional** in St Edmund's, as from the 1st of February 2023. However, we do ask you to stay away from church if you feel unwell. We recognise that some people still choose to wear a mask: if this applies to you, you are very welcome to continue to do so. The PCC also recognised that it is possible that the Covid/flu situation could deteriorate very quickly. Should this be the case, the Standing Committee will meet and decide whether mask-wearing, or other control measures, should be re-introduced.

For **communion**, the arrangements for going to and from the rail were relaxed from 1st February this year. However, please recognise people's need for space and try to avoid crowding others. As always, it's very much appreciated if you could follow any directions given by that day's welcomers!

You will be offered the bread and the wine. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, then simply smile and shake your head and it will pass you by. Do not use your wafer to 'intinct' – to dip it in the wine. You may feel safer, but there is more opportunity for germs to get from your fingers into the wine. It also can introduce gluten into the wine – a problem for those of our congregation who need to stay gluten-free.

Coffee now takes place weekly (many thanks!) after the Sunday morning service, in the Church Hall, the other side of the Red Cow. The Sunday morning Zoom service has now stopped.

FOOD BANK - The first Sunday of the month, 3rd December 2023 and 7th January 2024. Please leave items in Primrose's Bookshed, the Vicarage, by the following Monday pm or bring to the Sunday 10.00am service.

---

FRONT COVER: Crib display from 2017, photographer Rob Newman.

BACK COVER: Beautiful flower displays for Remembrance Sunday, photos from Michèle Aspinall.

Our thanks to Terry Pool who has kindly sponsored the colour cover in memory of Hazel, who supported St Edmund's in many ways and passed away on Christmas morning 2014.

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

# Churchwarden's View: A Regular Update by Paul Smith

## St Edmund's at Our Best

If you weren't able to join us for Remembrance on 12 November then you missed a solemn and moving day full of contrasts. In the morning we had a wonderfully well-supported service complete with the traditional laying of wreaths and placing of crosses at the war memorial. Many thanks to Revd John Rice for carefully planning and leading our service, and thanks too to all who contributed by preparing beautifully printed orders of service, making sure the clock was "on time", sweeping up leaves, putting up and taking down the flag, playing the Last Post, and leading worship inside while the rest of us were at the war memorial. The church was beautifully decorated with poppies and red roses, as well as memories of the fallen. The choir sang William Harris's serene anthem "Holy is the True Light", and we were honoured to welcome Mrs Ruchita Shaikh, HM Deputy Lord Lieutenant, as well as all three Allestree councillors together with representatives of our local Guides and Scouts.



And yes, as 11am approached, we stood in the chilly rain as Pat Godfrey of the Royal British Legion solemnly read out the names of those from Allestree who served and died in the two Great Wars of the 20th century. I can't have been the only one who reflected that it's not too bad standing outside in the cold and wet for 20 minutes, when set against the misery of all those service personnel who had to cope with the daily horrors of flooded trenches in Flanders, and the total carnage of the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916 – still the worst 24 hours ever in the British Army's history, with nearly 20,000 wiped out in a single day.

Continued on page 4

# Churchwarden's View: A Regular Update continued

And then, in the evening, the mood became more intimate as the choir sang evensong with the small congregation sat in the choir stalls next to them, and Clive Lemmon, who has been such a strong supporter of St Edmund's through the Vacancy, offered a moving reflection on the current situation in the Middle East. Never have those lines "O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" seemed more apt.

At the same time as all this sombre reflection, a lot of planning is going on behind the scenes for Christmas and beyond. We now know Revd Rachael and Revd Sarah will be licensed on 14 January and, after a formal "swearing in" at each of the four churches, we will see much more of them as they develop their ministry with us.

And before that, preparations are well under way for the usual Christmas Services, including Carols in the Churchyard (13 December) as well as Christingle and Nine Lessons and Carols (on the morning and the evening of Sunday 17th December respectively) and crib services plus Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

This is a time when we welcome many people who don't normally attend our, or indeed any, church. Last year we had just under 300 at our special services, compared with an average Sunday morning congregation of 45. Please join me in offering a special greeting to these people, many of whom will be families with children: I'd love them to feel so welcome at St Edmund's that they want to come back some time before Christmas 2024!

*Paul Smith*

Churchwarden,  
St Edmund's Church

---

## Support Christian Aid this Christmas

Throughout this year, we have become painfully aware of conflict in Europe and the Middle East and the destruction, deaths, injuries, and disruption it causes to ordinary people's lives. These are the situations to which some of Christian Aid's resources are directed. In addition to direct support to those in need, including refugees from war and famine, Christian Aid continues to campaign on the adverse effects of climate change which affects less advantaged people far more than those who are richer.

Christian Aid relies on personal donations, including Christian Aid Week, to supply around two thirds of its income, with the other third coming from institutional funding including that from UN and EU-supported development schemes and from UK government foreign aid<sup>1</sup>.

Christian Aid's receipts from each of the latter sources have declined significantly,

*Continued on page 5*



# Christian Aid continued



both because of changes in UK overseas aid policy and due to withdrawal from EU schemes following Brexit<sup>2</sup>. Consequently, the number of overseas aid projects and the amount of practical support overseas that Christian Aid can provide has diminished. In line with this, staffing levels have been reduced and the administration streamlined<sup>3</sup>.

The reduced UK government contributions to Christian Aid reflect the reduction of the UK aid budget from 0.7% to 0.5% of gross national income (effective from 2021)<sup>4</sup>. Out of this budget, the amount spent annually on support for refugees in the UK (less than £0.5bn, approximately 3% of the aid budget, up to 2019) rose to just over £1bn, 9% of the aid budget, in 2021 following the

introduction of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and then very sharply to nearly £3.7bn (about 29% of the aid budget) in 2022 when schemes were introduced to help refugees from Ukraine<sup>5</sup>.

This Christmas, we will support Christian Aid's ongoing work with your donations made at each of our Christmas Eve Services. So, if you come to either of the Crib Services or Midnight Mass, please bring a gift for Christian Aid and use either the



envelopes and gift aid slips in church or our contactless terminal or you can make a personal donation online. You will be making a real difference and bring hope to people around the world.

The next Christian Aid Week is 12-18 May 2024.

With thanks for your continuing support,  
*Geoff Bailey*

1. Christian Aid Annual Report 2021/22 p43 (latest available at time of writing) <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-12/annual-report-21-22>

2. Ditto, p44

3. Ditto, p79

4. House of Commons Library Research Briefing Paper 9663: The UK aid budget and support for refugees in the UK in 2022/23 published 30.10.23 p2 <https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9663/CBP-9663>

5. Ditto, p6 onwards

# Dates for your Diary - November/December 2023

Please be aware that all this diary is subject to change. Check for updates on the website:- <https://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk/diary>

## **Wednesday 29 November**

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

## **Thursday 30 November**

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

7.30pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Allestree Handbell Ringers

## **DECEMBER**

## **Saturday 2 December**

9.30am - St Edmund's Church - Groundforce

**Sunday 3 December - Advent Sunday - Food Bank Sunday:** please leave donations in St Edmund's Church, the book shed at The Vicarage or in St Matthew's Fellowship Room by Tuesday 5 December

10.00am - St Edmund's - Morning Prayer, led by John Rice

10.00am - St Matthew's - Choral Communion, led by Chris Halfpenny

6.00pm - St Matthew's - Joint Advent Procession, led by Clive Lemmon

## **Monday 4 December**

7.30pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Allestree Handbell Ringers

## **Tuesday 5 December**

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

2.00pm - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - FOSM Christmas Party

## **Wednesday 6 December**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Lee Martin

## **Thursday 7 December**

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

## **Saturday 9 December**

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

1.30pm - St Matthew's - Wedding of Jonathan Tye & Jessica Booker

## **Sunday 10 December - Advent 2**

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

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

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

## **Monday 11 December**

2.00pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Bookworms: The Christmas Card Crime & Other Stories, edited by Martin Edwards (British Library Crime Classics)

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

## **Wednesday 13 December**

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

6.00pm - St Edmund's - Carols in the Churchyard

Continued on page 7

# Dates for your Diary - December 2023

## **Thursday 14 December**

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

7.30pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Allestree Handbell Ringers

## **Friday 15 December**

8.30-10.30am - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - Community Café

## **17 December - Advent 3**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Christingle, led by Louise & Dot

10.00am - St Matthew's - Carol Service, led by Melonie Hambly

6.00pm - St Edmund's - Service of Lessons & Carols, led by Clive Lemmon

## **Tuesday 19 December**

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

## **Wednesday 20 December**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Neil Broadbent

10.45am - Holy Communion at Stanley House

11.15am - Holy Communion at Abbeydale

## **Thursday 21 December**

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

## **Saturday 23 December**

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

## **Sunday 24 December - Christmas Eve**

10.00am - St Edmund's - There will be no service

10.00am - St Matthew's - Morning Prayer, led by Melonie Hambly

2.30pm AND 4.00pm - St Edmund's - Crib Services, both led by Lee Martin

4.00pm - St Matthew's - Crib Service, led by Chris Halfpenny

11.30pm - St Edmund's - Midnight Mass, led by Lee Martin

## **Monday 25 December - Christmas Day**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Choral Communion, led by Neil Broadbent

10.00am - St Matthew's - Choral Communion, led by Chris Halfpenny

There will be no evening services.

## **Wednesday 27 December**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Neil Broadbent

## **Saturday 30 December**

9.30am - St Matthew's Churchyard Working Party

## **Sunday 31 December - Baptism of Christ**

10.00am - St Matthew's - United Choral Communion, led by Chris Halfpenny

There will be no evening services.

# Dates for your Diary - January 2024

## **Tuesday 2 January**

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

2.00pm - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - FOSM: Darley & Nutwood Local Nature Reserve - Mick Connell

## **Wednesday 3 January**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Neil Broadbent

## **Saturday 6 January**

9.30 am - St Edmund's Church - Groundforce

6.00pm - St Edmund's Church Hall - Recorder & Organ Concert

**Sunday 7 January - Epiphany - Food Bank Sunday** - please leave donations in St Edmund's Church, the book shed at The Vicarage or in St Matthew's Fellowship Room by Tuesday 9th January.

10.00am - St. Edmund's - Morning Prayer - John Rice

10.00am - St. Matthew's - Choral Communion - Lee Martin

3.00pm - St. Edmund's - Epiphany celebration

## **Monday 8 January**

2.00pm - St Edmund's Choir Vestry - Bookworms

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

## **Tuesday 9 January**

7.30pm - Zoom - St Edmund's Standing Committee Meeting

## **Wednesday 10 January**

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

## **Thursday 11 January**

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

## **Saturday 13 January**

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

## **Sunday 14 January - Epiphany 2**

10.00am - St. Edmund's - Holy Communion - John Rice

10.00am - St. Matthew's - Morning Prayer - Melonie Hambly

3.00pm - Walter Evans School Hall - licensing of Revd Sarah and Revd Rachael

## **Tuesday 16 January**

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

7.30pm - St Edmund's Church Hall - PCC Meeting



# Dates for your Diary - January 2024 continued

## **Wednesday 17 January**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Neil Broadbent

## **Thursday 18 January**

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

## **Friday 19 January**

8.30-10.30am - St Matthew's Fellowship Room - Community Café

## **Sunday 21 January - Epiphany 3**

10.00am - St. Edmund's - Morning Prayer (choir) - John Rice

10.00am - St. Matthew's - Choral Communion - Neil Broadbent

12.30pm - St Edmund's - Baptism of Margot Winnifred Kingswood

6.00pm - St. Matthew's - Choral Evensong - Clive Lemmon

## **Wednesday 24 January**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Neil Broadbent

## **Thursday 25 January**

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

## **Saturday 27 January**

9.30am - St Matthew's Churchyard Working Party

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

## **Sunday 28 January - Candlemas**

10.00am - St. Edmund's - Choral Communion - Neil Broadbent

10.00am - St. Matthew's - Christingle & Declaration signing - Revd Sarah Watson  
& Revd Rachael Brooks

6.00pm - St. Edmund's - United Choral Evensong for Candlemas  
- Revd Rachael Brooks

## **Tuesday 30 January**

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

## **Wednesday 31 January**

10.00am - St Edmund's - Holy Communion, led by Neil Broadbent

PLEASE CONTACT the Parish Administrator, Caroline Audley, with details of your 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 & Wednesday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Wednesday: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Thursday: 11.30am – 3.00pm

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

# From the Registers of St Edmund's Church

## BAPTISM

22nd Oct – Robyn Charlotte Thompson.

*Listed in the November issue, we are pleased to publish photos sent to us:*

Robyn Charlotte Thompson was baptised by John Rice and is seen here with her parents, god-parents, grandparents and great grandmothers (one of whom is Nora Howard from our congregation).



## BAPTISM

12nd Nov – Theodore Everett  
Bennett-Mucia

Seen here with Revd Rachael Brooks  
and his parents.



## BURIAL OF ASHES at St Edmund's

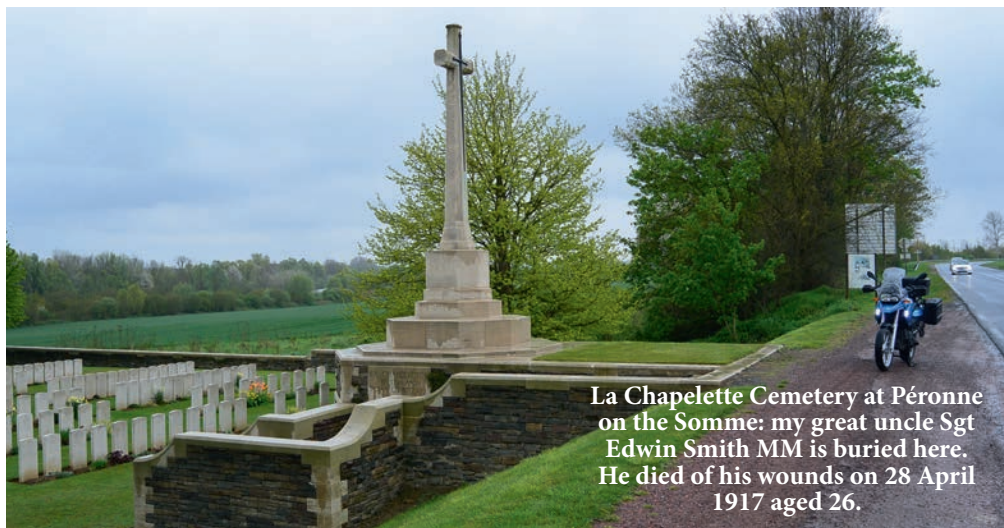
29th Oct - Burial of ashes of Julie Smith

19th Nov - Burial of ashes of Gerald Haslam

# Our Duty: to Remember the Fallen

When I worked in France for a year teaching English as part of my degree course, I never realised that I had three family war graves within one hour's drive of the city of Lille where I was based. Just across the Belgian border, my nan's first husband, Sidney Dormer (Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry), is buried at the Huts Cemetery near Ypres, while in the Paris direction, my great uncle Sgt Edwin Smith MM (Sherwood Foresters) lies in a green meadow beside the now tranquil river Somme. Slightly to the north from there, near the former mining villages around Lens, Kate's great uncle 2nd Lt George Morrison (10th Scottish Rifles) lies in Lapugnoy cemetery surrounded by bluebell woods.

These cemeteries are moving; their design gives them a very British feel and the thing that strikes the visitor is not vast fields of headstones but just how many of these small graveyards there are. No matter where they are located, the grounds are immaculately tended by the Commonwealth War Graves commission; their website at <https://www.cwgc.org/> makes it very easy to find any particular grave.



Given that so many years have passed, it's now unlikely that we will get veterans even from WWII attending our services of remembrance. But with so many of our churches having war memorials, and indeed war graves, within their buildings and churchyards, it's now even more important than ever to actively remember the war dead. We must cherish these memorials: the peers of the fallen are no longer here to keep the memory alive, so we who benefit from their sacrifice must make it our duty to do so. As the commemorative scrolls sent by King George V to bereaved First World War families ask **"Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten"**.

*Paul Smith*

# November's Book Sale

Our big book sale on November 18th was a successful and enjoyable occasion. We had the usual vast selection of books on offer though a slightly more manageable amount of fiction. We made £342. I was very happy with that after only 2 hours selling, especially when our books are the same price as when I first ran these book sales. Our customers commented on their appreciation of our prices not having increased in 14 years!

It was encouraging to have quite a crowd waiting outside when the doors were open on the dot at 11.00am and lovely to hear one customer saying to another, as they entered, "It's always a good one, this one!" A just reward for the valiant band of volunteers who had shifted the boxes and unpacked the books. Some might have recognised a new member - the retired manager of Allestree library. Thank you to all of you who helped and a special thanks to those who were there at the end to pack up and move boxes back to the book shed. That was done after our friend who is manager of the book shop at Kedleston Hall was able to take her pick of the books left. Last year, that book shop raised £30,000 which stays at Kedleston to fund conservation work. It is nice to think that we are supporting that too.

As I write this, I have already had a lady ringing me up and offering me books for the next sale.

*Diane Bakhda*





# The Children's Society – Margaret Pearson

You may remember that earlier this year, after many years as our co-ordinator for the Children's Society Collection Boxes, Margaret decided it was time to relinquish this task. House box holders raise £1million pounds per annum for the Children's Society; Margaret's final collection from St Edmund's was £334.92.

As a 'thank you' for devoted service, Margaret and Colin received this Certificate from the Children's Society – isn't that lovely!

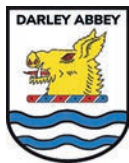
Anyone who opted to retain a collection box should bring it to the Christingle Service at 10am on the 17th December, so that their contribution can be counted with the collection at that Service and any necessary paperwork completed for the Children's Society. Thank You.

*Chris Willis*



---

## 63rd Derby Scout Group: Curry 'n' Quiz Night & Christmas Raffle, 9th December 2023



Join us for a night of fun and friendly competition on Saturday 9th December 7.30pm (doors open 7.00 p.m.) at Darley Abbey Scouts Hall, with champion Quiz Master Matt Chell. Teams of up to 6 adults (over 16s); children are welcome. Bar (strictly over 18s). Soft drinks. Christmas Raffle. On the Menu are veggie samosas and Nishi Madan's

delicious chicken curry and rice (veggie option available).

*Children's option of samosa and hotdog available for under 16s only.*

**Tickets: Adults £14; Children (under 16) £6 - available from from Darley Abbey Stores, by e-mail from [63rdderbyscouts.tickets@gmail.com](mailto:63rdderbyscouts.tickets@gmail.com) or text 07925- 633877. All proceeds help to save the Scouts Hall.**

The Scouts Hall is at The Hill, off New Road, Darley Abbey, Derby, DE22 1DT. There is a small car park with wheelchair access into the Hall. Please let us know if you are bringing your wheelchair or mobility scooter with you.



# Christmas Carols with Allestree Handbell Ringers

**Our annual handbell ringing at Park Farm is fast approaching. Come and hear our Christmas Carols as we help raise funds for Blood Bikes!** You can meet some of those who transport blood to our hospitals and see the transport they use!

**On Saturday, 9th December**, the Allestree Handbell Ringers will be outside the former Seasons Cafe and will be **playing from 10.30 to 11.30am**.

We will also be **playing for a short while prior to our service of Lessons and Carols which begins at 6.00pm on Sunday, 17th December**.

After our Christmas break, practices will resume on Monday 2nd February at 7.30pm in the Choir vestry. A good time for prospective new members to come along!

*Gill Flatman*

*Photo shows the annual handbell ringing at Park Farm in December 2022*



---

## Allestree Flower Group Dec'23 & Jan'24 Meetings

Allestree Flower Group meets at the Evergreen Hall, Allestree  
at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on:-

Tuesday 19th December 2023 for a Mini Garland Making Workshop

Refreshments: Festive Food & Fizz

Admission: Members Free Non- members £5.00

Tuesday 16th January 2024 for a Flower Demonstration  
by Marie Bradley entitled: "Waiting for another Spring"

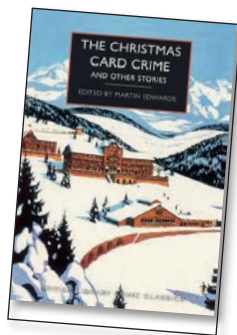
Admission: Members £5.00 Non- members £9.00

For further details telephone 01332 558540



# Bookworms 11th December Meeting and Book List for 2024

We are meeting in St Edmund's choir vestry at **2.00pm** on **Monday 11th December** to discuss "The Christmas Card Crime and Other Stories" edited by Martin Edwards (British Library Crime Classics). For further details please ring or text Cyra Buxton on 07719776501 or email her on [cyrabuxton@gmail.com](mailto:cyrabuxton@gmail.com).



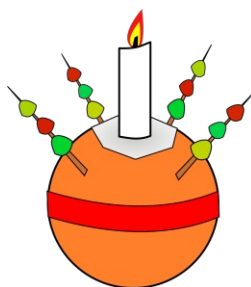
Below is the list of books to be looked at from January to October 2024:

8th January	The Thirty Nine Steps, by John Buchan
12th February	A Town Like Alice, by Nevil Shute
11th March	The Perfect Golden Circle, by Ben Myers
8th April	Vinegar Girl, by Anne Tyler
13th May	The Island of Missing Trees, by Elif Shallak
10th June	The Railway Girls, by Maisie Thomas
8th July	The Winter Garden, by Kristin Hannah
12th August	Normal People, by Sally Rooney
9th September	Olive Kitteridge, by Elizabeth Strout
14th October	84 Charing Cross Road, by Helene Hanff

---

## St. Edmund's Christingle Service 10.00am, Sunday 17th December 2023

Come and shine a light at our Christingle Service on **Sunday 17th December** as we join together with the Preschool, Brownies, Guides, Beavers and Squirrels to help bring support to the lives of some of the most vulnerable children in the UK this Christmas. **The service starts at 10.00am and will raise money for the Children's Society** who work nationally and locally with young people. We are very grateful to Pak Foods on Normanton Road who, despite these challenging economic times, have offered once again to provide us with the oranges for the Christingles that will be handed out during the service.



Please bring along children, friends, family and neighbours to the service to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season with us. This is always a lovely warm service as well as being such a valuable support for a very worthy charitable cause. Please put the date in your diaries. We would love it if you could join us for this bright and cheerful start to Christmas.

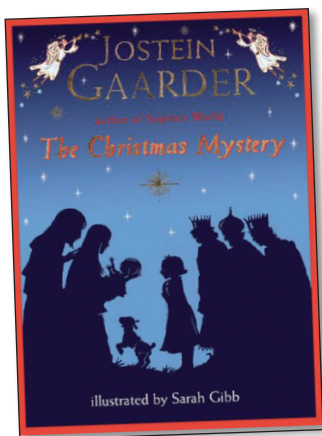
*Louise Whittaker and Dot Jackson-Lawer*

## Book Review

**“THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY”** by Jostein Gaarder

Pub Softback by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1997

ISBN 978-0-753-80866-5



Youngsters these days can be so wise in many ways, in others so very (that over-used word) vulnerable, so bound by the everyday and the literal. How can we, who have more life-experience, help them to assimilate something less transient, more enchanting and timeless? This story, written by the Norwegian author of “Sophie’s World”, is intended for children possibly aged about 7-13 and some a bit older. Its big additional challenge is that their tame adults may have to read it with them as well.

The structure is well-chosen: it’s in chapters, each based around an Advent-calendar, starting with “The First of December” and ending on Christmas Eve, all of them quite short. Each one has part of a story-within-a-story. The present-day narrative is about a boy, Joachim, and his father (“Papa”), who go out to buy such a picture-calendar late on 30 November. As events unfold, we also pick up from them insights into the history of Jesus’s birth and life and the early Church – starting in the recent past and moving backwards towards Bethlehem, the stable, the shepherds and what is much more familiar.

These sound, perhaps, most unlikely starting-points for a children’s story, but what really brings it to life is that everything is approached via characters and people. We meet Papa and Mama in the present, people from the recent Middle-Eastern past, various kings, saints and prophets, and so on. One vivid example is the tale of St Nicolas, the early Bishop of Myra in Turkey (p 181), who gives his name to Santa Claus (and other name-variants) and became famous for his generosity in the 4th century AD. Another character asks if the name “Myra” is at all related to “Myrrh”, and so we (and Joachim) learn a bit about the Three Kings too. This is told matter-of-factly and simply – with elements of here-and-now detail, such as “... all this was a long time ago, before such things as banks existed”.

One of the strongest messages to come out of the story is that when trying to understand a Mystery, it’s useful to refer to books. At different points Papa, an angel or the narrator will consult the Bible, a world atlas, an encyclopaedia or similar, to be sure of facts and connections. Papa, for example, looks up “Nicolas of Myra” and says “Quite correct ... he was the very first Santa Claus”.

Another clear message percolating through the book is one of love and practical

Continued on page 17

generosity – personified by Bishop Nicolas, of course, but also by many others in Christian history. After a simple telling of the parable of the Good Samaritan, an angel adds, “... there’s no sense in believing what’s right unless it leads to helping people in distress.”

There are two small drawbacks to this otherwise lovely piece of work, and one is lack of an Index, which would be so helpful in locating specific dates, people and episodes for discussion or just a re-read. The other is some of the Angel-names; “Ephiriel”, “Seraphiel” and “Impuriel” are easily credible in-context, but may not be fully based on evidence.

To return to the beginning, no carer, uncle, grandparent or other house-trained adult can transmit beliefs or teaching directly into the mind of a young person wholesale. But one thing we can do is read together and explore a tale, its wayside markers, its characters, twists and turns and – since this is a Mystery – the final resolution. At first publication in 1996, this little book was described by a breathtaken reviewer for the Daily Telegraph as “compelling reading”. The charm, the sheer quality of the writing, and the compression of over 2,000 years of history and thought into graspable past/present parallels are outstanding; “The Christmas Mystery” is a great tool for for shared enjoyment and learning. It made one of the most delightful Advent gifts I have ever had, a couple of years ago. A must for every parent – if the kids don’t steal it first ...

... and a word of praise for the Translator, Elizabeth Rokkan, too, who has made it so accessible in English. I will gladly lend.

*Kate Smith*

*Early October 2023*

---

## St Edmund's Luncheon Club Dec'23 & Jan'24 Dates

St Edmund's Luncheon Club is held every two weeks on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Church Hall. Doors open at noon and the meal is served around 12.30pm.

Luncheon will be served during December on Tuesdays the 5th and 19th (the 19th is when we serve Christmas Dinner for our regulars).

In January 2024 luncheon will be served on Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th.

**This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good company and good food and we have capacity for more people to join us for a meal. The cost is £5 for a 3-course meal and tea or coffee. Community transport can be booked for you, if you live locally, at a cost of £5.**

If you wish to partake please contact Anne Madge, 07971 680377.

Volunteers are equally welcome to help.



We collect for the Hope Centre on the **first** Sunday of **every** month. Donations can be left in St Edmund's Church or the book shed at The Vicarage.  
Thank you

## 10 am services in December



Morning Prayer 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Holy Communion 10<sup>th</sup>  
Christingle 17<sup>th</sup>  
Crib services 24<sup>th</sup> (2.30pm & 4pm)  
Choral Communion 25<sup>th</sup>  
Joint Choral Communion at  
St Matthew's 31st

**All Welcome**

AL

## Evening services in December, 6 pm

Joint Advent Procession  
at St Matthew's 3rd,  
Choral Evensong 10th,  
Lessons & Carols 17th,  
Midnight Mass 24th  
11.30pm



**All Welcome**

## 10 am services every Sunday in December



Choral Communion 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Morning Prayer 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Carol Service 17<sup>th</sup>  
Crib service 24<sup>th</sup> 4 pm  
Choral Communion 25<sup>th</sup>  
Joint Choral Communion 31st

**All Welcome**



# Recipe: Cranberry Relish

## Ingredients:

8ozs/200gms fresh or frozen cranberries  
8ozs/200gms sugar  
Orange zest, about 3 slices with potato peeler  
1 stick cinnamon  
1/4 pint water  
Dash of port optional



## Method:

Wash & drain cranberries, put in saucepan with water & simmer for 10 mins till soft. Add sugar, peel, cinnamon & dash of port, simmer for 10mins.  
Remove peel & cinnamon & put in screw top jars.  
Serve with hot roast turkey, chicken or gammon, or with cold meat, or even cheese.  
A jar of this makes a good Christmas gift. Happy Christmas & enjoy.

Rita Wrigley

End November 2023

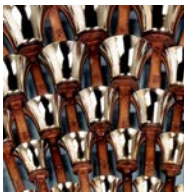


St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

The Parishes of St Edmund, Allestree  
and St Matthew, Darley Abbey



## St Edmund's Handbell Ringing



Park Farm, Allestree  
9th December  
10.30-11.30am

Raising funds for Blood Bikes

**All Welcome**

AL

## Community Pop-in Café

Coffee Tea Toast

**Fellowship Room  
St Matthew's Church  
Darley Abbey  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
8.30 - 10.30am**

*All welcome  
Share time with friends*

# More Derbyshire Walks (41)

## HORSLEY AND BRACKLEY GATE

In medieval times the two locations above operated as 'entry gates' at opposite ends of the hunting grounds of Horsley Park. They can be linked by following an interesting route around the site of the old park, which crosses Horsley Lodge Golf Course (including the Roman route of Ryknield Street) and passes through the site of long-demolished Horsley Castle. The distance is 4½ miles which includes two lengthy gradients.

**Horsley Park's** medieval grounds lay south of today's Horsley village, with **Brackley Gate** as the park's main entrance point on the southern boundary. This was one of many post-Norman hunting estates which entertained the occasional royal visitor, no doubt facilitated by having a castle on the site. Today, the main clue to its earlier existence is in some of the local names such as Parkgate Farm and Horsley Park Farm, apart from a specialist interpretation of certain boundary features. The old boundary can be roughly defined (clockwise) as follows: the Coxbench to Horsley road, the E side of the Golf Course, Mark's Hill, Horsley Carr bridleway, and Bottle Brook. The main valley is drained by Park Brook which flows east to west between Smalley and Coxbench, then into Bottle Brook and south to the Derwent. On the ascent of Mark's Hill there are good views, including Park Brook valley behind and, on a clear day, Crich Stand and Carsington Moor's wind turbines to the far NW. Nearby lies the route of the old Roman road, **Ryknield Street**, which crossed the SE corner of the Park (ref. OS Explorer map 259); its inferred line is 'crossed' twice on the walk at Horsley Lodge and Mark's Hill. This was part of the great route which ran for 112 miles from the Fosse Way at Bourton-on-the-Water to Templeborough near Rotherham, via Birmingham, Derby (Chester Green) and Chesterfield.



St.Clement's Church, Horsley



Horsley Carr bridleway

Continued on page 21

# More Derbyshire Walks (41) continued

## HORSLEY AND BRACKLEY GATE continued

**Horsley Castle** was originally known as Horeston Castle, constructed in the reign of King Stephen (1135-54) with locally quarried stone and repaired several times since. It was one of many 'tower keep' castles or strongly fortified residences built between the Conquest and the 15thc. Badly affected by early quarrying, it was finally demolished in 1760 to provide stone for the rebuilding of Kedleston Hall and to permit still more extensive quarrying. The result is that little remains to be seen, alas, with the site now thickly wooded and overgrown (hence no photograph) but its position on a wooded ridge overlooking the valley (now dominated by the A38) can be appreciated, especially on looking back from the walk's final ascent to Horsley.

**Horsley**, from which our walk starts, has a shared parish with Kilburn and Coxbench. The Church of St. Clement is of 13thc origin with restoration in 1860 and grade 1-listed; its renowned peal of bells includes ancient ones made at Nottingham and Chesterfield. In 1864 the area's chief landowners, the Sitwell family, funded the creation of 3 fountains (each named after a female family member) seen on the Green



Horsley Lodge



St. Anthony's Lodge, Coxbench

and along Church Street – which marked the first time that Horsley had received a piped water supply. The Sitwells also built Horsley Lodge, which was restored and landscaped in 1990 when the present Golf Course was opened. The neighbouring hamlet of **Coxbench** used to have a railway station, opened in 1856, on the Little Eaton to Ripley branch of the Midland Railway. Passenger services closed in 1930 but coal traffic continued for many years; the station was later converted into a private residence. Coxbench Hall, located at the foot of Portway (Holbrook) is a late 18thc listed building, now a residential home. Also at Coxbench and passed on the walk is St. Anthony's Well, which was moved in 1979 from a cottage garden in which it had existed since 1611; it is said to have been used by passing monks for the healing qualities of its waters (now near the busy A38 – perhaps not ideal!).

Continued on page 23





**ST MATTHEW'S**



## **Joint Advent Procession, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 6 pm**



**ALL WELCOME  
at St Matthew's Church  
to attend this service**

DA



**ST EDMUND'S**



## **Carols in the Churchyard**



**St Edmund's Church  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
6 pm**

*Bring a torch. Refreshments available*

**All Welcome**

AL



**ST EDMUND'S**



## **Join us for our Christingle Service**



**St Edmund's Church  
17th December, 10 am**

**All Welcome**

AL



**ST MATTHEW'S**



## **Carols at St Matthew's**



**17<sup>th</sup> December,  
10 am**

**All Welcome**

DA

## More Derbyshire Walks (41) continued

### HORSLEY AND BRACKLEY GATE continued

**The Route** starts from near Horsley Church (limited parking in cul-de-sac) and proceeds along Church Lane to the Smalley Mill Road junction. Go past the junction and take a f/p R opposite the Coach and Horses Inn. After the second field when the f/p divides take the RH branch into Horsley Golf Course; then generally proceed in a SE direction, with a few spaced-out yellow & green posts to mark the pedestrian route, as follows: *take the L branch of the entry path, pass ½R through a line of trees, ½R on a path & bridge across Gypsy Brook (385442), L on path through trees, ½R rising steeply up a bank and L along far side of Practice Fairway, R down to Hall carpark far corner, L near Barn Cottage, along outer fenced side of Driving Range, ½R at end through line of trees and across fairway (Hole 8) to far corner, footbridge R over Park Brook (393436).* Cross and head diagonally through paddock gates to Smalley Mill Road and cross to a rising f/p marked Cloves Hill. When it divides at the second field (391431) take the RH (forward) branch via Mark's Hill to Brackley Gate Farm. Turn R on Sandy Lane, branch L at Horsley Park Farm (382431) and follow the track curving L to a f/p heading W through a woodland ridge. An optional branch L & R passes (carefully) some deep quarries and the Castle site, then rejoins the main f/p down the edge of the wood towards the A38. It passes the fenced Tophills Dog Kennels (rather noisy!) and turns R on Castle Farm drive to Coxbench Road (and St. Anthony's Well). Cross and ascend Horsley Lane then take a f/p sharp L; just past Rock Cottage turn R up steps, then ascend across fields past The Old Bothy towards Horsley Grange (good view of Holbrook L). Take the f/p's L fork (376442) which heads N to Horsley Church and exits at the cul-de-sac.

### *The Rambler*



St. Anthony's Well, Coxbench



Horsley Green & fountain





St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST EDMUND'S



## Nine Lessons & Carols



St Edmund's Church  
17<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm  
*Handbells will play prior*

**All Welcome**

AL



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST EDMUND'S



Join us for our  
**Crib** services



St Edmund's Church  
24th December  
2.30 pm & 4 pm

**Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm**

**All Welcome**

AL



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST EDMUND'S



**Christmas Day**  
St Edmund's Church



10 am  
Choral Communion  
*There will be no evening service*

**All Welcome**

AL



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST MATTHEW'S



**Christmas Day**  
St Matthew's Church



10 am  
Choral Communion  
*There will be no evening service*

**All Welcome**

DA

# Recipe: Mulled Wine

The Roman cook Apicius had a recipe for mulling white wine, using various spices and a good deal of honey (among other ingredients that are harder to find nowadays). My Latin Director of Studies served an adapted version of this to a group of us as students. It was, shall we say, interesting – and the only instance I have ever come across of using white wine for this purpose !

Here, instead, is a well-used family recipe for mulling red wine. Any red will do, but I find Tempranillo especially well suited because of its softly rounded flavour. Allow about a bottle per 3 people, and don't (as some do) throw in extra brandy at the last minute; the aim is that all the alcohol is steamed off, so that the recipe is OK for drivers.

You will need your biggest pan and a spoon for stirring. Purists would want to serve the wine into glasses (if you do, be sure to warm them a little or they'll tend to break). More practical is to use mugs. To make up for the aesthetic difference, aim for each serving to contain either a cinnamon stick or half a slice of orange – both look pretty and inviting. For the actual serving process, it can be easier to use a mug than a ladle, but either way have some kitchen towel ready to wipe off drips.

TO SERVE 6

## Ingredients:

2 x 75 cl bottles red wine	A little nutmeg
1 pint tap water	Blade of mace (optional)
2 heaped tablespoons soft light brown sugar	6-8 cloves
2-4 cinnamon sticks	Half a lemon, preferably unwaxed
1 large orange, well cleaned	

## Method:

Put the water and wine in your pan. Slice the orange and lemon thinly, making sure that any excess juice goes into the pan too, and halve the slices. Add the sugar, spices and fruit and then start heating on a low temperature. Leave the lid off, and keep stirring gently so that the sugar dissolves.

Don't leave the hob; above all don't allow the mixture to boil; just keep heating slowly and steaming away until you see that the surface is becoming white and bubbly, ie the mull is very near to boiling. This process should take about 10-12 minutes depending on your cooker.

Now your wine is ready to serve, so quickly remove from the heat and if possible get someone to help with ladling into mugs or glasses. Enjoy !

Kate Smith

17 November 2011

*Thank you Kate for sending this recipe in from your archive. This is from before the magazine went digital!*



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST EDMUND'S



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



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST EDMUND'S



There will be a 10 am service every Sunday in January



Morning Prayer 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
Holy Communion 14<sup>th</sup> &  
Choral Communion 28<sup>th</sup>

**All Welcome**



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

ST MATTHEW'S



There will be a 10 am service every Sunday in January



Choral Communion 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
Morning Prayer 14<sup>th</sup>  
Christingle & Declaration  
Signing (Rev. Sarah & Rev. Rachael)  
28<sup>th</sup>  
**All Welcome**

DA



St Matthew  
DARLEY ABBEY

The Parishes of St Edmund, Allestree  
and St Matthew, Darley Abbey



**ST EDMUND'S and  
ST MATTHEW'S  
JANUARY 2024  
EVENING SERVICES  
All are CHORAL EVENSONG  
and start at 6pm**

**St Edmund's on 14 Jan  
St Matthews on 21 Jan  
St Edmund's on 28 Jan  
is Joint Choral Evensong  
for Candlemas**

**ALL WELCOME**

# Remember these two Musical Treats in January

It's hard to think beyond Christmas isn't it, but early in the New Year we have lined up two special Epiphany gems which we hope will help you shed any post-Christmas blues!

On Saturday 6th January at 7.00pm in the church hall, we have a brilliant musical double-bill. The first half will feature the High Edge Recorder Orchestra, led by Eileen Morse. The players, who use every member of the recorder family from the tiny sopranino to the imposing 2m contra bass, will perform a programme which went down a storm at this year's Wirksworth Festival. With everything from a Bach chorale to a Sousa march, there will be something for every taste.

But that's not all. In the second half, our own David Redfern will play a medley of light music from his extensive repertoire. He will – of course – be playing the Compton Miniatura Organ originally installed in the 1950s at the St Francis of Assisi RC church in Notting Hill, and saved from the skip by David himself. This event is free but donations to St Edmund's will be very much appreciated.

And, on Sunday 7th January at 3pm (again in the church hall), we have a short celebration of the feast of the Epiphany with music, readings, hymns and refreshments. We are delighted to invite our friends from St. Matthew's - there will be no evening service at St. Matthew's that day - and hope you can join us too.

*Paul Smith*



The High Edge Recorder Orchestra after a concert in Derby Cathedral.

Photo - James Rose Photography and Video



**St Matthew**  
DARLEY ABBEY

The Parishes of St Edmund, Allestree  
and St Matthew, Darley Abbey



Join us for our  
**Epiphany Celebration**  
**7<sup>th</sup> January**

**3pm**

**St Edmund's Church Hall,  
Allestree**

**All welcome**



# St Ed's Groundforce

## Saturday 2nd December & 6th January 2024

The next Groundforce session is at 9.30am on Saturday 2nd December and the first session of 2024 is on 6th January. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to join them, or want more details, please contact Steve Burton on 07914 884197.

---

## Allestree History Group Dec'23 & Jan'24 Meetings

Meets at 7.00pm (Wednesday's) in the Choir Vestry at St Nicholas' Church, Allestree Lane, Allestree, Derby. Visitors welcome at £3.00 pp.

Our last meeting of the year will be on 6th December with our A.G.M and Quiz with a shared buffet. Please bring something savoury/sweet or a bottle - plus a glass.

In 2024 our first meeting will be on 17th January "Lavinia Princess or Fake" by Vanessa Morgan.

Enquires to Katherine on 07500704520. Website:- [allestreelocalhistorygroup.org.uk](http://allestreelocalhistorygroup.org.uk)

---

## Allestree W.I. Dec'23 & Jan'24 Meetings

Allestree W.I. meet on Tuesdays at 2.00pm at Woodlands Evangelical Church Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby. DE22 2GP.

Tuesday, 19th December 2023: This Meeting is our Christmas Party with Home Entertainment, Quiz, Secret Santa etc. The Competition is a Christmas Table Decoration. Visitors welcome £4.00pp.

Tuesday, 11th January 2024: This is a 'Members' Afternoon and Resolutions will be discussed. There is no Competition this Month. Visitors welcome £4.00pp.

Enquiries to Mavis on 01332 556012.

---

## Repair Café open on Saturday 2nd December

The last Derby Repair Café of 2023 is at the West End Community Centre, Mackworth Road, DE22 3BL, on Saturday 2nd December 1.00 to 4.00pm. Last repairs taken at 3.30pm. Don't forget that we can only take cash for donations and refreshments. Full details can be found on the Repair Café Facebook page.

At the time of going to press there was no information about dates in 2024 so check the Repair Café website and Facebook page if you are interested in taking an item or simply want to visit and find out more whilst enjoying a cup of tea.

**IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT, YOU DON'T OWN IT.**



**GREEN & COSY**

**H O M E S**

## **Loft Insulation**

**We have recently completed the Loft  
Insulation work at St Edmunds Church  
Hall**

**Based in Beeston, we install Loft/Roof  
Insulation and External/Internal Wall  
Insulation across Nottingham and Derby**

**Call Chris to arrange a free, no obligation  
quote. No pushy sales people, just an  
efficient and friendly service**

**Google**  
Reviews ★★★★★



**0115 9224831**

**[www.greenandcosy.co.uk](http://www.greenandcosy.co.uk)**



The Parishes of St Edmund, Allestree  
and St Matthew, Darley Abbey



# Join us for our **Christingle Service**



St Matthew's Church  
28<sup>th</sup> January, 10 am

*Rev. Sarah & Rev.  
Rachael will also sign their  
declarations*

**All Welcome**

DA



**Amber Valley  
TREE CARE LTD**  
*Qualified Tree Surgeons*



**General Tree  
Pruning and  
Management**



**Tree Reductions**



**Tree Removal**



**Hedge Care and  
Maintenance**



**Stump Grinding**



**Logs**



**Site Clearance**

**07380112079 / 07738366604**

**Contact Christopher Byron or Whitney**

✉ [ambervalleytreecare@gmail.com](mailto:ambervalleytreecare@gmail.com)

📌 **Amber Valley Tree Care**

## ***Holbrook Hall***

**Private Residential Home for the Elderly**

Holbrook Hall conforms  
to the highest standards of safety and comfort and has  
a well deserved reputation for its superb level of care  
and cuisine.

Short and long-stay residents welcome.

For further information  
please telephone (01332) 880698  
or visit our website: [www.holbrookhall.co.uk](http://www.holbrookhall.co.uk)

**Holbrook Hall, Holbrook, Derbyshire DE56 0TF**



## Diocese of Derby

### December 2023 message



During Advent, in the run up to Christmas, we pray: 'even so, come Lord Jesus'.

Our prayer longs for the fulfilment of God's promise that the risen Jesus will come again in glory and, at last, death shall have no more dominion, every tear shall be wiped away, sword will be turned into ploughshare, and, by God's merciful judgement, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Our prayer also hopes, in the meantime, for the fulfilment of God's promise that the risen Jesus will be with us always to the end of time. 'Come, Lord Jesus' is a prayer not just for the end of all things but for today. It is a prayer that remembers that Jesus first came to ordinary people in the midst of their everyday life.

I've been having conversation, in the run up to Christmas, with people in Derby and Derbyshire whose everyday today echoes the ordinary lives of those in the first Christmas story.

I've heard stories of sheep farming, chatted with a hotel owner, learnt about midwifery, talked to a broadcaster, met with an educator and listened to a child. (You can hear these Christmas Conversations through Advent via the diocesan website [derby.anglican.org](http://derby.anglican.org) or my BishopLibbyLane Facebook page).

God chose to become part of everyday people's ordinary lives when Jesus was born. Those we read about in the gospels weren't particularly special people, weren't especially good or religious, wouldn't have made history except that God chose to share their lives. God chooses that still. And so, we glimpse heaven in the ordinary, as I did through my conversations.

As I pray this Advent, in the run up to Christmas, 'even so, come Lord Jesus', I'm hoping to catch sight of God in the everyday lives of people around me, people like you – the ordinary people of Derby and Derbyshire. Not because we're particularly special or especially good but because this is how God chooses to be known. And until the end, when Jesus comes in glory, we find the Kingdom of God among us.

+ Libby Derby

**The Rt Revd Libby Lane**  
**Bishop of Derby**

# ADVERTISE IN THIS MAGAZINE

If you are a local trader, or have an event to promote, why not place an advertisement in the St Edmund's Church magazine. It is an inexpensive way to reach the local population of Allestree and Darley Abbey.

Contact Caroline Audley, parish administrator on email  
Steds.stmatts@outlook.com  
for details on publication dates and cost.

## KEDLESTON VIEW Bed & Breakfast

576 Kedleston Road  
Allestree, Derby DE22 2NH  
Tel: 01332 559246  
email: [info@kedlestonview.co.uk](mailto:info@kedlestonview.co.uk)

### Luxury Bed and Breakfast accommodation overlooking Kedleston Hall Estate

Ideal for visiting relatives,  
family parties and gatherings,  
weddings etc.

Deluxe king size/family room,  
pretty twin room, stylish double  
and cosy single room

BOOK ONLINE OR CALL  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[www.kedlestonview.co.uk](http://www.kedlestonview.co.uk)



## Peak Oil

*Local Family Supplier of:*

**Heating Oil, Aga Oil  
and Farm Fuels**

*We also stock:*

- **Fuchs Lubricants**
- **AdBlue**
- **Storage Tanks**
- **Fuel Additives**
- **Fuel Accessories**



*For an instant online quote visit:*

**WWW.PEAKOIL.CO.UK**

**Chsterfield: 01246 450242 Belper: 01773 550400**  
**[sales@peakoil.co.uk](mailto:sales@peakoil.co.uk)**

## Richard Hill Interior/Exterior Decorator

City & Guilds advanced qualified  
with 30 years' experience  
Reasonable rates



For free estimate ring  
Richard on 01332 780907  
or 079220 90066 or email  
[richard.dhill@hotmail.com](mailto:richard.dhill@hotmail.com)

TRUSTED TRADER



## *The Family Funeral Service*

### **Pre-arrange and Pre-plan for your perfect goodbye**

- ✓ Reduce the worry for your loved ones
- ✓ Fix your funeral director's costs and make a contribution to third party costs
- ✓ Range of plans or personalise your own funeral
- ✓ Pay by monthly installments over 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 years
- ✓ No medical checks and no upper age limit
- ✓ Plans can be transferred if you move terms & conditions apply

### **Derby**

Derwent House, Becket Street, DE1 1HT

**01332 348 800**

[www.lymn.co.uk](http://www.lymn.co.uk)  /awlymn  /awlymn

### **Littleover**

Meek House, 521 Burton Road, DE23 6FT

**01332 913 112**

*"Our family serving your family since 1907"*

## **'Handmadebyhrs'**

**Hello! My name is Heather and I am a paediatric nurse. During covid I decided to become a little creative... making greeting cards using hama beads.**

(I first fell in love with hama beads when working as a child minder and with the children at the hospital).

**All my cards are unique and 'one of a kind'. I love using bright colours and different designs. My favourite theme is, of course, Christmas.**

**Most of my cards are ideal to frame and keep for ever, others will convert to a coaster.**

You can find out more or make a purchase on  @handmadebyhrs or  Handmadebyhrs  
Also through etsy; search Handmadebyhrs



## **STEVE FIXES COMPUTERS**

### **STEVE CAN FIX & SERVICE YOUR PC, LAPTOP, TABLET, PHONE**

\*Running slow? \*Stopped working? \*Can't get online? \* Issues with emails, broadband, printing, setting up, installing/using apps?

### **DON'T PANIC!!**

I'm in Belper and can come to you.  
All surrounding areas too!

### **STEVE CAN GIVE YOU TUITION**

- \*Want to learn how to use or do something on your PC/ laptop?
- \*Need help with your phone/ tablet/ iPad?

**Plus:- Affordable WEBSITES created  
VIDEOS transferred to DVD**

**Call: Steve Little on 07947 868605**  
**Email: [steve\\_little@hotmail.com](mailto:steve_little@hotmail.com)**

# ALLESTREE SATELLITE AERIAL SERVICES

BASED IN ALLESTREE BUT COVERING ALL AREAS IN DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE

- Professional conscientious Engineer with over 25 years experience
- TV Aerial repairs and installations
- FREEVIEW wideband digital aerials
- FREESAT installations
- SKY installations, dish realignment and MAGIC EYE
- Additional points installed
- Telephone points installed



**Call Paul today for a free estimate**

**TEL: 07985 405244**

576 Kedleston Road, Allestree, Derby

**ESTABLISHED 1864**



**W. Jones & Son**  
**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**



**BRAILSFORD**

**Tel. 01335 360319 day or night**

**PREPAYMENT PLANS ARRANGED**

**KAREN CANEY FBIE; MEAE DipFD: JOHN CANEY: RAY JONES**

**An independent family business**





# BLAIR GRATTON ARCHITECTS

DESIGN • PLANNING • PROJECT MANAGEMENT



Would it be helpful to meet a local Architect to discuss ideas to improve your home?  
Contact us to arrange a free, no obligation consultation at our office in central Derby.

[www.blairgratton-architects.co.uk](http://www.blairgratton-architects.co.uk)

✉ [info@blairgratton-architects.co.uk](mailto:info@blairgratton-architects.co.uk) ☎ 01332 340458

Find us at: 29 York Street  
Derby  
DE1 1FZ



Architects  
Registration  
Board

RIBA   
Architecture.com



# AMG WEALTH MANAGEMENT

---

- INHERITANCE TAX  
PLANNING
  - RETIREMENT INCOME  
PLANNING
  - LATER LIFE AND  
CARE FEES ADVICE
  - INVESTMENT PLANNING
- 

Tel: 01332 551155

Email: [info.amg@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:info.amg@sjpp.co.uk)

Web: [www.amgwealthmanagement.co.uk](http://www.amgwealthmanagement.co.uk)

Address: Park Farm Drive, Allestree, Derby DE22 2QP

# St. Edmund's Parish

Church Website: [stedsandstmatts.co.uk](http://stedsandstmatts.co.uk)

For all enquiries regarding weddings, baptisms, funerals and parish events contact the Parish Administrator, Caroline Audley: email: [Steds.stmatts@outlook.com](mailto:Steds.stmatts@outlook.com) / telephone 552031.

Office opening hours:- Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 9.30am – 12.30pm  
Wednesday: 9.30am – 3.00pm Thursday: 11.30am – 3.00pm

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

In an emergency please contact the Churchwarden, Paul Smith, on 07792 569758.

## Directory

Vicar:	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Churchwarden:	Paul Smith	07792 569758
Parish Administrator:	Caroline Audley - <a href="mailto:Steds.stmatts@outlook.com">Steds.stmatts@outlook.com</a>	552031
Readers:	Deborah Simpson	07376 049429
Choir:	Elizabeth Jack	07779 255412
Treasurer/Gift Aid Sec.:	Chris Jack, 12 Regency Close, Littleover	07805 027515
PCC Correspondence Sec:	Thelma Thompson	551569
Electoral Roll:	Matt Cooper	07572 110185
Flower Group:	Rosemary Yates	552742
	Pam Highman	551636
Luncheon Club:	Anne Madge	07971 680377
Baby and Toddler Group:	Caroline Audley - <a href="mailto:Steds.stmatts@outlook.com">Steds.stmatts@outlook.com</a>	552031
Sacristan and Verger:	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Parish Safeguarding Links	Madeleine Fullerton	554762
	Louise Whittaker	556455
<hr/>		
Hall Bookings:	Caroline Audley - <a href="mailto:Steds.stmatts@outlook.com">Steds.stmatts@outlook.com</a>	552031
Handbells:	Gill Flatman	557028
St Edmunds Preschool CIC:	Becky Radford <a href="mailto:admin@stedmundspreschool.org">admin@stedmundspreschool.org</a> for enquiries	07934 380561
Brownies:	Alwyn Young	550255

St. Edmund's Parish Magazine Editorial Team: Chris Willis & Fiona Fraser.

Please EMAIL magazine articles and photos to both [fiona.fraser@burnsgraphics.co.uk](mailto:fiona.fraser@burnsgraphics.co.uk) and Chris Willis at [c.willis246@btinternet.com](mailto:c.willis246@btinternet.com)

Magazine Distribution: Chris Willis 558136

**Copy Deadlines: 15<sup>th</sup> January for February '24 issue & 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 for March issue.**

Our Parish magazines are available as printed copies in Church and digitally on the website:- [www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk](http://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk).

# St Edmund's Flower Ladies' Remembrance Displays

On Saturday 11 November the St Edmund's Flower Ladies worked hard to create beautiful flower displays ready for the Remembrance Service the next day. Our grateful thanks to them for their skill and for giving their time.

